

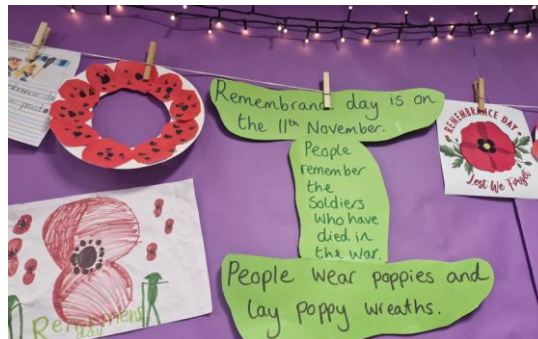
14th November 2025



This week has been a busy week of learning at Phoenix—a week truly embodying our values, especially respect, and reinforcing our motto: "Where learning is loved!"



On Monday, we kicked off Anti-Bullying Week with the ever-popular Odd Socks Day. All children participated enthusiastically, showcasing their colourful and mismatched socks as a symbol of individuality. Throughout the week, our children explored 'The Power of Good', learning important lessons about kindness and friendship. We are fortunate at Phoenix that, thanks to our ethos and values, incidents of bullying are very rare. However, we believe in the importance of fostering these discussions at home too. Parents, you can access useful resources at this link: [Parent and Carer Pack - Anti-Bullying Week](#).



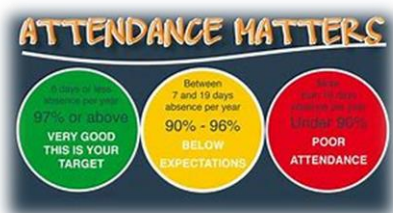
On Tuesday, we continued our learning about Remembrance Day. The children participated in a poignant two-minute silence, beginning with the haunting notes of The Last Post and finishing with the uplifting Reveille. It was a touching moment that showcased their incredible respect and understanding of the significance of this occasion. We have been so impressed by their willingness to engage in such important discussions, demonstrating empathy well beyond their years.



Today was all about kindness! The children embraced a non-uniform day, donning their Pudsey attire to have fun while raising funds for Children in Need. Our school was awash with yellow spots and cheerful smiles. This morning, we joined a live assembly led by Joe Wicks, who introduced the exciting theme of Challenge 25. During this assembly, our children learned about setting and achieving goals, inspiring them to challenge themselves both in school and at home. We hope that they carry this positive energy throughout the year!

Our OPAL play continues to flourish and goes from strength to strength. The feedback from the children every day is overwhelmingly positive; after lunch they exhilarated and ready to learn. With the weather being very rainy this week, our new welly stand has been put to the test! A heartfelt thank you to our families for your understanding, as we've had quite a few muddy children coming home! If your child particularly enjoys the muddy areas you are very welcome to pack some waterproofs to keep in school.

It has been absolutely brilliant to see the children engaged in various types of play, including wheels, roleplay, mud café, digging pits, tyre balancing, small world activities, and music. The list truly goes on! We'd also like to extend our thanks to our play leads, who play an integral role in ensuring our children thrive and enjoy their time outdoors.



Let's celebrate this week's attendance!

Attendance this week is 98.3%! Thank you to our families for working with us to really increase the attendance of our children so they attain their very best, make great friendships and get into good routines early on in their school life. Below is the breakdown for each class.

Finches -97.4 5% Great!

Puffins - 98.9% WOW!

The Nest - 92%

Woodpeckers -96.9% - Well done!

Kingfishers 99.6% - Well done!

Hummingbirds 100% Let's keep up with above 96% for every class, every week!



The next Stay and Play session is tomorrow -Saturday 15th 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. There is lots of donated free uniform 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.

Thank you for another remarkable week at Phoenix! Let's keep the momentum going as we embrace learning together!

Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team

Diary dates

Autumn Term

- **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