



# Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

28th March 2025



As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to share some reflections. It is hard to believe that we are already nearing the close of another term; it feels like just yesterday we were welcoming the children back after the Christmas break!

Firstly, I would like to express how immensely proud I am of our children. Their positive attitude towards learning and their impressive progress this term have been nothing short of remarkable. It is truly heartwarming to witness their enthusiasm in class and their commitment to learn. Every day brings new adventures, and it is a joy to see the children's faces light up with excitement as they discover and gain new knowledge.

This term has also seen numerous external visitors come to our school, and we have received brilliant feedback from them. Many have commented on how our school is a "calm oasis," providing a nurturing environment where students can thrive. This is a true credit to our dedicated team of staff who continuously strive to create a positive atmosphere, even as we navigate the challenges of ongoing building works. Their hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed, and I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to them for all that they do.

I would like to thank all of you who attended our recent parents' evenings this week. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces eager to find out about their children's progress. We truly value your involvement and partnership in your child's education. During the evening, we requested your feedback, and I am pleased to report that we are incredibly proud of the glowing comments we received! Take a look at the word cloud with a summary of key words used in the feedback and the actual responses on Facebook too [Phoenix Infant and Nursery School | Nottingham | Facebook](#)

A word cloud of feedback comments on a light grey background. The words are in various shades of blue and grey, with 'family' being the largest and most prominent word. Other large words include 'wonderful', 'supportive', 'fun', and 'caring'. Smaller words include 'communication', 'approachable', 'enjoyable', 'motivated', 'progress', 'thriving', 'safe', 'happy', 'feel', 'values', 'creative', 'community', 'recommended', and 'excellent'.

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Looking ahead, we will be hosting a special Easter Fun Day on the last Friday of term. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to let their hair down and enjoy a day filled with activities and fun. On this day, the children are invited to wear non-uniform, and we have planned a host of exciting activities, games, and treats. Rumour has it there might even be a surprise visitor dropping by!

### *Easter Holiday Activities*

As the Easter holidays approach, it's the perfect time to explore some exciting activities to keep your child entertained and engaged while they are off from school. Ms Key is running her popular theatre workshop on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April - see flyer below. For a variety of events taking place in Nottinghamshire, you can visit <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-holidays-and-closures/school-holidays-events-and-inspiration> From fun workshops and outdoor adventures to arts and crafts sessions, there's something for everyone!

If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) due to qualifying benefits, we encourage you to check out holiday activities and food offered for eligible families.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/holiday-activities-and-food> It is crucial that families claim these benefits if they are entitled, as this support will ensure that when your child moves into Junior school, you will not need to pay for school lunches - please apply before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 to ensure this is in place as there will be some changes -see below.

- Any child currently eligible for free school meals under transitional protection will continue to be eligible for free school meals until the end of their current phase of education, for example children in year 1 will continue to be eligible until they leave primary school in Year 6.
- Any child who becomes eligible for free school meals up to 31 March 2025 will continue to be eligible for free school meals until the end of their current phase of education, for example children in year 1 will continue to be eligible until they leave primary school in year 6.
- Any child who becomes eligible for free school meals on or after 1 April 2025 will be eligible for free school meals but will be assessed regularly and if there is a change in their circumstances and they no longer receive a qualifying benefit, they will lose entitlement to free school meals

Additionally, being eligible allows families to benefit from half-price trips. We understand that navigating the application process can be daunting. A text message was sent out at the beginning of the week, along with letters detailing how to claim these vital benefits. Please pop in if you need any support with a claim.

As we march towards the last day, I would like to encourage you to have a conversation with your child about their favourite moments of the term. It's important for us all to reflect on the journey we've taken together and celebrate the achievements, both big and small. Our school community has shown remarkable resilience and adaptability during the building programme, and it would be wonderful to hear from the children about what they have enjoyed most.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team.

## Diary dates

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025- Last day of term (Easter Fun Day)

### 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 9th June 2025 - Year 1 Phonics Screening
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - Year 2 Residential to Gulliver's Valley
- Wednesday 18th 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 2025- 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

# 'Theatre Kids Workshop'

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

with Ms Key

**10.00 - 2.00pm**

**\*Children to bring own packed lunch and water bottle.**

**@ Phoenix Infant and Nursery School**

**For all children in Yr 1 – Yr 6**

**£20.00**

★ Drama ★ Dance ★ Singing ★



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

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