

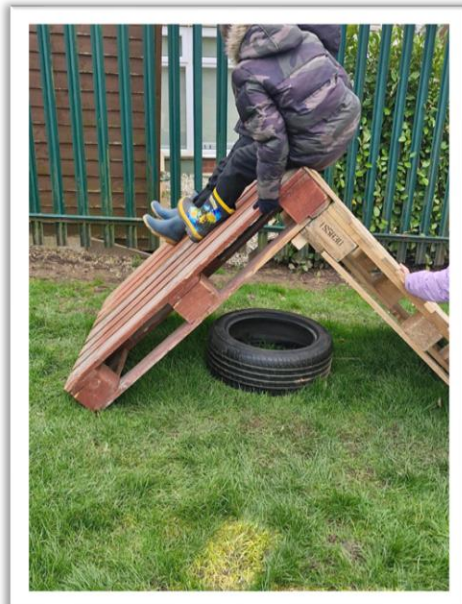
The children have come back **raring to go** after the February half-term break! We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes and caring behaviours we see every day across the school.

### Our Great Outdoors - Let's Celebrate Our Space!

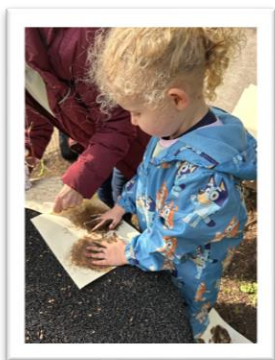
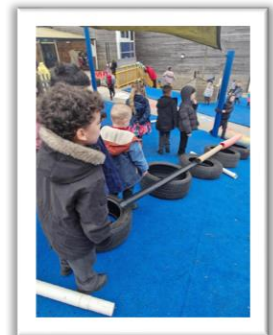
We are so lucky to have such fantastic outdoor areas, and these spaces play a vital role in supporting our children's wellbeing, creativity, and physical development.

Whether it's exploring, building, climbing, imagining, or simply enjoying fresh air with friends, our outdoor environment provides endless opportunities for learning and growth.

Take a look at the snapshots of photos below to see some of our outdoor spaces in action!



Mr Harper has been busy building climbing frames/dens using pallets over the break and the children love them!



### 🔧 Enhancing Our Outdoor Space - Community Support Needed!

To enhance our outdoor provision even further, we are planning something exciting...

During the Easter break, we would like to create a **sandpit on the school field**, which will be used every lunchtime as part of our **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)** provision.

We are considering organising a **community build day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026**, and we would love your support! If you:

- Have relevant skills (carpentry, landscaping, general DIY) Have access to materials or resources
- Work for a company that offers volunteer days
- Would simply like to lend a helping hand

Please let us know via **Tapestry** or **Seesaw**. Working together as a school community makes such a difference, and we would be so grateful for any support you can offer. Thank you for helping us 😊



Coming soon ...

### **REMINDER - WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or wear comfortable clothes such as pyjamas. The focus is on having fun, and we do not want anyone to feel they need to buy anything new for the event. Please feel free to be as creative as you can using items you already have at home.

Throughout the day, the children will visit different members of staff and take part in activities linked to a variety of texts. It promises to be a fun and inspiring celebration of reading.

Every child will receive a World Book Day book to bring home. Instead of providing the usual £1 token, we have been able to secure a book for each child thanks to "The Works" in Nottingham.



Our next Stay and Play will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March- 2pm until 3.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us for an afternoon of connection and community spirit. At this event, families can expect a friendly atmosphere where you can meet other parents and share experiences.



Phoenix Easter Disco - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March after school for F2 - Year 2 children. To secure your child's place, please complete the payment using this link - [Friends of Phoenix](#)

### **PARENTS EVENING**

All the parents evening booking links have been sent out on Seesaw and Tapestry. Please take a look if you haven't yet completed, as appointments will be given out on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (see dates below for parents' evenings)

Have a great weekend!  
Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team!

## Diary dates

### Spring Term

- **First Day of Term - Monday, 23rd February 2026**
- **World Book Day - Thursday, 5th March 2026**
- **Easter Disco - Friday, 20th March 2026 [Friends of Phoenix](#)**
- **F2 Parents' Evenings (Puffins and Finches) - Monday, 23rd March and Wednesday, 25th March 2026 (booking form on Tapestry\_**
- **KS1 Parents' Evenings (Hummingbirds and Woodpeckers) - Tuesday, 24th March and Thursday, 26th March 2026 (Kingfishers) Tuesday, 24th March and Wednesday 25th March 2026 (booking for on Seesaw)**
- **Last Day of Term - Friday, 27th March 2026 (EASTER FUN DAY)**

### 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**

