

# Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

17/10/25

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As we come to the end of half term, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. Your involvement has been invaluable in creating a thriving educational environment for our children. Whether it has been through your commitment to ensuring regular attendance, actively participating in our coffee mornings, attending phonics meetings, or engaging with us during curriculum evenings, your efforts have made a significant difference. It is truly heartening to see such a dedicated community rallying together for the benefit of our pupils. Thank you for being the cornerstone of our school's success; it is indeed a collective journey, and we are fortunate to have you on board.

In exciting news, I would like to highlight the tremendous progress we are making with our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) initiative. The response to OPAL has been phenomenal, and I am thrilled to report that the success has been immediate, largely due to the generous donations we have received. Mr Harper has created the welly stands and the messy café too. Welly's will definitely be needed after half term please.

The children have embraced this initiative wholeheartedly, immersing themselves in all areas and showcasing remarkable creativity and enthusiasm. It fills me with joy to witness their imaginations come alive in such a dynamic outdoor setting. Moving forward, I will be providing further updates as the programme progresses. In the meantime, if any of you happen to be sorting through items at home and have any musical instruments to donate, that would be absolutely fantastic! We have seen a growing interest in that area, and your contributions would be greatly appreciated. As we approach the festive season and you have a sort out beforehand at home, all donations for various areas of OPAL are welcome and will significantly enhance the children's experiences.





### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Following the huge success and positive feedback from last year's event we are once again hosting our very own Santa's Grotto. Our Santa's Grotto experience will include: - Hot chocolate and biscuit on arrival, play activities in the hall and a visit to the amazing Grotto to see Santa and a small gift. This will cost £5 per child, and any profits will go paying for buses for trips, Year 2 leavers t-shirts, library books etc. We will send out further information and how to book a slot in the next few weeks.

On the first week back, we have a couple of important dates. On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November the Influenza vaccine is being offered in school and it's a quick, painless spray up the nose. Children catch and spread flu easily. It can be very unpleasant and can cause serious problems like pneumonia. Each winter, thousands of children need hospital care for flu. Your child needs to be vaccinated every year as the flu vaccine gets updated to give the best protection. Read more at [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu). If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you wish to decline, please use the same link to complete the 'No Consent' form.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/cf4ba820>

The link will close on the 22/10/2025. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> November we have the school photographer in (see letter given to your child today) This is a wonderful opportunity for you to secure beautiful photographs of your children, which will be returned in time for Christmas. As always, we aim to make sure that the children have a lovely experience during their photo sessions. Please ensure that your child comes dressed smartly as usual on that day to capture those special moments!

The next Stay and Play session is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2pm- 3.30pm. 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. 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.



Finally, I would like to thank you for all your feedback following our recent parents' evening and meetings. Your insights and suggestions are invaluable, and I am deeply appreciative of the time you took to share them. I will be sharing a full analysis of your feedback after half term, but I am thrilled to report that, so far, 100% of our families have expressed that they would recommend us to other parents. This feedback is a testament to the strong partnership we foster within our school community. As we approach the half-term break, I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable time with your families. Remember, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is an INSET day, so school is closed for children. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, re-energised and ready for the exciting term ahead! Thank you once again for your incredible support!



**Theatre Kids October Holiday Club**  
**@ Phoenix Infant and Nursery school**

For ages 5-9yrs

**Games, Singing, Dancing,**  
**Arts & Crafts**

**10-2pm**

£20 per day for one child

£30 for two siblings

\*Children to bring own packed lunch and  
water bottle

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> & Thurs 23rd October**

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 30th October**

Email [charissaakey@gmail.com](mailto:charissaakey@gmail.com) to book a  
place.

### Autumn Term

- **Half Term** – Monday, 20th October 2025 to Friday, 31st October 2025
- **INSET** – School closed for children on Monday, 3rd November 2025
- **INFLUENZA VACCINE** – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- **School photographer in** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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