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Phoenix Community Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of Term 5, it has certainly been short but very busy!

Last week, our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs. We are incredibly proud of them all for their effort and positive attitude throughout what are undoubtedly demanding tests. Well done to every single one of you.

This week, many of our Year 6 children headed off on their residential trip—always a memorable and enjoyable experience. Despite some damp weather, their spirits were certainly not dampened! Staff were particularly impressed by the children's bravery, teamwork and the way they supported one another. I was also delighted to hear about their exemplary behaviour (and even some relatively early bedtimes!)—they were a real credit to Phoenix.

Yesterday, we welcomed visitors to deliver important road safety talks. These are vital in helping ensure that we all stay safe when out and about, especially in our busy, built-up local area.

Looking ahead, next term promises to be full of exciting opportunities, so please do keep an eye on the diary section of this newsletter as it will be a busy one.

I know many children and families will already be starting to think about September. I will be able to share our staffing structure early next term, which will allow us to begin supporting children with their transition to new classes and to start building those all-important relationships with their new teachers and support staff.

Wishing you all a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and a relaxing half term break.

Mrs Dawes

PROUD
of You


MAY HALF TERM

Top children in
each class this
week is:



Year 1	Greatness, Toluwani and Preston
Year 3	Amelie and Lucas
Year 4	Lukash and Archie
Year 6	None due to PGL

Our current word
count for the year is:

14,199,550



doodlelearning



Our top Doodle Class is Robins

House points total this year:

Air House = 1755



Earth House = 1297



Fire House = 1521



Water House = 1631





Diary dates

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

1st June 26	Staff development day - NO children in school
2nd June to 5th June 26	Year 6 Bikeability
9th June 26 to 30th June 26	Year 5 swimming sessions
10th June 26	Sports day
11th June 26	Class photos
18th June 26	Year 6 Safety in Action
19th June 26	Father's day stall
29th June 26	Penguins September 2026 Transition Into School meetings 2pm and 6pm
1st July 26	Children go to their new classes fo the day
10th July 26	PTA Summer Fayre from 2pm
14th and 15th July 26	Year 6 End of Year Productions
21st July 26	Year 6 leavers assembly

**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: 91.6%

Attendance year to date: 94.2%



**Best attendance this week:
Parrots with 97.7%**

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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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](#).

Please ensure that your child's account is in credit before ordering a dinner to ensure they receive a meal - no child will be provided with a dinner if there are insufficient funds to cover the cost

The cost of a child's school dinner will increase to £3.10 per day as from 01.08.26

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

Year 6 Maths competition

This week Phoenix took part in a local maths competition.



Well done boys; thank you for representing the school.

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...



5 MINUTES LATE
15 hours of lost learning

10 MINUTES LATE
30 hours of lost learning

15 MINUTES LATE
50 hours of lost learning

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 2 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.



School Council

We have been lucky enough to be selected as Tesco, Crooksfoot nominated local school as part of their Free Fruit and Veg for Schools programme.

We have received our first delivery of free fruit which the school council received on behalf of the school.



The boys made some Thank You cards which they presented to the members of Tesco who came along.

Talent Show

Auditions taking place on Thursday

4th June 2026 in the hall between 3:15pm to 4:15pm

If your child would like to audition please sign them up via Parent Mail by 2nd June 2026.

You will be informed if your child has made it to the final.

Final show will take place at school on 2nd July

PTA Surf Simulator sponsor event

Thank you for your support for this event.

63 children took part in this event raising a profit of £87.90.

Well done to our top 3 children:

- 1st place was Tommy Year 1 who managed 74 seconds
- 2nd place was Emmeline Year 3 who managed 43 seconds
- 3rd place was Georgin Year R who managed 38 seconds



Governors Newsletter May 2026

Do you know what school governors do?

Continuing with what governors have been involved with during the Spring/Summer terms.

Financial Oversight: Managing the school's budget, ensuring money is well-spent. This is one of the important duties that governors perform.

Financial Controls: At the end of March all local authority-maintained schools are required to submit a Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) form. This form provides a structure for governors to work with senior leaders to review financial controls, ensuring they take formal responsibility for school resources and provide value for the public money they are allocated. Together with the school we complete this form annually.

Budget Setting: we could say that this is the most important document produced by the school in any financial year. It is this document that the headteacher and governing board review and approve. A school budget is a plan that forecasts how much money the school will receive and how it will be spent over the next year. Throughout the year, we review spending regularly to make sure the school haven't overspent (creating a deficit) or underspent.

And then, prior to Year 6 sitting their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs), we all enjoyed the school's celebration of Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday: it really was a great day. There was SO much effort made by the children to turn up on the Friday in an array of outfits and accessories with a lot of brilliant and ingenious home-made creations too! There was a general air of excitement around the school that day and passing of knowledge about David Attenborough and his influence to broaden awareness of nature and animals to everyone. Well done everyone.

Our last duty for Term 5 was to monitor the processes involved with Year 6 sitting their SATs. All was very professionally managed by the staff and the children's behaviour throughout truly followed our values. Our thanks to the whole school community who all played a part in the successful completion of these mandatory tests.

We wish you all a happy break.

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 27th 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 if you think you could help.

COMMUNITY ACTION WEEK

Kennington Town Council

WALK IMPROVE COMMUNITY

Help improve your neighbourhood

Join Kennington Town Council to walk your area, report local issues, and help improve your neighbourhood.

HELP US IMPROVE YOUR STREET -
walk your neighbourhood with us and tell us what needs fixing.

EVENT SCHEDULE

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
26th May Little Burton	27th May Bybrook & Bockhanger	28th May Kennington & Kennington North	29th May Conningbrook
Meet: Shops at Little Burton	Meet: Shops at Bockhanger	Meet: Tile Kiln Road shops	Meet: Conningbrook Avenue (by the birds)
Time: 9:45am - 12:00pm	Time: 9:45am - 3:00pm (drop in anytime)	Time: 9:45am - 12:00pm	Time: 9:45am - 12:00pm
	Includes community activities		Wrap-up & refreshments

WHAT YOU'LL DO
Walk your local area
Spot and report issues (potholes, graffiti, lighting, etc.)
Help improve your community

NO NEED TO BOOK - JUST TURN UP!
Stay for as little or as long as you like.

Kennington Town Council
07928 824482
clerk@kenningtoncc.gov.uk



Kennington Summer Fayre

**Supporting local
Charities, Schools & Groups
Saturday 27th June 12 - 4pm**

Our Community Noticeboard



Ashford Family Hubs **Timetable**

20th April 2026 - 22nd May 2026

Our Family Hubs:

**Bockhanger
Family Hub**
03000 418600

Belmont Road
Kennington
Ashford
TN24 9LS

Email: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

**Tenterden
Family Hub**
03000 418400

Recreation Ground
Road
Tenterden
TN30 6RA

All of our groups
and services are
free to attend.

Monday

Talking Walk In
9.30am - 11.00am
4th Monday of the Month
27th April 22nd June
27th July

Booking
Only

Little Talkers
1.00pm - 2.00pm
Starts 20th April for 5
weeks

Booking
Only

Baby Massage
10.00am - 11.00am

Tuesday

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

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

Booking
Only

**Together
Parents
Programme**
12.30pm - 2.30pm
Starts 21st April for 10 weeks

Wednesday

Together Parents Programme

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

**Please book via the Kent Family Hub website or call
Ashford Family Hubs for more details.**

Thursday

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

Tenterden

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
5th Wednesday of the Month
29th April 29th July

Booking
Only

**Strengthening
Family
Relationships**
10.00am - 12.30pm
7th May

Booking
Only

**Together
Parents
Programme**
10.00am - 12.00pm
Starts 23rd April for 10 weeks

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

Friday

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

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council