



National Nurturing
School Award
2026

Newsletter 3

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Phoenix Community Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head further into October and approach the final two weeks of term, it is certainly beginning to feel like autumn! It has been lovely to see the children continuing to enjoy their learning and making connections across our whole-school theme, 'UK and the Wider World'. October is also Black History Month, an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black people, both past and present. Through learning across the school, children are exploring inspiring stories and deepening their understanding of the diverse people who help shape our world. This also reinforces the importance of treating everyone with respect and valuing what makes each of us unique.

This week has been Kindness Week, and there have been so many thoughtful acts to notice and appreciate. From offering a helping hand to including someone in a game or sharing an encouraging word, our children have shown how small actions can make a big difference to someone's day.

We finished the week by wearing yellow to mark World Mental Health Day, which takes place on 10 October. Looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health. We want children to know that talking about their feelings, asking for help and being kind to themselves and others all matter.

This links beautifully with myHappyMind, our new programme supporting our PSHE curriculum and children's wellbeing. We look forward to sharing more information with you soon.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Dawes



Latest news:



- Parents consultations will be taking place on 21st October; please make sure you book an appointment. If you are unable to make the appointment online please speak to the office who will book an appointment for you.
- September 2027 intake - if you or someone you know has a child starting school in September 2027 we will be holding an Open Evening on Monday 9th November at 6pm so please come along. If you would like to book in for an individual tour please contact the school office and they will book you in.
- 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>
- NHS height and weight programme - The NHS will be visiting the school on 17th November 26 to carry out height and weight measurements programme for children in year R and 6 only unless your previously completed the opt out form.
- Class newsletters and curriculum maps have been emailed out this week; if you need a printed copy please speak to the office staff
- Term 2 Clubs sign up will be sent on Parentmail, please keep an eye out for it.



Diary dates

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

20th October 26	NO swimming
21st October	Parents Day - details to follow
25th October to 30th October 26	Half term; school closed to children
3rd November 26	Individual photos
10th November 26	Flu vaccinations
17th November 26	NHS height and weight check for Year R and 6 only
7th December 26	KS1 Nativity to parents (2pm)
8th December 26	KS1 Nativity to parents (2pm)
18th December 26	Phoenix Choir Carol singing
19th March 27	Red Nose day - wear red to school
24th March 27	Parents Day
15th June 27	Class photos
16th June 27	Sports day (weather permitting)
12th July 27	Year 6 production - 2pm
13th July 27	Year 6 production - 5.30pm
21st July 27	Year 6 leavers assembly - parents welcome 2pm



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: 94.8%

Attendance year to date: 94.8%

Best attendance this week:
 Parrots with 98.2 %

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 - Caterlink policy is that no child will be provided with a dinner if there are insufficient funds to cover the cost

Any issue please contact Jane on 07775 111040



[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/>

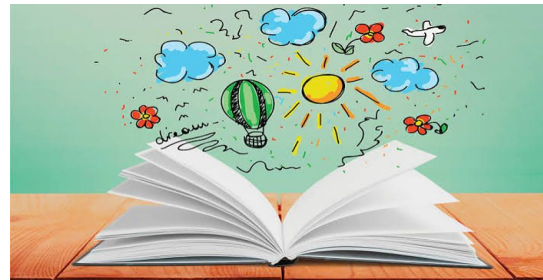
You can either have your order delivered to your home address or to school and we will let you know when your order arrives.

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



Sharing or reading a book with your child EVERY NIGHT for 10 minutes will make a huge difference to their learning.



Please encourage your child to look at a book with you before bedtime.

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

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB

Free

Ages 7 - 11

Activities & Food

Abseiling
High ropes
Archery
Challenge course
Trapeze (and much more!)
Hot lunch provided

Location

Grosvenor Hall, Kennington

Times & Booking

26th October - 30th October
10:30am-3:30pm

- FREE for children on free school meals - use your Evoucher to book

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW

www.tigerclubs.co.uk



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Primary School

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IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027?

Come see what makes our
learning community special –
book your personalised tour
today!

PLUS we have an open evening on:

**Monday 9th
November 2026**

6:00 PM

Belmont Road, Ashford TN24 9LS

At Phoenix, we grow
individuals who are
respectful, aspirational,
resilient, kind and curious.



To book a tour please call:
01233 622510



Or email us:
reception@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk



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