

Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

29 July 2024



A huge thank you to all our families for your constant support and engagement with the school. You really do go above and beyond to make sure Phoenix is at the heart of our community. We have all been overwhelmed with your kindness as we end this academic year. The thoughtful words, cards and gifts have been greatly appreciated. We also really enjoyed the feedback from the final reports sent in by families - thank you.

My thanks also to our governors who have worked so hard in the background to support the school. We really do have a fabulous governing body who keenly volunteer to support the school. We will be looking for governors in the next academic year so please get in touch with school if you would like further information.

A huge thank you must go to our team of amazing staff who have been once again ensured the children at Phoenix feel happy and safe and as a result make brilliant progress. It is always a pleasure to walk around school and see our dedicated team in action!

The very final thank you has to go to the children, it is their enthusiasm for learning which has kept us all smiling and focused on our main aim, to provide the best education possible for your child. Phoenix really is a very special place to be!

Moving on...

Sadly, it is time to say goodbye to the children in Year 2. The children have been an amazing cohort - they are such a wonderful team! They have made such strong solid friendships that I know they really value. They have made fantastic memories together too. It has been wonderful to see their journey from the Early Years to the end of Key Stage One, I really enjoyed their end of year performance as they showcased their talents.

All the staff wish the children huge successes for the future but know that they will continue to shine and make us very proud.

Building works

Exciting times! As part of Nottinghamshire County Council's School Building Improvement Programme (SBIP), there are extensive improvements to our school building being made - this includes replacing the roof, windows, external doors, fascias and soffits as well as a new ceiling in the hall. This began in earnest as soon as the children left the building on Friday - and the works will take up to 12 months until completion. As much as it is very exciting, we must be prepared for some disruption to the school site during the next academic year. The car park will not be in use at all for staff and visitors whilst the works are in progress and there will be scaffolding around the whole site from September. I will keep you fully informed during the process with updates about the works and any impact, for example different site entry points during some of the works or children using the hall area as a classroom at some points of the year. The school is long overdue these works, and it will be worth it.



[Summer Reading Challenge | Inspire - Culture, Learning, Libraries \(inspireculture.org.uk\)](https://inspireculture.org.uk)

It's free and fun and a great way to keep children reading over the summer holidays.

How to take part in the library

Children sign up at the library to start their Challenge, picking up their Ready, Set, Read! collector folder. Children choose the books they want to read, recording what they have read on their folder. Library staff and volunteers are on hand to chat to children about books they have read. For every book read, children will pick up stickers (some are smelly!) along with other rewards. Every child who completes the challenge, by reading 6 library books, receives a medal and certificate.

How to take part online

Children can also take part online for digital rewards. Please note, the in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals and certificates are only available via the library, for those taking part in the in-person Challenge.

To do this sign up for a website profile direct at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk (children will be asked to provide a parent/carer email address to approve signup).

Record the books read onto an online profile and leave reviews to unlock digital badges and online rewards. Children will unlock a certificate to download once they reach their goal. There is help and guidance available to support signing up to the online challenge [here](#)

Children can read any books they like on the Summer Reading Challenge; stories, fact books, poetry, jokes, graphic novels. Our children's book recommendations page has inspiration. There are lots of ebooks and audio books that can be borrowed from the library online to help complete the online challenge.

If your child completes the Summer reading challenge we would love to display a photograph of them with their award in our library (either here at Phoenix or at Priory if your child is moving on) Just ask your child to bring in their award (if you have completed digitally please print off or email to us to print) and we will take a photograph for our display, then they can take their award home.

Places to eat and activities to do this summer:

- ASDA café - children eat for £1 all day every until the end of September including half price adult meals after 3pm.
- Bella Italia (some restaurants) - children eat for £1.
- Hungry Horse - children eat for £1 on Mondays or eat a free breakfast with every purchased adult breakfast.
- Bird & Blend Tea Co - free children's drink with every adult purchase
- Morrisons - From 05/08/24 to 25/08/24, ask for 'Ellen' at the till point at any UK Morrisons Cafe to receive 2 x Warburtons standard crumpets with a choice of 6 toppings, during Morrisons Cafe opening hours
- Bill's restaurants - Up to 2 children can eat a free meal all day if an adult orders ANY main dish.
- Beefeater - Two children under 16 eat breakfast for free with every adult breakfast purchased.
- Tesco café - One free kids' hot Meal Deal, kids' breakfast or kids' Pick 'n' Mix deal per any adult item purchased in The Café for dine-in only, a child must be present. Clubcard/app required. 22/07/24-30/08/24. Monday-Friday only (excludes weekends)
- IKEA - children's meal from 95p from 11am

ACTIVITIES

- Stonebridge city farm <https://stonebridgecityfarm.com/>
Open 7 days a week 10am - 4:15pm - free admission
- Nottingham castle - under 15s go free. (Adults £15 for entry for the whole year)
<https://nottinghamsmuseums.digitickets.co.uk/category/48093>
- Sherwood forest - free admission for everyone (Parking £5 for the day)
- National ice centre- children ages 5 and under go free- with paying adult <https://www.national-ice-centre.com/times-and-prices/>
- Rufford Abbey country park - Superhero Trail - 22nd July - 3rd September
<https://ruffordabbey.co.uk/events/superhero-trail/>
- Green's windmill and Science Centre - Open Wednesday - Sunday 10am - 4pm Free admission
<https://www.greensmill.org.uk/>
- Gedling country park - great to visit and so close.
- Nottinghamshire Tourist Board - lots of local activities [Summer in Nottinghamshire - Visit Nottinghamshire \(visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk\)](https://www.visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk)
- Locally, the Maze has lots of family friendly events - whether that be finding your way around the actual Maize Maze [Day Time Maze 2024 | Nott's Maze \(maize-maze.co.uk\)](https://www.maize-maze.co.uk) or watching a screening of a film - Cars 10th August or Encanto 24th August. Click the link below for the details of the film screening and also for 10% off the Maize Maze adventure.
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<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/holiday-activities-and-food>

Check here if you should be claiming for free school meals due to receipt of benefits [Free school meals and milk](#) | [Nottinghamshire County Council](#)



This link was sent out much earlier in the year but worth a reminder. Click on this link for free activities if your child is eligible for pupil premium. (FSM)

Coming soon ...



At Priory Junior, our feeder school, a staff members daughter was diagnosed with Wilms, a rare kidney cancer, this academic year. She has been treated and is now well, getting stronger each day. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and we'd like to show our support. We know Phoenix and Priory children will love to raise money for CCLG (Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group) to help fund research in finding kinder, more effective treatments for children.

On Friday 27 September, Phoenix and Priory children will take part in a sponsored run, Wear it Gold (or yellow) day. More information will be given to children on their return from the summer holidays. School reception also have gold ribbon pins/badges for a small donation for both parents and children. Please come along and help save children's lives by wearing a pin, raising awareness and spotting cancer early.

Thank you for your support. Let's fight against childhood cancer together! Go Phoenix and Priory!

Have an amazing summer!

Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team

Wednesday 4th September - First day back for children in school (Classes 3,4 5 and 6)

Children starting at Phoenix in Nursery and F2 will have been given their start dates separately.