



National Nurturing
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Phoenix Community Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we are already over halfway through the term—time really does fly when there is so much going on! Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Day. It is always such a pleasure to welcome you into school and to celebrate the fantastic achievements and progress of our children together.

Last week, every class enjoyed a free trip to the cinema. The children were an absolute credit to the school—their behaviour was exemplary, and they embraced the experience with great enthusiasm. It was wonderful to be able to share such an enjoyable outing as a whole school community. On Thursday, Year 1 visited Manston Airport as part of our whole-school topic on transport. The children had a fantastic time and were truly amazed by the planes—they certainly came back full of excitement and new knowledge!

A big thank you to our PTA for organising the Mother's Day stall on Friday. It was a sell-out success! We hope all of our mums and special people enjoyed their thoughtful gifts.

This week, Year R had a wonderful time visiting the farm, where they learned all about farm life. It was a hands-on experience that brought their learning to life in a memorable way. Finally, we held a whole-school rail safety assembly to raise awareness about staying safe near railways. This is particularly important in our local area, and the children engaged thoughtfully with this vital message.

Today, we also came together as a school community to wear red and donate in support of Comic Relief, helping to raise valuable funds for those in need. Thank you for your generosity and support.

We would also like to wish a happy Eid to all of our families who are celebrating. Eid is a special religious festival celebrated by Muslims around the world, marking a time of joy, reflection, and coming together with family and friends. We hope you have had a wonderful day.

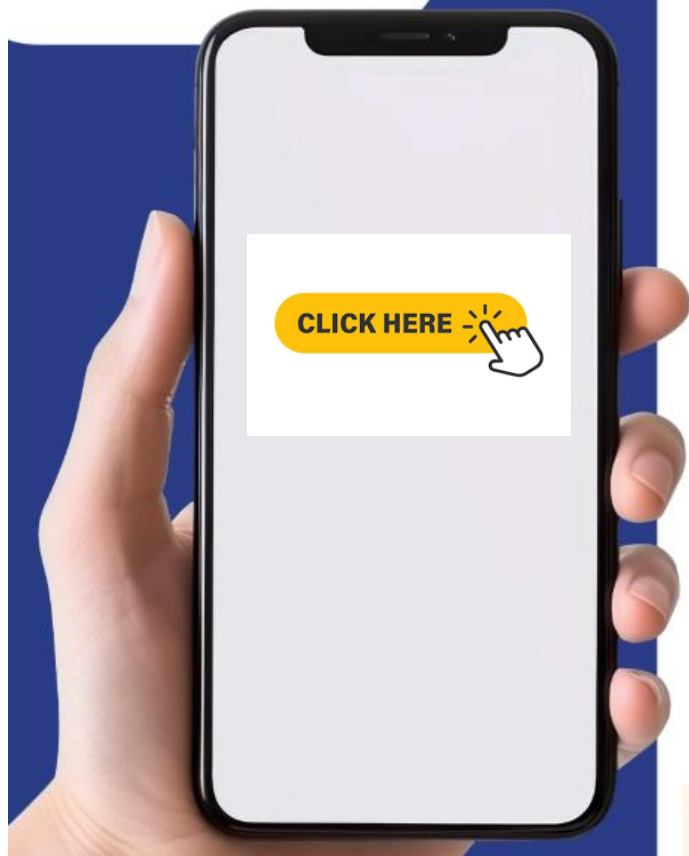
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Dawes





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We Value Your **FEEDBACK!**

We value your feedback and would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete this survey. Your responses are anonymous and will help us understand what is working well and identify ways we can continue to improve. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and supporting our school community.

**SCAN
ME!** >>



Top 2 children in
each class this
term are:



Year 1	Greatness and Eileen
Year 2	Jaiden and Abdurrahim
Year 3	Adam and Evie
Year 4	Ayaz and Lyla
Year 5	Elise and Willow
Year 6	Dishita and Swarnima

Our current word
count for the year is:

10,607,209



doodlelearning



Our top Doodle Class is: Ravens

House points total this year:

Air House = 3173



Earth House = 3296



Fire House = 2576



Water House = 2801





Diary dates

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

23rd March 26	NHS Hearing and Vision for children in Penguins
24th March 26	NO swimming
31st March 26	NO swimming
3rd April to 17th April 26	Easter holidays
21st April 26	Year 5 swimming
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: 88.9%

Attendance year to date: 94.4%



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



Red Nose day - 20th March 2026
Thank you for your support for this charity.

We have raised £131.23

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!



Earrings cannot be worn for PE. Please remove them before school or send your child with tape to cover them if they cannot be removed.



Reminders...

In PE this term we will be doing gymnastics. Barefoot is best practice for gymnastics and provides the most natural and effective connection to the ground and equipment, allowing the children to perform with control and safety. If your child needs to wear socks please send them in with anti-slip rubber socks.



Please do not park in the drop off zone or the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge; these spaces are needed constantly.



Every School Day Matters

School and future success starts with good attendance!

Going to school helps children to:

- ✓ Learn
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Get new experiences
- ✓ Increase their confidence and most of all...
- ✓ Have the best start in life

DAILY LATENESS

equates to...



Education is important - don't miss out!

100% **PERFECT**
100% Attendance

98% **IMPRESSIVE**
Equates to 4 school days off each year

96% **GOOD**
Equates to 7 school days off each year

95% **NEARLY THERE**
Equates to 9 school days off each year

94% **NEEDS TO IMPROVE**
Equates to 11 school days off each year

90% **DANGER ZONE**
Equates to 1 month off each year

80% **EXTREME IMPACT**
Equates to 2 months off each year



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



STRONG
MEN LIFT
WEIGHTS
**STRONGER
MEN LIFT
EACH OTHER**

WELCOME TO THE HUDDLE

A MEN'S SOCIAL MOVEMENT BASED ACROSS KENT

The Huddle exists to give men (18+) a place to connect, talk, and belong. Through shared experiences and open conversation, we're changing what support looks like.

THIS ISN'T THERAPY OR COUNSELLING.
It's about easing loneliness, navigating life, and building genuine friendships — together.

We meet 2-3 times a month across Kent.
FREE TO ATTEND. NO SIGN-UP. NO PRESSURE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US ON:
CALL US ON 07875 346868 OR EMAIL US AT
thehuddlemensmovement@yahoo.com



Polite Request from the Eco- Council



At Phoenix Community Primary School, we're committed to doing our bit for the environment. To help us with this, we kindly ask that when dropping off or collecting your child(ren), vehicle engines are switched off, rather than left running while you wait. Thank you for your support with this.