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Phoenix Community Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we reach the end of Term 4, it's been a busy and exciting few weeks filled with wonderful learning opportunities. On Tuesday, we held our end-of-term curriculum celebration assembly, focusing on all the learning that has taken place as part of our 'Travel' theme. It was fantastic to see the children speaking so confidently and proudly as they shared their learning with the rest of the school.

The children have also been working incredibly hard in their assessment tasks, showcasing their abilities and progress. Last week, we were delighted to see such an impressive number of pupils attending our "Posh Lunch," having reached or exceeded their Accelerated Reader targets—well done to everyone involved!

We've also enjoyed getting out and about. Last week, Year R visited the RNLI as part of their topic learning. This week, Year 2 explored Godinton House to enhance their Science learning, and Year 4 visited Samphire Hoe—valuable experiences that really bring learning to life.

I hope you and your family have a restful Easter break and that you are able to enjoy some good weather. Thank you to everyone who has completed our parent survey so far—there is still time to do so if you haven't already.

Have a wonderful break.

Mrs Dawes



Top 2 children in
each class this
term are:



Year 1	and
Year 2	and
Year 3	and
Year 4	and
Year 5	and
Year 6	and

Our current word
count for the year is:



doodlelearning



Our top Doodle Class is:

House points total this year:

Air House = 4115



Earth House = 4129



Fire House = 3573



Water House = 3499





Diary dates

You can find our term dates [here](#)

3rd April to 17th April 26	Easter holidays
21st April 26	Year 5 swimming
21st April 26	Year 6 parent and children PGL meeting in Year 6 classroom
11th May to 15th May 26	Year 6 SATs tests
18th May to 20th May 26	Year 6 Residential trip
25th May to 1st June 26	Half term
10th June 26	Sports day
11th June 26	Class photos

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Matters!



Whole School Attendance Target: 100%

Absent messages - If you need to report your child absent please leave a message on our 24-hour answer machine or email us at office@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk

Attendance this week: 90.9%

Attendance year to date: 94.2%



**Best attendance this week:
Flamingo's with 95.7%**

Remember, learning builds every day – each lesson connects to the next. Missing school can leave gaps that are hard to fill.

If your child's attendance falls below 95%, our attendance officer will make contact with you to offer support and guidance.

As a school, we expect good levels of attendance and parental support to ensure this.

If your child arrives on time then they can help themselves to a free, hot, buttered bagel.



**SCHOOL DAYS ARE
PACKED WITH
MOMENTS OF...**

**CURIOSITY, WONDER
AND CONNECTION.**

SEARCH 'ATTENDANCE'
ON THE EDUCATION HUB

HM Government

NHS

**MOMENTS
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September 2026...

If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2026 you will receive your Offer from Kent Admissions on 16th April 2026.

School Meals



als are provided by Caterlink. They cost 05 per day payable via ParentMail.

If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 they are entitled to a FREE school meal.

You can find the current menu [here](#).

[New price between 01.08.26 to 31.07.27](#)

The cost of a child's school dinner will increase to £3.10 per day as from 01.08.26
As from 20th April you will need to pay for school dinners directly to Caterlink. More information to follow soon.



Wrap around care



Breakfast club and Owls club are both open for anyone who needs to use these services; please book your places via ParentMail; choose accounts then club then chose the dates required.

- **Owls and breakfast club prices –**
 - Breakfast club pre-booked is £2 per child per day
 - Late or same day breakfast club is £2.50 per child per day
 - Owls club pre-booked is £7 per child per day
 - Late or same day Owls is £8.50
- £5 additional charge for every 10 minutes after 5.45pm

PGL meeting

If your Year 6 child is going on the residential meeting there will be a meeting on Tuesday 21st April 26 at 3.30pm in the Year 6 classroom for parents and children.

Please attend; thank you

To help improve the flow of families on site and further strengthen safeguarding arrangements, we will be making some changes to our drop-off and end-of-day collection procedures for the remainder of the term.

These changes will begin on Tuesday 10th March.

The arrangements during the trial will be as follows:

Morning Drop-Off

- Years R–4: Please use the old front doors, where members of the Senior Leadership Team will be present to welcome pupils.
- Years 5–6: Drop-off will continue at the usual gate.

End-of-Day Collection

- Year R: Please collect from the gate next to the family hub that leads round to Monkeys (the usual parent entrance).
- Years 1–3: Collection will be from the old front doors (in the circular area)
 - Years 4–6: Collection will take place at the side gate.
- Year 6 pupils will head to the right towards the car park to allow space for other year groups.

JOIN OUR PRIMARY PTA! TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



**Phoenix Community
Primary School**

Do you want to help make our school an even better place for our children?

Join the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and get involved in fun events, new ideas, and community spirit!

What we do:

- Organise school fairs, discos, and fundraisers
- Support teachers and children with extra resources
- Build a warm, welcoming school community

Why join?

- Meet other parents and make new friends
- Have your say in school projects and events
- Make a direct impact on your child's education experience

 Get involved today!

No experience needed – just enthusiasm and a smile!

 Email: natalie.james@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk

Together, we can make great things happen!



Reminders...

Important Reminder: End of School Day Collection Times

We would like to remind all families that the school day finishes at 3:15pm, and children should not be collected before this time as part of normal routine.

Early collection will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances, such as a medical appointment. In these cases, we ask that you provide appropriate evidence of the appointment in advance, or that prior agreement has been made with the school.

Frequent early collections can disrupt your child's learning and the smooth running of the school day, so we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that collection times are adhered to.





Governing Board Page

Do you know what school governors do?

In these Newsletter articles we would like to share our experiences as governors of Phoenix CP School but first a short explanation about our role.

School governors offer strategic guidance to the Headteacher and this means looking at the big picture, rather than getting involved in the operational day to day aspects of managing a school. Working with other board members, we plan the school's vision, values and strategic direction. Importantly we also oversee the school's financial performance, ensuring that money is well spent. Lastly, we hold the Headteacher and school leadership to account and we do that by asking important questions, as well as analysing reports at our meetings, but also visiting the school to evidence for ourselves the activities of school life. Let us share a new governor comment on completing their recent visit to school.

As I carried out a learning walk I was blown away to see how engaged children were in their learning. I was particularly impressed to hear children in year 4 speak about how much they love mathematics and demonstrating how they have learnt to work out tricky problems with the support of their teacher. It was lovely to hear.

You will have seen, in an earlier Newsletter, that the National Nurturing Schools Programme providing us with the National Nurturing Schools Award. We are proud to be accredited for our nurturing approach and recognition of our commitment to supporting children's wellbeing alongside their learning. Using the 6 Principles of Nurture, we create a safe, supportive environment where every child is understood as an individual, behaviour is seen as communication, and positive relationships help children grown in confidence. But you already know that from your comments!

The Governing Board want to say thank you to our pupils, parents, carers and staff who took part in this nurturing assessment process and, for the very positive feedback you shared about our school.

We hope you have a relaxing break.

Phoenix Governing Board



Reminders...

School uniform.

If you need to purchase some new uniform please check Parentmail first to see if we have your item in stock. If not you will need to order via the link below:

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/PH5341DS/>

Parent online ordering deadlines are:

- **Direct to School (free delivery):** Order by **Friday 12th June** for delivery to school before the end of the summer term.

Please note: From **13th June**, the Direct to School service will switch to **home delivery** until mid-September. Parents can continue to place orders up to **Friday 17th July** and receive delivery to their home in time for the start of the September term.

Any queries please contact telephone number: 07917 396617 or email: emma@brigade.uk.com

Please help us with safeguarding:

If you need to collect your child from the office please ensure you sign them out first and then if you could please wait outside for us to get your child.

This allows us the opportunity to continue to have private phone calls/conversations.

Thank you for your support in this matter

Named water bottles - please ensure that your child has a named water bottle with them in school every day.



Term Dates

School Term Dates 2025/26

Term 1

Term Starts	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Term Ends	Thursday 16th October 2025
Staff Training Days – No Children	Monday 1st September 2025 Monday 29th September 2025 Friday 17th October 2025

Term 2

Term Starts	Monday 27th October 2025
Term Ends	Friday 19th December 2025

Term 3

Term Starts	Monday 5th January 2026
Term Ends	Friday 13th February 2026

Term 4

Term Starts	Monday 23rd February 2026
Term Ends	Thursday 2nd April 2026

Term 5

Term Starts	Monday 20th April 2026
Term Ends	Friday 22nd May 2026

Term 6

Term Starts	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
Term Ends	Tuesday 21st July 2026
Staff Training Days – No Children	Monday 1st June 2026 Friday 3rd July 2026

School Term Dates 2026/27

Term 1

Term Starts	Thursday 3rd September 2026
Term Ends	Friday 23rd October 2026
Staff Training Days – No Children	Tuesday 1st September 2026 Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Term 2

Term Starts	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
Term Ends	Friday 18th December 2026
Staff Training Days – No Children	Monday 2nd November 2026

Term 3

Term Starts	Monday 4th January 2027
Term Ends	Friday 12th February 2027

Term 4

Term Starts	Monday 22nd February 2027
Term Ends	Friday 25th March 2027

Term 5

Term Starts	Monday 12th April 2027
Term Ends	Friday 28th May 2027

Term 6

Term Starts	Tuesday 8th June 2027
Term Ends	Wednesday 21st July 2027
Staff Training Days – No Children	Monday 7th June 2027 Friday 2nd July 2027

Our Community Noticeboard



Stepping Up



Booking Required

Stepping Up is a 6 week programme to encourage and support children age 5 to 11 (school years 1 to 6) with confidence, socialisation and managing in a group.

DATE: 23rd April 2026 - 28th May 2026

TIME: 3:45pm - 5:15pm

VENUE: Waterside Family Hub, Turner Close, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0PQ

To book please go to: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub/activities-and-groups-near-you>



Ashford Family Hubs Time to Shine



Time to Shine is a time-limited closed group for children with SEND aged 7-11 years that struggle to cope and access mainstream groups such as Beavers, Dance, Football and aims to support them to develop the necessary skills to manage in those environments and ultimately move on to those services. The group numbers are lower to meet the needs of everyone attending and to create a calmer environment.

DATE: 20th April 2026 - 18th May 2026

TIME: 4.00pm - 5.30pm



VENUE: Waterside Family Hub
Turner Close
Willesborough
Ashford
TN24 0PQ

To book please go to: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub/activities-and-groups-near-you>

Visit your local Family Hub today

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

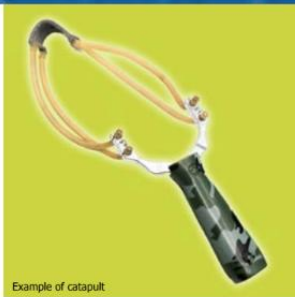


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Catapults – Know the law

Catapults can be classed as offensive weapons.

If you **carry one in public** without a reasonable excuse, you could face up to **four years in prison**.



Example of catapult

If you use it to **threaten or injure someone**, or **damage property**, the penalties could be even higher.

Is it worth it?

Remember – A criminal record can change your life.

- You may not be offered a college or university place.
- Getting a job will be more difficult.
- It can even prevent you from travelling to some countries.



Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**
If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.
Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.
www.kent.police.uk   

E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety