

Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

26th September 2025

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Questions? Queries? Positive news? Great feedback? Let us know!

Catch Mrs Harper in the playground, pop into school, put a message on Tapestry or Seesaw, or have a chat to a member of staff before or after school. We really value the positive lines of communication we have with our families and welcome all feedback and will always try to help if you have a question!

Worries? Support needed? Chat to your child's class teacher or Mrs Harper so we can signpost you to support. We employ our own Family Support Worker - Rachel Jefferson who can also offer vital support at times of need.

Multi Sports Festival

We are thrilled to share that this week, 22 Year 2 children made us incredibly proud by participating in the Gedling School Games KS1 Multi-Skills Festival, organised by Carlton Academy. This event not only showcased the sporting talents of our pupils but also provided them with a valuable opportunity to engage with peers from various schools, including Netherfield Primary, Salterford House, and The Carlton Infants Academy.



It was heartening to witness so many children enthusiastically embracing the joys of sport, demonstrating remarkable skills, teamwork, and being great sports throughout the festival. The commitment and energy displayed by our Year 2 children was truly inspiring, and it is clear that they relished the experience. Special thanks must be extended to Tiger Coaches, who kindly provided transportation for our children to and from the festival - such a kind gesture to support our school - thank you!



OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING



There is a real buzz around school as we prepare to launch OPAL later this term. This exciting initiative aims to enhance our children's play experience and create a vibrant, engaging environment for all. Our community has truly come together, and I would like to extend a huge thank you for your donations so far. What a generous community we have! Please keep the contributions coming in, and do not hesitate to ask if you are unsure about whether something can be donated. Every little helps in making this project a success.

As we gear up for this launch, we will also be calling on the parents who have graciously offered to assist. This collaboration is invaluable, and we anticipate reaching out to you, likely after the half term, to get started on our preparations.

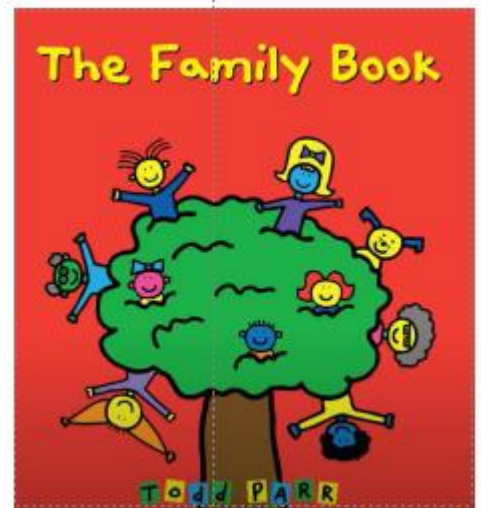
Last week's OPAL assembly really got the children excited, and I will deliver the next one on Monday, and I am certain that the children will be eager to tell you all about it! Their excitement and enthusiasm for this new project is brilliant - they cannot wait! I will send out a further OPAL update on Monday about the next step - watch this space!

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Today's Macmillan fundraiser was a huge success! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we received an abundance of lovely cake donations that truly made the event a memorable one. It was also a wonderful opportunity to connect with our parents during the coffee morning. Engaging in conversations and sharing experiences helped strengthen our community bonds, and we appreciate everyone who took the time to join us. Your support is invaluable as we strive to create a nurturing environment for our children. Together, we have made a significant impact in supporting those affected by cancer, and we thank you all for your contributions.

We are all different and this makes our World, our community and our school a better place. Diversity means difference. Our school is diverse because we are all different. There are lots of ways people can be diverse; by what they wear, how they look, their religion, the languages they speak, their gender, their family make up etc. Being all different is something to celebrate. We want to celebrate every single person in our school community. No-one in our school should be treated differently due to who they are because we celebrate the joy of being different to each other; this is what makes us special.



We ensure that children understand and celebrate who they are as soon as they start in nursery and in school. In Nursery the children bring in photographs of their families to show to their friends. In school the F2 children's first learning theme is 'This is Me' and as part of this the children create Family Boxes. The Family Boxes are created at home and give each child the opportunity to show their new friends what makes them special. The Family Book is a great book for introducing children to lots of different types of families - click on the image above to access the book being read.



During the colder months, it can be more of a challenge to find ways to keep the children entertained without feeling the need to spend money and I will therefore be opening the school for some Saturday afternoon 'Stay and Play' sessions. (see dates below) 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.

Saturday 11th October 2pm-3.30pm and Saturday 15th November 2pm - 3.30pm

This week, I am pleased to highlight a wonderful achievement in our school community. A special mention goes to Marnie for receiving a Blue Peter Music Badge, designed by Ed Sheeran! What a superstar! This prestigious accolade reflects her enjoyment of singing and music, and we couldn't be prouder of her success.



If any other children are interested in earning a Blue Peter Badge, I encourage you to explore the amazing categories available. It's a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their talents! If your child achieves this remarkable accolade, please do share the news with me.

For more details on how to get started, please follow this link: [Blue Peter Badges](#).

Have an amazing weekend! From Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team.

Diary dates

Autumn Term

KS1 Curriculum Evening - Wednesday, 8th October 2025 at 5:30 PM

- **KS1 Parents' Evenings** - Tuesday, 14th October and Thursday, 16th October 2025
- **Half Term** - Monday, 20th October 2025 to Friday, 31st October 2025
- **INSET** - School closed for children on **Monday, 3rd November 2025**
- **F2 Christmas Performance (Puffins and Finches)** - Tuesday, 9th December 2025 at 2:00 PM
- **Nursery Christmas Performance** - Thursday 11th December 2025 (10:00 AM and 2:00 PM)
- **Santa's Grotto** - Saturday, 13th December 2025
- **KS1 Christmas Performance (Woodpeckers, Hummingbirds and Kingfishers)** - Wednesday, 17th December 2025 at 2:00 PM and Thursday, 18th December 2025 at 9:30 AM
- **Pantomime/Party Day (including Christmas Dinner)** - Friday, 19th December 2025
- **Last Day of Term** - Friday, 19th December 2025

Spring Term

- **Back to School: Monday, 5th January 2026**
- **Safer Internet Day** - Tuesday, 10th February 2026
- **Half Term** - Monday, 16th February 2026 to Friday, 20th February 2026
- **First Day of Term** - Monday, 23rd February 2026
- **World Book Day** - Thursday, 5th March 2026
- **Easter Disco** - Friday, 20th March 2026
- **F2 Parents' Evenings (Puffins and Finches)** - Monday, 23rd March and Wednesday, 25th March 2026
- **KS1 Parents' Evenings (Hummingbirds, Kingfishers, and Woodpeckers)** - Tuesday, 24th March and Thursday, 26th March 2026
- **Last Day of Term** - Friday, 27th March 2026

Summer Term

- **First Day of Summer Term** - Monday, 13th April 2026
- **Half Term** - Monday, 25th May 2026 to Friday, 29th May 2026
- **Year 1 Phonics Screening** - Week commencing 8th June 2026
- **Year 2 Residential Trip to Gulliver's Valley - details to follow** - Thursday, 11th June 2026
- **KS1 Sports Day (Hummingbirds, Kingfishers/Woodpeckers)** - Wednesday, 17th June 2026 - 9:30 AM
- **F1/F2 Sports Day (Nursery, Finches, and Puffins)** - Wednesday, 24th June 2026 (times: 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM)
- **Carnival (after school fundraiser for children)** - Thursday, 2nd July 2026
- **INSET Day** - Friday, 3rd July 2026
- **Year 2 Leavers Assembly** - Thursday, 23rd July 2026 at 2:00 PM
- **Last Day of Term** - Friday, 24th July 2026 - End of Academic Year

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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