



Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

27th March 2026

As we come to the end of another busy and successful spring term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved and celebrate the wonderful efforts of our children, staff, and families.

It has truly been a great term at Phoenix Infant School. The children have shown enthusiasm, resilience, and a real love of learning across all areas of the curriculum. We are incredibly proud of their progress and the positive attitudes they bring to school every day.

Mr Farooq delivered a special assembly all about Eid on Monday. It was a valuable opportunity for our children to learn about and understand different cultures and celebrations. Helping children to develop respect, awareness, and appreciation of others is a really important part of life at our school.

We are really excited about the continued development of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision, which is already having a positive impact on the children's playtimes. OPAL is all about creating rich, creative, and active outdoor play experiences where children can explore, build, imagine, and work together.

Following our recent planning, we have carefully priced the next stage of resources, which will cost approximately £300 for a large sand pit. The aim is to give children more choice, encourage teamwork, and support their physical and social development during playtimes.

To bring everything together, we would love to invite any helpers to join us on Saturday 11th April for a community OPAL build day.

If you can support on the day just add a message onto Seesaw or Tapestry. If you can donate towards the cost of the materials the link is here <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofphoenix/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=115397>

Thank you for your support in making this happen for our children, we really appreciate it.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

BUILD DAY!

Saturday 11th April 2026

Mr. Harper & the community will be building a sandpit for OPAL Play!

PLEASE HELP BY DONATING:

Materials or Cash Support

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO DONATE!

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SCAN TO DONATE

Attendance Success

Our whole school attendance has now risen to 95.9%, and it continues to improve - well done everyone! We only have a small number of children classed as persistently absent (below 90%), which we are very proud of. This term, we have awarded nearly 80 attendance certificates to children achieving 97% and 100% attendance - a fantastic achievement! Next term, we will continue to celebrate and encourage excellent attendance to help all children build strong habits for the future.

Dogs on School Site

Whilst we love dogs at Phoenix and know that many of our families see them as part of the family, we kindly remind everyone that **dogs are not permitted on the school site**. This includes the playground and entrance areas at the beginning and end of the school day. This request is in place to ensure the safety and comfort of all our children, including those who may feel anxious around dogs or have allergies. We appreciate that this may sometimes be inconvenient, but we ask that dogs are left at home or with another adult when dropping off or collecting children. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our school environment safe for everyone.

Today has been filled with fun as we celebrated the end of term with a special visit from the **Easter Bunny**, bringing smiles and excitement to all of our children. It has been a lovely way to finish a hardworking and positive term.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the summer term, we are looking forward to more exciting learning opportunities, outdoor play developments, and continued progress for all our children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable break, from Mrs Harper and the Phoenix team.

Diary dates

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