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# Phoenix Community Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy and exciting few weeks at Phoenix as we begin preparing for the next academic year. Staff and children have been working hard to ensure a smooth transition, and last week all of our children spent the day with their new teachers and support staff. We hope they are feeling just as excited about the year ahead as we are! We have also been delighted to welcome our new Penguins to Phoenix. It was wonderful to meet so many new faces, and we are looking forward to welcoming them and their families into the Phoenix family in September.

Our Year 6 children have now visited their new secondary schools and are busy preparing to wow you with their end-of-year production. We can't wait to see all of their hard work come together and celebrate the end of their primary school journey.



Last week, we held our much-loved music event, which was very well attended by parents and families. Thank you to everyone who came along to support our talented performers. It was fantastic to see such a wide range of musical talent on display. We also held our Rotary Talent Show, where I had the privilege of being one of the judges. I was incredibly impressed by every performance and the confidence shown by our children. Well done to everyone who had the courage to audition and perform—you should all be very proud of yourselves! This week, I was pleased that we were able to hold Sports Day, albeit in a shortened format due to the weather. Your support at events like these is always greatly appreciated, and I know Sports Day is a particular highlight of the year for many of our children and families.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. It's hard to believe there are now just seven school days left before the summer holidays! Let's make every one of them count.

Mrs Dawes



# Top Doodlers of all time

These children have the highest streaks in the school.....

**Evie (Yr3) 465 days**

**Dishita (Yr6) 809 days**

**Gabriele (Yr5) 1381 days**

**Ben (Yr5) 1542 days**

These children will be going on a trip next term as a huge reward!

Our current word count for the year is:

16,964,302



Our top Doodle Class is Robins

House points total this year:

Air House = 3771



Earth House = 3484



Fire House = 3942



Water House = 3311





## Diary dates

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

|              |                                                              |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14th July 26 | NO swimming Year 5                                           |
| 14th July 26 | Year 6 High School Musical Production at 2pm                 |
| 15th July 26 | Year 6 High School Musical Production at 5.30pm              |
| 15th July 26 | School reports                                               |
| 16th July 26 | Rotakids trip at 3.15pm                                      |
| 17th July 26 | Break the Rules Day                                          |
| 20th July 26 | Year 6 Slip and Slide                                        |
| 21st July 26 | Year 6 leavers assembly - parents to arrive at 1.50pm please |
| 21st July 26 | Last day of term - 3.15pm finish                             |
| 1st Sept 26  | Teacher training day - NO children in school                 |
| 2nd Sept 26  | Teacher training day - NO children in school                 |
| 3rd Sept 26  | Year 1 to Year 6 children return to school                   |
| 4th Sept 26  | Year R start school                                          |

**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: 89.5%

Attendance year to date: 93.9%



**Best attendance this week:  
Elicans and Parrots with 92.5%**

**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

Current prices are:

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



Changes from September 2026:

Breakfast club will be open between 7.45am and 8.10am. If pre-booked this is £2.50 per child per day; late or same day breakfast club is £3 per child per day. Children will be offered toast, cereal, yoghurt, fruit and juice.

FREE breakfast club will be open from 8.10am to 8.30am - cereal and water. Children must be in school by 8.30am to be offered breakfast.

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 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.



# 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 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

## After School Clubs

All extracurricular after school clubs have now finished for this school year.



Fathers Day Stall - thank you for supporting this event. We hope the dads liked their gifts. We made a profit of £72.21.

Thank you for your support at the Summer Fayre; we are sorry for having to change the time.

We will let you know how much was raised next week.



## 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Phoenix Governing Board**



# 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<br>Monday 29th September 2025<br>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

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

### Term 5

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|-------------|------------------------|
| 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<br>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<br>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<br>Friday 2nd July 2027 |



## Sports Day results - 2026

The results of sports day is:

4th Place Water House (blue team; 46 children) with 5283 points

3rd Place Air House (purple team; 48 children) with 5733 points

2nd Place Earth House (green team; 48 children) with 5766 points

**1st Place Fire House (red team; 47 children) with 6116 points**

Well done everyone for taking part and trying your best. We really appreciate your support.

We hope you all had a great day.

