

It has been a great week here at Phoenix! The sun is shining, children are making us proud, and the building works are almost at final completion!

This week has been a truly remarkable experience as we welcomed ten adorable new additions to our learning environment. Our bantam hens have successfully hatched, and we are thrilled to see a delightful array of 'Pekin Bantoms' in a vibrant spectrum of colours! Among them, we can see black and white combinations, mottled patterns, and a lavender chick, which are a lovely pale grey/purple.

The life cycle of these little ones has sparked a sense of awe and wonder in all of us. Witnessing the transformation from egg to chick is not just educational; it's a genuine marvel that brings biology to life right before our eyes. You can hear their cheerful chirping as they explore their new surroundings, creating a heartwarming atmosphere in school.

As we observe them growing and developing, the excitement is palpable. We look forward to sharing more about their journey and how they will soon become a wonderful part of our educational experience. Stay tuned for more updates as next week they can go into classrooms as we continue this fantastic adventure! Have a look on our Facebook page for more pictures over the weekend too - [Phoenix Infant and Nursery School | Nottingham | Facebook](#)



Day 1



Day 2



Today striking our best poses!



We are excited to announce that on Thursday 8th May, we will be commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day, a significant moment in our nation's history. This day marks the end of World War II in Europe, and it's important that we take the time to reflect on the sacrifices made for our freedom.

To celebrate, we encourage all children and staff to dress in the spirit of the day by wearing red, white, and blue. Let's paint the school in the colours of our flag to honour those who served. For lunch, we have something special planned. Our fantastic kitchen team, Ann-Marie and Kerry, will be preparing a lunch menu that will celebrate British cuisine from the era. Check out the menu below for what's in store!

Throughout the week, we will be engaging in various activities to learn about the importance of VE Day and the impact it has had on our lives. We hope to inspire a greater understanding of history and appreciation for peace.

A menu card for VE-Day lunch, set against a background of a Union Jack flag. The card features the Daily Mirror logo and a historical photograph of soldiers celebrating. The menu includes mains like Beef Stew or Veggie Sausage Casserole, and puddings like London's first V-hour Pudding and Traditional English Trifle.

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# VE-DAY!

**IT'S OVER  
IN EUROPE**

**Mains**

Beef stew  
Celery Glaze  
OR  
Veggie Sausage  
Celery Sausage Salsaparilla  
Casserole  
With  
Mashed  
Potatoes

↑ VE-SCENE ↑  
TRAFALGAR

**London's first V-hour**

**Pudding**

Traditional English Trifle  
Milk Egg Glaze

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## Diary dates



### Exciting news! Now that the building works are near completion, I can resume the half termly Saturday 'Stay and Play'

It can be a challenge to find ways to keep the children entertained without feeling the need to spend money and we are opening the school for a Saturday afternoon 'Stay and Play' sessions. The sessions are completely free of charge with refreshments provided. The hall will be available and if the weather allows outside too. Come along, have a chat with other parents and let the children have fun together - during the sessions you will be responsible for supervising your children. We hope that this will really support our community.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June - 1pm - 3pm.**

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May - F2 Visit to Sundown
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Yr 1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- 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- KS1 Sports day 9.30am
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - F1/F2 Sports day 10.00am / 2.00pm
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Moving up Morning
- 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

**Have a great weekend! Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team**