



Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

28th February 2025



The children have come back raring to go after the February half-term! It has been a real delight to see just how much they have embraced the value of 'Friendship' this month. From the moment they stepped back through the school gates, the atmosphere has been buzzing with warmth and camaraderie.

Our classrooms have been filled with laughter and kindness as the children have been using kind words, complimenting one another, writing lovely notes to their friends or creating friendship books. It truly warms the heart to witness such thoughtful interactions. Whether it's offering to share a toy during playtime or helping a friend out, they have shown an admirable spirit of cooperation and support.

These small gestures and acts of compassion really do make a difference, creating a more inviting and positive environment for all. Here's to a term filled with friendship and fun!



World Book Day 2025

World Book Day is next week on Thursday 6th March and the theme is "Read your Way". The theme is to encourage children to make reading fun and give children a choice of books to enjoy. The idea is to reduce pressure and expectations so that children can enjoy reading without feeling constrained.

To kick off the week, we are delighted to welcome Gareth Barker, an accomplished Storyteller and Author, who will be visiting our school on Monday. He will engage with each class, bringing stories to life and inspiring our children to delve deeper into the world of literature. [Gareth Baker - Author Visits, Patron of Reading, Nottingham, Midlands](#)

On Thursday, we invite all children to dress up as their favourite book character or to wear their pyjamas to school. Each teacher will select a story and plan a variety of engaging and interactive activities related to the text. Throughout the day, children will have the opportunity to move around the school and explore different stories with all the teachers. Additionally, instead of receiving the £1 World Book Day voucher we have been able to preorder and have the books ready to give out on the day!

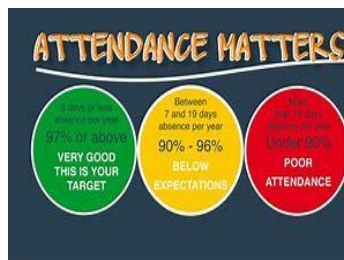
We will also be running our fundraiser next week "Ready, Steady, Listen / Read"

<https://www.phoenixinfant.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=137&type=pdf>

We held this a few years ago and it was a real success and supported in us purchasing high quality texts for the school library which all children access weekly. Please bring into school the sponsor forms week beginning 10th March and the children will receive a certificate in their class special assembly on Friday 14th March. Please send all sponsorship money that your child has raised to the just giving page following the link: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hannah-odwyer?utm_term=D8nBGYnAa

Photographs will be put onto Tapestry and See Saw throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting a love of reading within our school community. We look forward to celebrating World Book Day together and to seeing the excitement on your children's faces as they engage with books in creative ways.



Overall attendance this academic year in KS1 is currently 95% and in Foundation 93%. This has dipped from 96.7% following some illnesses in December. This weeks' attendance is 96.9% - a big improvement. We know that our younger children do get lots of bugs when they first start and during the winter months and this has some impact early on, but we are aiming for attendance of 97% overall for the year as everyday counts.

Under the Education Act 1996, it is a statutory requirement for parents to ensure regular attendance of their registered children at school. This obligation is crucial not only for the child's education but also for their social and emotional development. In line with this legislation, the Department for Education (DfE) has set forth regulations and guidelines which govern school attendance. Schools are mandated to monitor, record, and report on attendance levels



Risk of Persistent Absence

Attendance this week by class	
1	95.71
2	90.91
3	97.83
4	98.37
5	98.68
6	95.83

Well done classes 3,4 and 5 for great attendance!

Persistent Absence is when your child's attendance falls below 90%. We want to work together with our families to avoid children becoming 'persistently absent' (below 90%) We will contact you if your child's attendance is low and work with you to identify the reasons and any barriers to school attendance. Interventions may be put in place when your child's attendance becomes 'at risk'. This may include supportive parent meetings and an individualised plan to improve. If meetings are not attended or attendance does not improve then attendance below 90% may make you liable for fines. Here is a reminder about expectations and actions

<https://www.phoenixinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Autumn&pid=185>

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As always we aim to work with our families so please get in touch if you are worried about your child's attendance and want to discuss anything. We ensure that all children are greeted warmly every morning, will listen to concerns, ensure the curriculum is exciting and playtimes are fun to support a warm and caring ethos for our children. Let's make this half term's attendance the highest yet!

Thank you for your support.



The Autumn Term parents' meetings take place soon and you can sign up now for an appointment - see the links below. This is where you will be updated on how your child has settled into school or their new class. You will have a chance to look at your child's classroom, class floor books and in KS1 take a look at your child's learning in their books. We have lots of positives to share about your children - the start of term has been calm and settled with the children showing us that they are ready to learn.

The dates for the parents' consultations are -

F2

Monday 24th March and Wednesday 26th March 2025 - F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2) 3.30pm - 6.00pm

CLASS 1 Mrs Henson <https://forms.gle/QkMyVHnDv3PXBWt97>

CLASS 2 Mr Farooq <https://forms.gle/sN3H93Dr8MEuVSvz5>

KS1

Tuesday 25th March and Thursday 27th March 2025 - Key Stage 1 Parents evening (Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6) 3.30pm - 6.00pm

CLASS 3 - Miss McPhilbin <https://forms.gle/6ncFe5zKnMmx8DKN7>

CLASS 4 Miss Moretto/Miss Greasley <https://forms.gle/6bMMqsmDPXdcBjbp7>

CLASS 5 Mrs McArthur/Mrs Bloom <https://forms.gle/WEre3wNXuGYJU7SW9>

CLASS 6 Miss Gossington <https://forms.gle/W6GNqjB8tUq7WHM99>

**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

Parent Carer
amplifying the voice

Integrated Care System
Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

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.

Diary dates

- Thursday 6th March 2025 - **World Book Day**
- Friday 14th March 9.30am - 11.30am -Parent/carer coffee and chat
- **Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day (details to follow)**
- Monday 24th March and Wednesday 26th March 2025 - **F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)**
- Tuesday 25th March and Thursday 27th March 2025 - **KS1 Parents evening (Classes 3,4,5 and 6)**
- **Friday 4th April 2025- Last day of term (Easter Fun Day - details to follow)**

Summer

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

Have a great weekend everyone!