



## September 2025 intake Open days

If your child (or a child you know) is due to start school in September 2025 please come along to one of our remaining open day is being held on:

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am

There is no need to book; just turn up.  
Please feel free to bring your child along.



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### Latest News:

- **KS1 Nativity** – Tickets are now available via Parent Mail. Performances are being held at 2pm on 11<sup>th</sup> December and 9.30am on 12<sup>th</sup> December to allow working parents a better opportunity to attend. We will be providing a creche for your younger children.
- **School council film night** – The school council will be holding a film night after school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 24. They will be showing Home Alone 2 – Lost in New Year. Tickets are limited and on sale from the office now.
- **After school clubs** – Clubs have now finished. New options will come out in January 25

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- **Car parking** - It has been brought to our attention that unfortunately the car parking at drop off and collection time has become a problem again. We appreciate that it is busy at these times but can we please request that if you are coming to school in a car that you abide by the law. Please **DO NOT** park on the pavement or mount the path to park on the grass or park on double yellow lines. This behaviour is putting our children and parents at risk. We all need to ensure the safety of all pedestrians; we do not want anyone being hurt. Please use the car park at the shops or the spaces outside the school or any spaces in the local roads, and only park in the blue badge spaces if you have a blue badge. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
  - **Tax free childcare** – We are now registered for Tax Free Childcare; please apply via the Gov.uk website if you are entitled.
  - **Year 5 swimming** – Swimming will continue on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025
  - **NHS height and weight checks** – The NHS will be coming into school on 17<sup>th</sup> December to carry out height and weight checks on those children in Year R and Year 6 as part of the Governments welfare checks. If you **DO NOT** want your child to be part of this programme you will need to email them direct on [kentcft.schoolscheduling@nhs.net](mailto:kentcft.schoolscheduling@nhs.net) before 25<sup>th</sup> November 24.
  - **Woodcraft** – If your child is interested in joining this club please call Elaine on 07947 029668 for more information and for the chance to attend a free session.
  - **Asda Cash Pot** – Asda are running a scheme called Cash Pot. If you shop in Asda we would really appreciate it if you could nominate us as your school of choice. You would need to download and sign up to the Asda reward app; shop in store or online and Asda do the rest and we will receive extra funds. So far, we have received £100. Thank you
  - **Christmas Fair** – The PTA will be arranging a Christmas Fair on 13<sup>th</sup> December 24. This will run between 2pm and 4pm. You are welcome to collect your child at any time between 2pm and 3.15pm to join in the fun.
  - **Christmas dinner** – We will be hosting a whole school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. School dinners are provided by an outside company called Caterlink. If your child would like to join us for this dinner you will need book them in via Parent Mail.

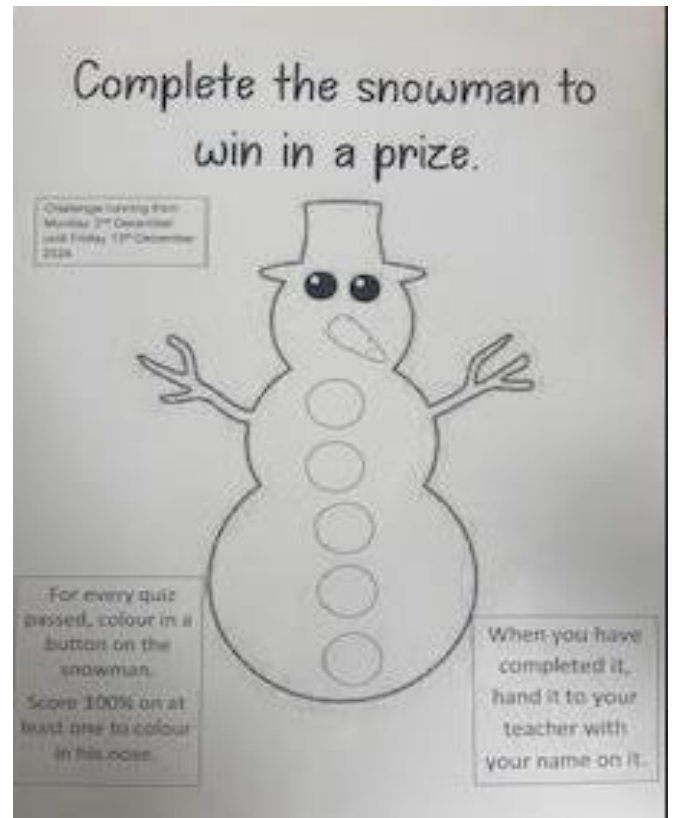
# Winter Reading Challenge

Each child has been given a challenge to complete this snowman by Friday 13th December by reading 6 books. The children will need to colour in a button or his nose every time they finish a book to win a treat.

**Penguins and Pelicans-** this can be books they have read with an adult too.

**Parrots, Robins, Ravens, Flamingos and Eagles-** this needs to be 6 quizzes passed on Accelerated Reader-one at 100% to colour in the nose.

Getting reading Team Phoenix!



This weeks' Celebration achievements



Stars of the week  
for  
29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Thank you to Bobbi, Tise and Tommy  
for collecting the Eco Green School  
Award.



Congratulations to Rosie and Kayleigh  
on receiving their second blue badges  
for their 3, 4 and 9 times tables



School council buying some cat treats for the Ashford RSPCA from the money they raised previously.

Well done everyone

#### Diary dates

- 11<sup>th</sup> December 24
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  - 6<sup>th</sup> January 25
  - 10<sup>th</sup> June 25
- School council film night  
KS1 Nativity to parents 2pm  
KS1 Nativity to parents 9.30am  
Film night Year 2 - 6  
Christmas fair – school finishes at 2pm  
NHS height and weight assessments Year R and 6 only  
Christmas dinner day  
Christmas jumper day  
School closed to children  
Children return to school  
Class photos

**If you need to report your child absent please leave a message on our 24-hour answer phone or email us on [office@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk)**



**Free hot bagels with dairy free butter on offer so make sure you arrive in time to get one.**

# School Attendance

*Every day counts...*

**Good attendance helps with...**

**Academic Achievement**

Regular attendance helps children keep up with the curriculum and perform better academically.

**Social Skills**

Attending school regularly helps children develop friendships, social skills and learning how to interact with others.

**Routine & Responsibility**

Good attendance teaches the importance of commitment, routine, and responsibility, which are all valuable life skills.

**Focus & Engagement**

Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay engaged in their learning and develop a positive attitude towards education.

**Building Confidence**

Regular attendance can boost a child's self-esteem and confidence, as they see their progress and achievements over time.

**Enhanced Learning Opportunities**

School provides not just academic instruction, but also extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities.

Attendance	Days Missed	School Days Remaining
100% Attendance	0 Days Absence	190 Days
95% Attendance	10 Days Absence	180 Days
90% Attendance	19 Days Absence (4 weeks missed)	171 Days
85% Attendance	29 Days Absence	161 Days
80% Attendance	38 Days Absence	152 Days
75% Attendance	47 Days Absence	143 Days

**Over half a term missed!**

**Did you know there are...**

- 365 Days in a Year
- 190 School Days
- 175 Non School Days

**Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!**

**Silly School Education**

**Whole School Attendance target is 100%**

**Whole school attendance:**

**Year to date 94.0%**

**This week: 93.8%**

**Best attendance of the week goes to:**

**Ravens with 98%**

**No other class achieved over 97% this week**

**Having 5 days off school a year will take your child's attendance below 97%**

**Attendance this week:**

- Penguins – 25 children achieved 100% attendance this week.
- Pelicans – 25 children achieved 100% attendance this week.
- Parrots – 26 children achieved 100% attendance this week.
- Robins – 23 children achieved 100% attendance this week.
- Ravens - 28 children achieved 100% attendance this week.
- Flamingos - 23 children achieved 100% attendance this week.
- Eagles - 20 children achieved 100% attendance this week.



**Well done to all those children who have achieved 100% attendance this week.**

**Extra support.**

Don't forget to try and do the following over the holidays:

- \*10 minutes Doodle maths
- \* Spelling shed
- \* 10 minutes reading

Thank you for your support

**Yearly House points total:**

<b>Blue</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5025</b>
<b>Red</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>4096</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4091</b>
<b>Purple</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3701</b>

**Well done to **Water house** for winning this week**

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**Donation uniform**

We have donated school uniform in the office. If you can make use of any of these items please come and collect.

### **School dinners**

The school meals are provided by a new company called Caterlink. All children in Year R, 1 and 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. If you think you may be entitled to means tested free school meals but have not applied please speak to the office. If you pay for meals the price will be increasing to £2.85.

**Dinner payments** – if your child is having a school dinner please ensure that you make payment in advance or on the day.

### **ACE Book Shed**

Please use the book shed over the holidays. We have free books for the children and adults to take home and enjoy in our Ace Book Shed outside the main office. Please feel free to help yourself.

#### **Term Dates 2024 – 2025**

**Term 1** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept to 25<sup>th</sup> October 24

**Term 2** – 4<sup>th</sup> November to 19<sup>th</sup> December 24

**Term 3** – 6<sup>th</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> February 25

**Term 4** – 24<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> April 25

**Term 5** – 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 25

**Term 6** – 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> July 25

#### **Staff Development Days (children not in school)**

2<sup>nd</sup> September 24

20<sup>th</sup> December 24

23<sup>rd</sup> May 25

21<sup>st</sup> July 25

22<sup>nd</sup> July 25