



Transition Update

As we approach the end of the academic year, preparations for the transition of children into their new classes and schools are in full swing. This period is filled with excitement and opportunities for both children and staff, and we are dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition for everyone involved.

In-School Transition

Children in Foundation Stage 2 (F2) and Year 1 can look forward to receiving a special letter on Monday that will reveal the name of their new class teacher. This is a crucial step in preparing them for Wednesday, 2nd July, when all children will have the chance to spend the morning in their new classrooms and meet their classmates. To foster a sense of community and develop relationships, we are also having extra weekly sessions where the children will go to their new class and spend time with their new peer group and teacher, the children in KS1 will also get to vote for their class name - watch this space! These sessions will include a range of team-building activities and "get to know you" exercises, designed to help the children form connections with their new teachers and peers.

Starting School in September

The transition for children starting school in September 2025 is well underway and we have enjoyed seeing our new starters in school. Our new children are also invited to join us on Wednesday, 2nd July, coming to the Foundation classroom at 9.30am where staff will be there to greet. Please collect your child at **11am**. On this day you will receive a letter about the class your child will be in.

Transition to Priory

For our Year 2 children preparing to move on to Priory, we have planned their first visit for Monday, 30th June. The children will come to Phoenix as usual on Monday and Phoenix staff will take the children down, stay at Priory and then bring the children back in time for lunch time. The children will explore the new school environment and be allocated a 'buddy' to support them during this transition. This buddy system aims to provide reassurance as they adapt to their new surroundings. A letter will be given to children by Priory with details about their class teacher next year.

On Wednesday, 2nd July, please take your child to Priory Junior School - entrance on Third Avenue where gates will open at 8.55am and Priory staff will be on hand to greet your children. Phoenix staff will collect the children at 11.30am, so they are back to school in time for lunch.

Transitioning to new classes or schools can be a time of change and may feel unsettling for some children, however, it is also a positive period filled with opportunities for growth and learning. We encourage you to reflect this positivity at home as we work together to support our children through these transitions. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to assist you and ensure this journey is as smooth as possible for all children involved.



This week was Sports Day for our youngest children! The sense of team spirit among our Reception and Nursery children was truly heartwarming. Every little athlete showcased their developing skills with such enthusiasm—whether they were sprinting, jumping, or balancing during the various activities. It was delightful to witness their determination and sportsmanship, embodying the essence of teamwork.

We received an overwhelming number of positive comments regarding the behaviour of our Foundation Stage 2 and Nursery children. Their skills, kindness towards one another, and respect for the event were commendable. It serves as a testament to the excellent nurturing and support within our school community.

A huge thank you must go to our wonderful parents, who not only came out in support with unending cheers but also enthusiastically participated in the egg and spoon race! It was a joy to see families getting involved and sharing in the fun with their children. The laughter and competitive spirit brought an extra layer of excitement to the day.

Thank you once again for contributing to such a joyous occasion, and for making our Sports Day one to remember!





2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden at Nottinghamshire Inspire Libraries 5 July - 7 September

Join the FREE Summer Reading Challenge and earn rewards for reading. This year's theme is Story Garden, where imagination blossoms and stories grow!

Suitable for children aged 4 - 11. Under 4s can take part in our mini challenge too.

This summer Inspire libraries will be tapping into a world of imagination and digging into brilliant books in the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden. Produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries across the country the Summer Reading Challenge is a brilliant way to maintain children's reading enthusiasm throughout the summer break.

How to take part in the library

Children who take part:

- are more enthusiastic about reading
- maintain their reading level over the holidays
- return to schools keen and ready to learn
- boost their confidence and self-esteem.



Children sign up at the library to pick up their Story Garden sticker booklet to start their challenge. Borrow books and get reading! Children then choose the books they want to read, recording what they have read along the way.

For every book read, children will collect stickers to complete their Story Garden scene. Every child who completes the challenge, by reading 6 library books, receives a medal and certificate.

Library staff and volunteers are on hand to chat to children about books they have read. It's all free, fun and a great way to keep children reading over the summer holidays.

How to take part online

Children can also take part online for digital rewards.

Sign up for a website profile direct at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk (children will be asked to provide a parent/carer email address to approve sign up)

Set a personal reading goal for the summer.

Record the books read onto an online profile and leave reviews to unlock digital badges and online rewards.

Children will unlock a certificate to download when they reach their goal.

There is help and guidance available to support signing up to the online challenge from The Reading Agency.

Please note the in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives such as the poster, stickers and medals are only available via the library for those taking part in-person.

Find out more at www.inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge

If your child takes part, we would love to celebrate their success and they can bring their certificate to show in school in September!



We are looking forward to our next Saturday "Stay and Play" on Saturday 12th July from 1pm until 3pm. All children are very welcome. The sessions are completely free of charge with refreshments provided. The hall will be available and 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.



Next week on Thursday 3rd July from 3.30pm until 5.30pm is our carnival. If you have booked tickets, please note that no physical tickets will be issued; your child will be added to the register and also entered into the raffle draw upon booking. As a special treat, we are making this day a non-uniform day, so all children are welcome to come dressed in their own clothes. They will stay at school after hours and need to be collected at 5:30 pm from their usual pick-up locations.

Funds raised from this go back to supporting activities in school such as paying for the bus for visits, end of Year 2 t-shirts and play equipment.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity! Click here to book your child's place: [BOOK NOW](#)

Diary dates

- Monday, 30th June 2025 - Parents informed child's class teacher for next year
- Wednesday 2nd July 2025 - Moving up Morning
- Thursday 3rd July - Phoenix Carnival
- Friday 4th July 2025- INSET DAY
- Friday 11th July 2025 -Reports to parents
- Thursday 24th July 2025 - Year 2 Leavers assembly 2.00pm
- Friday 25th July 2025- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

AUTUMN TERM -please see next page for an overview of school holidays as well as the INSET days for the next academic year.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday 3rd September - First day of term for children moving into KS1 2025

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 -F2 -First day back for new school starters who have NOT attended Phoenix Nursery.

Thursday 4th September 2025 -Children who attended our Nursery will start in F2

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School Holidays
 Public Holidays
 Administration Day

Autumn Term

1 September - 17 October 7 weeks
3 November - 19 December 7 weeks

Spring Term

5 January - 13 February 6 weeks
23 February - 27 March 5 weeks

Summer Term

13 April - 22 May 5 weeks 4 days
1 June - 27 July 8 weeks 1 day

School closed for INSET
Tuesday 2nd September
Monday 3rd November
Friday 3rd July
Monday 27th July