



# Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

31<sup>st</sup> January 2025



What a busy week! On Monday our F2 children temporarily moved into the hall while their classroom undergoes much-needed improvements, including a new ceiling, lighting and heating. I cannot express how proud we are of our young learners. They have taken this change in stride, showing an incredible level of calmness and adaptability. Despite the shift in environment, they have continued to demonstrate their commitment to learning.



Their positive attitude and enthusiasm are making their days in the hall truly enjoyable. It's been a delight to see them engage with one another and dive into their activities, proving that learning can thrive in any setting. We are confident that once the renovations are complete, they will return to a lovely classroom that matches their vibrant spirit! Well done, F2 - you are all superstars! A

heartfelt thank you goes out to all the adults too who have supported this move, ensuring a fantastic learning environment for our children.



In nursery, the children had a fantastic Welly Wednesday session on Muddy Hill! The children were busy making bird feeders to help our feathered friends during the RSPB Birdwatch 2025. It was wonderful to see them learning about how to care for birds and wildlife, all while having heaps of fun. If you're interested in taking part in the Big Garden



Birdwatch with your family, check out the details here [Every survey counts. Tell us what you saw by 23 February.](#)



Year 2 children have had an incredible time in science this term! They created their very own microhabitats, exploring the fascinating world of tiny ecosystems. The highlight of their learning experience this week was a visit to our Forest School, led by our one of our Forest School teachers -Mrs Henson. The children eagerly delved into the forest school, searching for different plants and animals, and observing how each element contributes to its environment. Through hands-on activities and teamwork, they developed a deeper understanding of the delicate balance of nature.



Our Year 1 children truly shone during our recent walk around the local area! They were enthusiastic explorers, keenly observing both human and physical features along the way. From lively discussions about the different types of houses—such as semi-detached, bungalows, and flats—to spotting buildings like shops, schools, the church, the children demonstrated their growing understanding of the world around them.



We were particularly impressed with their ability to identify and name the various features they encountered. Can you spot where the children are in each photograph?

We would like to remind all parents and carers of our NO jewellery policy, apart from plain stud earrings if unavoidable. If your child does wear stud earrings, we kindly ask you to remove them or cover them with micropore tape on PE days. This policy is in place for health and safety reasons. It is not appropriate for young children to wear jewellery in school due to the active and practical nature of our curriculum. Jewellery can easily become caught in play equipment, act as a distraction from learning, or result in items being lost or broken, which can lead to distress.

### PE KIT REMINDER - Year 1 and 2

In KS1 (classes 3.4.5 and 6) starting from Monday 17th February, we will revert to the previous policy where PE kits are kept in school throughout the week. This means that children will need to wear their regular uniforms daily, with their PE kits stored at school, ready for use. In F2 (classes 1 and 2) the policy of leaving PE kits in school will begin after May half term and you will get a reminder a few weeks before.

The PE kit remains the same and consist of a white T-shirt, blue shorts or joggers, and trainers or plimsolls. Children will bring their PE kits home every Friday for laundering but must return them on Monday. We appreciate your understanding and support as we implement this change and hope you will find this easier too.



SCHOOLS



### PINS PROJECT PARENT WORKSHOPS



We're excited to invite families to an upcoming course, as part of the PINs (Project in Neurodiversity in Schools). This free online training will provide valuable strategies to support children at home and school. Topics such as masking, setting boundaries, managing demands, and easing transitions—especially between home and school will be covered. See below for the information.



# PINS PROJECT PARENT WORKSHOPS



As part of the **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity In Schools Project** Parents/Carers of Neurodivergent children from **PINS Schools** are invited to attend **FREE on-line training** to **refresh and reframe your understanding of Neurodiversity (no diagnosis necessary)**

The session will last for approximately 2-hours. There will be opportunities for selected Q&A's during the session.

**Workshops include the following:**

Developing consistent approaches from home and school to ensure neurodiverse children are happy, healthy, supported and ready to learn and able to engage in the classroom, including:

- masking
- boundaries/demands
- transitions, including the transition between home and school

**All events below are identical, so you only need attend one session**

Attend only

1

session

These sessions will be delivered by PINS Project Lead - Louise Whitehead

The sessions are taking place **On-line via Microsoft Teams**

To book **CTRL & Click** only one of the Links below:

COST

FREE

Paid for by the PINS PROJECT

**Wednesday, 26th February 2025**

at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (morning)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-tickets-1221035312489>

**Wednesday, 5th March 2025with**

at 4:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. (twilight)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-tickets-1221133215319>

**Wednesday, 12th March 2025**

at 1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m. (afternoon)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-tickets-1221185491679>

## Diary dates

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024- Safer Internet Day
- Half term: Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - First day of term
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - World Book Day
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - KS1 Parents evening (Classes 3,4,5 and 6)
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024- Last day of term

## Summer

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - First day of summer Term
- Half term - Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025
- W/C 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Year 1 Phonics Screening
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - Year 2 Residential to Gulliver's Valley - details to follow
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 9.30 am - KS1 Sports day 9.30am
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - F1/F2 Sports day 10.00am / 2.00pm
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024- INSET DAY
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Year 2 Leavers assembly 2.00pm
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

**Have a great weekend everyone!**



**Parent/Carer  
Coffee and Chat**

Does your child have difficulties at school, at home or in the community?

Would you like to talk, voice the challenges, share ideas, and help to improve things for you and your child?

**Session 2: Friday 31st Jan, 9.30 - 11am**  
**Session 3: Friday 14th March, 9.30 - 11am**  
**Where: Phoenix Infant & Nursery**

**Project for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools [PINs]**

For further information please contact: [enquiries@nottspcf.org](mailto:enquiries@nottspcf.org)

**Parent Carer**  
amplifying the voice

**Integrated Care System**  
Nottinghamshire & Nottingham

This project is independent of schools, or the educational dept of Nottinghamshire County Council. It is funded by Health and is being run by Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum - an independent charity run by and for parent carers.

## ‘Theatre Kids’ Saturday Mornings from the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025

(Term Time Only) with Ms Key

**10.00 - 11.00am**

@ Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

**For all children in Yr 1 – Yr 6**

**£5.00 per session**

★ Drama ★ Dance ★ Singing ★



★ Songs from Musicals  
★ Drama and acting games  
★ Dance routines

To book, email [charissakev@gmail.com](mailto:charissakev@gmail.com)

**Free taster session for all newcomers!**