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Phoenix Community Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderfully busy start to Term 6. We have begun welcoming our new EYFS children who will be joining us in September, and it has been a real pleasure to meet so many of you already. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children as they begin their journey with us.



Our Year 6 pupils are hard at work preparing a fantastic musical extravaganza as part of our leavers' traditions. The hallways are already echoing with some incredibly catchy songs! This is an exciting time for them as they begin to prepare for the next phase of their lives, including visiting their new schools over the coming weeks.



We are extremely proud of our Year 1 children, who have done brilliantly in their phonics screening checks. We look forward to sharing the outcomes with you soon. Their success reflects the positive impact of our Read Write Inc. approach, which continues to strengthen reading across the school. Although it was disappointing to have to cancel Sports Day, we are looking forward to the rescheduled event and are keeping our fingers crossed for better weather!

Careers Day this week was fantastic. It was inspiring to see the wide range of aspirations our pupils have, truly bringing our school value of aspiration to life. From doctors and vets to sporting stars, the enthusiasm and ambition on display were wonderful to see.

As we move into a period of very warm weather, please keep an eye out for updates on how we are supporting children to stay cool and safe in school. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dawes



Achievements



Gone Green Certificates

Well done to the children below for turning your heat map green this term!

Maisie - Yr 6
Jacqueline - Yr 4
Tulsi - Yr 4
Aangi - Yr 4



5 House Points each

Our current word count for the year is:

15,540,747



doodlelearning

Our top Doodle Class is Pelicans



House points total this year:

Air House = 2821



Earth House = 2409



Fire House = 2817



Water House = 2437



The weather forecast for Monday and Tuesday next week is looking hot. Your child is allowed to come to school in their school PE on these days if they want to.



Diary dates

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

1st June to 1st July 26	Kent Test registration open for Year 5 children; do not miss the deadline! kent.gov.uk/kenttest
9th June 26 to 30th June 26	Year 5 swimming sessions
24th June 26	Year 4 trip
29th June 26	Penguins September 2026 Transition Into School meetings 2pm and 6pm
1st July 26	Children go to their new classes for the day
8th July 26	Sports Day (weather permitting)
10th July 26	PTA Summer Fayre from 2pm
14th and 15th July 26	Year 6 End of Year Productions
15th July 26	School reports
20th July 26	Year 6 Slip and Slide
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: 93.3%

Attendance year to date: 94.3%



**Best attendance this week:
Flamingos with 98.1%**

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 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



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):** 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 396
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.



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

Talent Show

Final is taking place on Thursday

2nd July 2026 in the hall starting at 3:15pm

Tickets are on sale from the office at a cost of £1 each.

Good luck everyone!



The PTA will be holding their annual Summer Fayre on Friday 10th July; starting at 2pm. You will be allowed to pick up your child from 2pm to attend the Fayre.

Any child not collected by an adult will remain in school until 3.15pm as normal.

If you are able to help run a stall or donate a tombola prize please let the office know. Thank you for your support.



On 2nd July we will be holding a dress down day in exchange for a tombola prize; bottle of drink, packet of biscuit, unwanted gift etc.

Governors Newsletter

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 weekend.

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.



Kennington Summer Fayre

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

