



Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter
28 November 2025



As Christmas fast approaches, this week's newsletter is packed with all the essential information you need to stay up to date! From festive activities and important dates to reminders about school events, there's so much to look forward to as we celebrate the season. Let's embrace the holiday spirit together as we share in the joy of this magical time of year. Happy reading and may your December be filled with excitement and cheer!

Next week, on **Friday, 5th December**, the children are invited to wear non-uniform to school. They may choose to wear pyjamas, onesies, or Christmas jumpers. Please note that there is no need to purchase anything new for this occasion; we encourage the children to wear what they already have at home.

On this day, we would greatly appreciate any small donations for our Christmas raffle, which will help us create festive hampers. Donations can include food, drink, toiletries, beauty products, or sweet treats. All proceeds from the raffle will directly benefit the children, supporting initiatives such as purchasing library books and funding coaches for school trips. Additionally, if you wish to contribute to Save the Children for Christmas Jumper Day, you can do so via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yckx9s.jh>. We understand that this is a busy time of year, and we aim to simplify the process; therefore, all donations are completely voluntary.

The following week marks the start of our Christmas performances. Details have gone out via Seesaw and tapestry for individual year groups. I can hear the performances being rehearsed and they sound great already!

- o **Nursery Christmas Performance - Thursday 11th December 2025 (10:00 AM and 2:00 PM with tickets to ensure a space for everyone)**
- o **F2 Christmas Performance (Puffins and Finches) - Tuesday, 9th December 2025 at 2:00 PM**
- o **KS1 Christmas Performance (Woodpeckers, Hummingbirds and Kingfishers) - Wednesday 17th December 2025 at 2:00 PM and Thursday, 18th December 2025 at 9:30 AM (with tickets to ensure a space for everyone)**

We aim to keep as much structure and continue learning right through to the end of term but on the last week we will also include lots of Christmas activities - and as part of this we have our school party day on **Friday 19th December**. Our morning will be filled with excitement as Chaplin's Theatre Group will be performing the enchanting tale of *Little Red Riding Hood* This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience live performance by talented actors, and we can't wait to see their faces light up with joy!

As previously communicated, we kindly request a voluntary contribution of £3 towards the performance costs, which total £966. The remainder has been generously subsidised by the school. Thank you for your support in making this experience possible!

On Party Day, children are invited to wear their party clothes. However, please remember that they will still enjoy outdoor playtime, so we recommend suitable footwear and warm clothing to keep them comfortable.

Additionally, this day coincides with our Christmas Dinner Day, adding to the festive celebrations.

We are looking forward to an unforgettable Party Day filled with lots of great memories for our children.

We have about 20 tickets left for our Santa's Grotto on **Saturday 13th December** <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofphoenix/>

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If you have booked tickets, we kindly ask that you arrive 20 minutes before your scheduled time. Please enter through the main entrance where our friendly staff will greet you.

Upon arrival, your little ones will be treated to a delicious hot chocolate and scrumptious cake to warm their spirits. Once everyone is ready, our dedicated staff will lead the children through our wonderful forest school in small groups, creating a magical journey to the lodge where Santa awaits!

Each child will have the opportunity to meet Santa individually, ensuring a special moment filled with joy and wonder. After the experience, families will exit through the main gate, allowing for a smooth flow.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible staff for their invaluable support in organising this event; we genuinely could not have done it without their dedication.

Don't miss this chance to create magical memories with your children! We can't wait to see you there and share in the festivities together.

I must end the newsletter with a thank you to all our families for working with us to ensure we have the absolute best attendance possible. The number of children with attendance below 90% is reducing rapidly! Overall attendance this week is 95.8 % a little lower than a few weeks back when we reached 98.3%, but there have been some winter illnesses. Thank you to our families for working with us to really increase the attendance of our children - every day matters so that children really thrive socially and academically and get into good habits as soon as possible. Below is the breakdown for each class.

Finches -98.4 5% Great!

Puffins - 93.1%

The Nest - 95.8% Well done

Woodpeckers -91.4%

Kingfishers 98.9% - Brilliant!

Hummingbirds - 96.8% Well done.

We understand that this time of year can be both exciting and challenging, and we want to remind you that we are here to support you and your family. Should you require any assistance or simply wish to have a chat, please feel free to come in and speak with us. We are also fortunate to have our dedicated Family Support Worker, Mrs. Jefferson, available to listen and provide guidance. She is an excellent resource for families and can help signpost you to additional support services if needed. Our goal is to ensure that every family feels supported and connected within our community.

Have a wonderful weekend, from Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team

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Christmas Raffle

We would love you to support our amazing school by donating items for our raffle hamper.

Children are welcome to come to school in whatever they feel most comfortable in. Think pjs, onesies and slippers!

**FRIDAY
5TH
DECEMBER**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- FOOD AND DRINKS
- BEAUTY AND TOILETRIES
- SWEET TREATS

Spread the Joy!



Diary dates

Autumn Term

- **Non-uniform day** - Friday 5th December
- **F2 Christmas Performance (Puffins and Finches)** - Tuesday, 9th December 2025 at 2:00 PM
- **ROCK STEADY Concert** - Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 9.30am.
- **Choir visit to Marian Murdoch Court** - 10th December 2025 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
- **Choir visit to Gedling Care Home** - 18th December 2025 pm
- **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