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# Phoenix Community Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic start to Term 5—short though it may be, it is certainly a jam-packed one. Over this term, most classes will visit Godinton House, an amazing resource right on our doorstep. We have already received some lovely feedback from the staff there, who commented on the high levels of engagement and exemplary conduct shown by our children. While this reflects what we see every day, it is always wonderful to hear it recognised by others. Well done to all of our pupils.



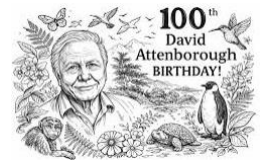
This is also an especially important term for our Year 6 children. With SATs taking place next week, they have a great opportunity to demonstrate just how much progress they have made and to showcase their many strengths. Following this, they will be heading off on their residential trip—always a highlight of the year. I am particularly excited to be joining them for the first time.



Today, we have also been celebrating Sir David Attenborough's birthday. A world-renowned naturalist and broadcaster, he has inspired generations through his work in raising awareness of the natural world and the importance of protecting our planet. The children marked the occasion by dressing up and taking part in a national assembly this afternoon. We hope our pupils continue to aspire—one of our core school values—to make a similarly positive impact on the world around them.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dawes



Top 2 children in  
each class this  
term are:



Year 1	Jiyansi and Eileen
Year 2	Sayed and Boy
Year 3	Priyan and Oakley
Year 4	Ayaz and Evie
Year 5	Willow and Rosie
Year 6	Dishita and Pasang

Our current word  
count for the year is:

12,793,382



doodlelearning



Our top Doodle Class is: Robins

House points total this year:

Air House = 1088



Earth House = 574



Fire House = 771



Water House = 834





## Diary dates

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

11th May to 15th May 26	Year 6 SATs tests - free breakfast club for Eagles at 8am.
15th May 26	Year 6 trip
18th May 26	Bake sale
18th May to 20th May 26	Year 6 Residential trip
19th May 26	Sponsor forms to be returned by 3pm
22nd May 26	Year 5 trip
21st May 26	Sponsor Surf Simulator event
25th May to 1st June 26	Half term - school opens 2nd June 26
2nd June to 5th June 26	Year 6 Bikeability
10th June 26	Sports day
11th June 26	Class photos
10th July 26	PTA Summer Fayre from 2pm

**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](mailto:office@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk)

Attendance this week: 93.1%

Attendance year to date: 94.3%

**Best attendance this week:  
Parrots with 97.9%**



**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

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

HM Government NHS



## School Meals

Our meals are provided by Caterlink. They cost £3.05 per day payable via Caterlink app below:

[Caterlink](#)

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.

### [Nut free school](#)

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school as we have children who have severe nut allergies.

Please DO NOT send your child to school with any peanut butter, nutella or cereal bars which contains nuts.



## 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

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](mailto: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.





## 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](mailto: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



**Kennington Summer Fayre 27 June 2026**

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Since last year's Fayre, a small number of people have worked through the winter to prepare for this Year's Kennington Summer Fayre on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The trouble is that this number is getting smaller and now they need your help.

Volunteer marshals at the Fayre direct the traffic, help put up gazebos, mark out pitches, empty waste bins and do a hundred and one other essential jobs. If you can spare 4 hours or, even better, the whole day, you can be part of a great bunch of people who make the day a safe and successful occasion for Fayre-goers and Stallholders alike. In return, you will get basic instruction, a voucher for your lunch, a day in the fresh air and the satisfaction of helping a whole bunch of local charities and clubs raise around £20,000 to see them through another year.

Contact Alan at [secretary@kenningtonsummerfayre.org.uk](mailto:secretary@kenningtonsummerfayre.org.uk) if you think you could help.

**ASHFORD UNITED U12s GIRLS TRIALS**

THURSDAYS | 5:00PM - 6:00PM

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST CONTACT: GARY | 07729 296549

THE GREEN BOX STADIUM ASHFORD, TN26 1NJ

# Our Community Noticeboard



## Ashford Family Hubs Timetable

20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### Our Family Hubs:

**Bockhanger  
Family Hub**  
03000 418600  
Belmont Road  
Kennington  
Ashford  
TN24 9LS

**Tenterden  
Family Hub**  
03000 418400  
Recreation Ground  
Road  
Tenterden  
TN30 6RA

Email: [ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk](mailto:ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk)

All of our groups and services are free to attend.

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

### Bockhanger

**Talking Walk In**  
9.30am - 11.00am  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month  
27<sup>th</sup> April 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
27<sup>th</sup> July

Booking Only

**Little Talkers**  
1.00pm - 2.00pm  
Starts 20<sup>th</sup> April for 5 weeks

Booking Only

**Baby Massage**  
10.00am - 11.00am

**Stay and Play**  
9.30am - 11.00am  
For 0-5 Years

**NCT Infant Feeding Support Group**  
12.30pm - 2.30pm

Booking Only

**Togetherness Parents Programme**  
12.30pm - 2.30pm  
Starts 21<sup>st</sup> April for 10 weeks

### Togetherness Parenting Programme

A 10-week course helping parents understand behaviour and emotions from toddler to ten years.

Please book via the [Kent Family Hub website](http://www.kent.gov.uk) or call [Ashford Family Hubs](tel:03000418600) for more details.

### Tenterden

**Child Health Clinic**  
9.30am - 11.30pm  
Last admission 11.15pm

### Strengthening Family Relationships

A Workshop to help parents reduce conflict and build positive family relationships.

To book please visit:  
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub>

**Stay and Play**  
10.00am - 11.30am  
For 0-5 years

**Talking Walk In**  
1.00pm - 2.30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
29<sup>th</sup> April 29<sup>th</sup> July

Booking Only

**Strengthening Family Relationships**  
10.00am - 12.30pm  
7<sup>th</sup> May

Booking Only

**Togetherness Parents Programme**  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
Starts 23<sup>rd</sup> April for 10 weeks

**NCT Infant Feeding Support Group**  
1.00pm - 3.00pm

**Mildred Trust Larder**  
Affordable food, and hygiene products  
9.00am - 10.00am

**Hub Closed PM from 12pm**

**Please Note:** Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

[www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub](http://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub)

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

# AFFOR:)ABLE REFURBISHED BICYCLES

## BUY a BIKE

Pick up an affordable refurbished bike at our next bike sale event at Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Bikes are fully serviced, clean and available in a variety of sizes.

## DONATE a BIKE

Bike too small or sitting unloved gathering dust? Donate it to us and we'll find it a good home. If you need a replacement, we'll offer you a 20% discount on a more suitable refurbished bike.

## BIKE SALE EVENT

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May (10-1)

Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT)



[www.CycleCircle.co.uk](http://www.CycleCircle.co.uk)