



The Autumn Term parents' meetings take place soon and links have been sent out for an appointment- reminders below This is where you will be updated on how your child has settled into school or their new class. You will have a chance to look at your child's classroom, class floor books and in KS1 take a look at your child's learning in their books. We have lots of positives to share about your children - the start of term has been calm and settled with the children showing us that they are ready to learn.

The dates for the parents' consultations are -

F2 Parents' Evenings - Monday, 13th October and Wednesday, 15th October 2025

Finches - Mrs Henson <https://forms.gle/8iVNuYmVGafvAu1G7>

Puffins Mr Farooq <https://forms.gle/Bdp21CQaoj3pRmBA8>

KS1

KS1 Parents' Evenings - Tuesday, 14th October and Thursday, 16th October 2025
3.30pm - 6.00pm

Woodpeckers - Miss Moretto/Miss Greasley <https://forms.gle/9JDRAc8ZMoXUNCpBA>

Kingfishers - Mrs McArthur/Mrs Bloom <https://forms.gle/VxxfVohm6N8eF5sd6>

Hummingbirds- Miss Gossington <https://forms.gle/ezPAuZcRtSurtAn86>

Attendance

In KS1 attendance is currently 95.6 % and in Foundation 96%.

We are aiming for attendance of 97% as a school as everyday counts. I am in contact with families where attendance is a concern to ensure that this improves quickly where needed and letters will go out next week to arrange and appointment to improve attendance where attendance is low. Here is a reminder about expectations and actions

[attendance-update-for-parents-and-carers-phoenix.pdf](#)
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Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025

Standing Firm in Power and Pride

Today, the children in Key Stage 1 participated in a live assembly to launch Black History Month. The event was highly engaging and informative, with a guest speaker, Swarzy from BBC Radio 1, inspiring the children with her words. We joined in with over 4,000 schools across the country, making this a truly community-focused celebration of history and identity.

This year, the key message is about standing firm in power and pride. Swarzy spoke passionately about her name and its significance, emphasising the importance of identity and the impact of correctly pronouncing names. She shared personal anecdotes about how it feels when her name is mispronounced, encouraging the children to recognise the value of names and what they represent.

We encourage you to ask your child about their learning today. They may share insights about different figures in Black history, including the inspiring story of Rosa Parks and her courageous stand against racial segregation. This discussion ties beautifully into our ongoing work throughout the year, as we weave diversity into everything we do.

At our school, we are committed to ensuring that our curriculum represents and celebrates the rich diversity of our culture. The anti-racist education curriculum we have in place is not just a one-month focus; rather, it is an integral part of our educational ethos. By embedding these principles into our teaching, we aim to foster an inclusive environment where every child feels valued and seen. Below are some of the great books we use in school.

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, we look forward to deepening the children's understanding of these crucial themes and helping them keep a sense of pride in their own identities.



VACANCY -Job Title: Play Team Member (Mid-day assistant)
Grade 1 - Pt 2 - £12.26 per hour (term-time only) - equivalent to £3945.50 per year)
6 hrs 40 minutes - 1 hr 20min per day

Application Deadline: Friday 11th October 2025

Interviews: 16th October 2025

Phoenix Infant and Nursery School are seeking to appoint three play team members (mid-day assistants) to support lunch times.

Working as a member of the Play Team, you will ensure that all our children have meaningful lunchtime play every day. You will work as a member of the Play Team to create a safe and stimulating outdoor environment, providing social, active and creative play experiences for all.

The Play Team are also responsible for ensuring that all our children have a pleasant eating experience at lunchtime, whilst maximising the time they can spend outside playing.

We will be starting out OPAL - Outdoor Play And Learning journey. This means our school believes that all children need opportunities to play, which allow them to explore, manipulate, experience, and affect their environment (see OPAL website for further information) Full training will be offered in the OPAL principles.

We are seeking someone:

- **Who is kind, caring, nurturing and approachable.**
 - **With experience of working with children.**
- **Who can facilitate play opportunities and act as an ambassador for play.**
- **Who can offer care, support, and advice for children during lunchtime.**
 - **Who has, or is willing to complete, First Aid training.**

We can offer you: • **Well-behaved children who enjoy taking part in a range of exciting activities at lunchtime**

- **A supportive leadership team that will help you settle into your role**
 - **Training and development opportunities for your new role**

Please complete the online application form on our website -

- **<https://www.phoenixinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=66> and return to office@phoenix.notts.sch.uk or come into the office for a printed pack.**

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



This is a reminder that next week we will be holding a Key Stage 1 parents/carers meeting to showcase how we are teaching our new mixed Year 1 and 2 classes. We encourage you to attend, as it will provide valuable insights into your child's learning and the curriculum we are implementing.

We also have lots of OPAL updates and a separate letter will go out in the next few days.

Have a great weekend - Mar Harper and the Phoenix Team!

Autumn Term

- KS1 Curriculum Evening - Wednesday, 8th October 2025 at 5:30 PM
- F2 Parents' Evenings - Monday, 13th October and Wednesday, 15th October 2025
- 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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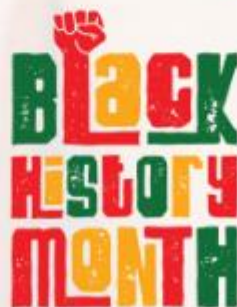
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