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Newsletter 1

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Phoenix Community Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to Phoenix following the summer break. We have had a really positive start to the new academic year, and I am incredibly proud of how well the children have returned to school.

The children have been looking smart, arriving punctually and, most importantly, showing positive attitudes towards their learning. It has been wonderful to see them settling into their new classrooms, getting to know their teachers and support staff, and becoming familiar with new routines. I am really looking forward to seeing how they grow, learn and progress throughout the year ahead.

As we settle into the new academic year, I would also like to remind everyone about the importance of regular school attendance. Every day a child is absent from school represents at least five hours of lost learning time. Over time, these missed hours can quickly add up and can affect a child's progress, their ability to build on previous learning and their confidence in the classroom. **Every day really does matter.**

Please continue to communicate with us if you have any worries or concerns. We are always here to listen and support, and working in partnership with you is one of the best ways we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to a fantastic year ahead at Phoenix!

Mrs Dawes



Latest news:



- Changes to PE days - all classes will now take part in PE twice a week. One indoors and one outside. Please send your child to school in their PE and school sweatshirt/cardigan on both days. Year R Wednesday and Thursday; Year 1 Monday and Friday; Year 2 Thursday and Friday; Year 3 Wednesday and Friday; Year 4 Tuesday and Friday; Year 5 Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday; Year 6 Monday and Friday.
- NHS flu vaccinations - The NHS will be visiting school on 10th November 26 to carry out the flu vaccination for children in all year groups. If you want your child to be given this at school on this day you MUST complete the consent form by 5th November 26.
<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=KT133961>
- School trips - permission and payments for school trips will be collected as one transaction this year. You will receive more information soon. Year 4 has already been done so please can we ask for the permission form to be completed ASAP as their first trip is on Monday.
- NHS height and weight programme - The NHS will be visiting the school later this year to carry out height and weight measurements programme for children in year R and 6 only. If you DO NOT want your child to take part in this programme you will need to opt out by 18th September. [Kent School Health - Year R screening opt out form](#)



Diary dates

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

8th September 26 to 13th October 26	Swimming
21st September	Harvest Assembly - if you can please donate canned or dry goods to support our community. Parents are welcome to join us for assembly at 2.30pm.
5th October	NSPCC Kindness Week - more info to come!
9th October	Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day - please come wearing something yellow or wear an accessory.
20th October 26	NO swimming
21st October	Parents Day - details to follow
3rd November 26	Individual photos
3rs November 26 to 24th November 26	Swimming
10th November 26	Flu vaccinations
18th December 26	Phoenix Choir Carol singing



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: 93.5%

Attendance year to date: 93.4%

**Best attendance this week:
Pelicans with 97%**

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.





School Meals

Our meals are provided by Caterlink. They cost £3.10 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



[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

Breakfast club is 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 is 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/>

You can either have your order delivered to your home address or to school and we will let you know when your order arrives.

We do have some uniform in the office for your child to try on before you order to ensure you get the right size.

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.



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
45 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

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



Ashford Family Hubs Timetable

7th September 2026 - 18th December 2026

Term Time Only

Our Family Hubs:

Ashford North
Family Hub
03000 417564
Mabledon Avenue
Ashford
TN24 8BJ

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

Email: ashfordfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups
and services are
free to attend.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Ashford North

Booking
Only

**Strengthening
Family
Relationships**
11.00am - 1.00pm
21/9/26

Sports Connect
4.00pm - 5.30pm

Referral
Only

**Compass
Group**
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Invite
Only

**Include Us
Too Youth
Group**
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Baby Group
Pre-walkers only
10.00am - 11.30am

**NCT Infant
Feeding Support
Group**
9.30am - 11.30am

**Parent Support
and Advice Drop
In**
10.00am - 11.30am
24/9/26 22/10/26
26/11/26 17/12/26

**BeYou
Project**
4.30pm - 6.00pm
Fortnightly

Referral
Only

**Speak
Out**
4.00pm - 6.00pm
Fortnightly

Talking Walk In
9.30am - 11.00am
18/9/26 16/10/26
20/11/26 18/12/26

Referral
Only

**Compass
Group**
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Bockhanger

Talking Walk In
9.30am - 11.00am
28/9/26, 26/10/26,
23/11/26

Stay and Play
9.30am - 11.00am
Spaces Limited

Saturday

**Read, Play, Grow Group with
NCT Infant Feeding Support
once a month**

10.00am - 11.00am
Launching on 29th August 2026.

Running: 26th September 26,
31st October 26, 28th November 26,
30th January 27

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

