



Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

22 July 2025



As we almost reach the end of another fantastic academic year at Phoenix, I can't help but feel a big wave of gratitude and excitement! A huge thank you to all our amazing families for your constant support and engagement with the school. You all go above and beyond, ensuring that Phoenix is not just a school, but the very heart of our community. As we wrap up this academic year, we've truly been overwhelmed by your kindness. The thoughtful words, cards, and gifts have put big smiles on our faces—they are deeply appreciated! Also, a special shout-out for all the lovely feedback regarding the final reports; it really means the world to us.

I'd also like to give a warm nod to our brilliant governors, who have worked so hard behind the scenes to support our school. We are so lucky to have such a fabulous governing body that steps up to lend a helping hand.

As we reflect on the past year, I can't forget to give a massive thank you to our dedicated staff. Your unwavering commitment to ensuring our children are happy, safe, and thriving has created a joyful, energetic environment filled with laughter and learning. It's truly a privilege to work alongside such a talented team, all of whom are continually striving for excellence in educating and nurturing our children! You are absolutely amazing!

It's also a time for farewells. We must say goodbye to a member of the Nursery team, Miss Tarpey. As a supply teaching assistant this year, she has brought so much to our Nursery and during various times over the past few years. We wish Miss Tarpey all the best as she sets off on her next adventure.

Moving on to some bittersweet news, it's time to say a fond farewell to our lovely Year 2 children! They have been such an incredible cohort—it's been wonderful to see how much they've grown. They've built solid friendships and created fantastic memories that will last a lifetime. I am really looking to their leaver's assembly on Thursday at 2pm where I know they will share lots of their Phoenix memories with you.

As they transition from Year 2, all of us are cheering them on and wishing them every success in their future endeavours. We're so proud of what they've achieved, and we have no doubt they will continue to shine brightly. We can't wait to hear all about the amazing things they'll accomplish!

To celebrate the last day of school, all the children are invited on Friday to come in non-uniform, children can bring along a toy too. (Please ensure that toys are not precious, expensive, or electronic)

Additionally, if you have any donations of good-quality used uniform, we would be immensely grateful. This will allow us to support families in need by offering them excellent uniform options for the new school year.

In closing, let's take a moment to celebrate all the fantastic memories created this year while looking ahead to all the exciting opportunities that await us!

Watch this space! OPAL Play launching next year!

Coming next year, we are absolutely thrilled to announce the launch of OPAL Play -OPAL, which stands for Outdoor Play and Learning, is an innovative programme designed to enhance children's outdoor play experiences, fostering creativity, resilience, and collaboration through engaging outdoor play activities.

Our aim with OPAL Play is to enrich our existing play environment, allowing children to explore and interact with nature in a way that promotes their physical and emotional well-being. By providing a varied and stimulating outdoor play area, we believe that children will not only enjoy playtime more but will also develop essential life skills that will carry them into their future.

A Google form will be distributed in the new year, providing more details about how you can be involved! We welcome parents, guardians, and the wider community to engage with this inspiring initiative. Your support and involvement will be crucial in making OPAL Play a success. So, keep an eye out for the forthcoming information, and let's work together to create unforgettable play experiences for our young learners! Exciting times ahead!

Thank you once again for making this year so special.

Get ready for a new adventure



To sign up for holiday activities during the Spring (Easter), Summer, Autumn (October) and Winter (Christmas) breaks, visit:

[Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/HAFactivities](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/HAFactivities)

You can search by postcode to find activities in your area or view the list of providers and the type of activity they offer.

Find out more or contact us:

[Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/Hafprogramme](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/Hafprogramme)

0115 9774 999 (line open 10am-2pm, Monday to Friday).

haf@nottscc.gov.uk

Sign up NOW!

Laser tag is epic and I think I'm Addicted!

Karting is waaaaaaay the best thing ever. Can't wait to come back!



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Nottinghamshire

Holiday activities and food

Find out about FUNDED school holiday activities and food for eligible children and young people in Notts!

If your child is:

- ✓ 5-16 years old (4 if in school Reception)
- ✓ lives in Nottinghamshire, and
- ✓ receives benefits-related free school meals

Then they are eligible for **FUNDED** school activities and food this school holiday!

Your adventure starts here...



Nottinghamshire County Council

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Department for Education

The Nottinghamshire holiday activities and food (HAF) programme is here to help children to stay active and happy during the school holidays. HAF can also help families with parents who need to work, or have other people to look after.

What is the holiday activities and food (HAF) programme?

We make sure children and young people have access to fun activities and meals during school holidays. They can get involved in a variety of face-to-face activities ranging from sports, to drama, and crafts. Each day they attend, they will be provided with a meal and healthy snacks.

HAF does not offer food vouchers, all activities are face-to-face with food included.

Who can take part?

Children and young people **5-16 years** (4 if in school Reception), **must be receiving benefits-related free school meals** to qualify for a place.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals but not currently receiving them, you can apply here:

[gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

What kinds of things can children do?

There are lots of fun activities to choose from, such as sport, dance, drama, crafts, cooking, forest school and day trips out to local attractions.

All activities run for a minimum of 4 hours each day (2.5 hours for 11-16 years).

The HAF team can also help to signpost families to other support services, some of these services can be found here:

[Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/FinancialSupport](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/FinancialSupport)

Some amazing HAF feedback

From the parents:

“Thank you for our visit to Nottingham castle. We had a fantastic time. When we got home we looked at the prices of admission and food. We couldn't believe it and it really gave us an opportunity that we would never be able to have as we wouldn't have that money spare. The crafts really made their day as well, they are very proud of everything they have made. My husband was worried that we would be treated differently to other visitors and the children singled out, but this was not the case at all. Inclusion seemed very important, and everyone was so friendly and laid back.”

“My kids haven't stopped raving about this! It's been brilliant! Thank you so much for hosting!”

From the kids:

Just been karting. A dream come true

I'm covered in glitter and I loved it!



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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

AUTUMN TERM

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

Coffee morning Friday, 26th September at 9.15am.
KS1 Curriculum evening Wednesday, 8th October at 5.30pm

Phoenix Infant and Nursery School
Where Learning is...

LOVED

Language

Opportunity

Values

Excellence

Diversity

