

What a lovely week it has been at Phoenix! The arrival of spring and a little sunshine has certainly helped lift everyone's spirits. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the brighter days and making the most of their learning both inside and outside the classroom.

World Book Day

Books and reading for pleasure are celebrated every day at Phoenix, but this week we brought everything together with a shared celebration for **World Book Day**. Children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters or in their cosy clothes, ready for a day full of reading fun. The children took part in a carousel of activities where they visited different classrooms in school and met a range of familiar story characters. These included **Super Tata, Elmer, Where's Wally, The Tiger That Came to Tea, Room on the Broom and Meg and Rainbow Fish and The Hungry Caterpillar** in Nursery. The children were absolutely amazing. It was particularly lovely to see how confidently and calmly they moved between unfamiliar classrooms and teachers. They really embraced the spirit of the day and showed a fantastic love of stories and books. Take a look at Seesaw/Tapestry and our Facebook page for more images.





We would like to remind everyone that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on the school site, grounds or premises. This helps us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all of our children, families and staff. Thank you for supporting us with this.

We are pleased to share that every child in school will have the opportunity to go on a school trip next term and Nursery will have an event organised on site. We are currently finalising the details for school trips and the letters will go out in the next two weeks, but the maximum cost will be £15, depending on the visit.

Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium will have half of the trip cost funded, so it is very important that families check whether they are eligible. You can check eligibility and apply here:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals> Signing up for FSM also entitles families to funded places during school holidays



The HAF programme is open to children and young people aged between 5 and 16 years (age 4 if in reception class full-time). Fully funded places are offered to those receiving benefits-related free school meals. This is different from the universal infant free school meals that children receive in reception, year 1 and year 2. Most HAF venues also have places that can be paid for. All eligible children and young people will be able to access the following days as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme each year.

- 4 days of face-to-face activity in spring, autumn, and winter
- 12 days of face-to-face activity in summer

Programmes are a minimum of four hours of activity and include a meal each day of the programme and they are run at lots of different sites across the county. Take a look to see what would be of interest to your child. Attendance is voluntary, but places will need to be [booked in advance](#). For the first time we are hosting HAF at Phoenix and this will be for eligible children eligible for Pupil Premium but also have SEND, if you open the link on the poster above, it will take you directly to the SEND HAF link.

Easter Fun Day - March 27th

We have a special fun day planned for the children on March 27th. To help us make the day extra special, we would really appreciate a small donation of £1 per child. Please send in over the next 2 weeks to support this day. Any fundraising always goes directly towards supporting our children and families. This includes helping with bus costs for school visits, Year 2 leavers' T-shirts, and other opportunities that benefit the children.

Thank you as always for all your support,
Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team!

Diary dates

Spring Term

- **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** – 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

