



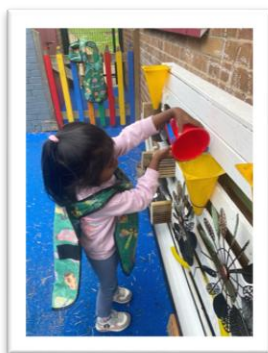
It has been a fantastic half term at Phoenix — a place where learning is loved! The children have worked incredibly hard and have made us all so proud. Alongside all of the wonderful learning taking place, we have also had so much fun along the way, creating memories and experiences that will stay with us for a long time.

Year 2 have now completed their on-site swimming lessons. Today, all children received a certificate to celebrate completing the sessions and, after half term, some children will receive individual certificates recognising the distances they achieved. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Smith for all of her hard work organising this, alongside Mr Godfrey, who also supported during the two weeks. Special thanks must also go to Millie and Hayley, our fantastic swimming instructors. Finally, well done to the children, who were amazing! It has been wonderful to see not only their enjoyment, but also their confidence grow whilst learning this vital life skill.

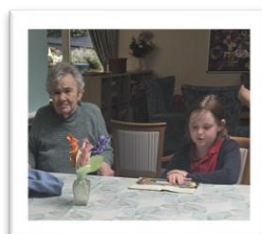
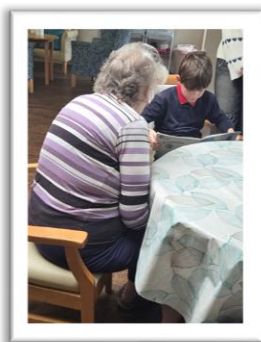
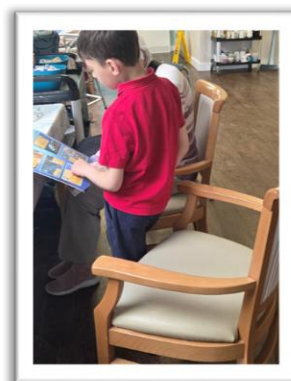
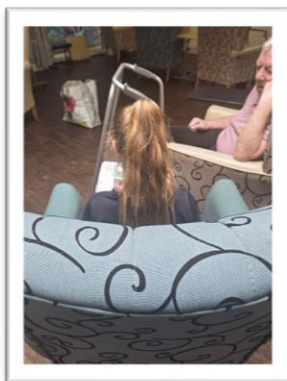
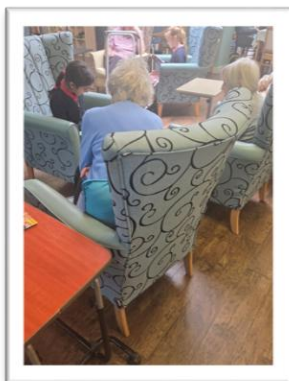
Learning about life cycles has truly been brought to life over the past two weeks as we watched our very own chicks hatch and grow — 12 in total! The excitement across school has been incredible, with children fascinated by every stage of the chicks' journey. This hands-on experience has sparked so many wonderful discussions, questions and learning opportunities across the curriculum.



Mr Harper has been busy building once again — this time creating a wonderful new water play area for Nursery. The children are already thoroughly enjoying exploring, pouring, splashing and investigating through play. Outdoor learning is such an important part of early development, and this new area provides even more opportunities for creativity, communication and collaborative play. Thank you, Mr Harper, for another brilliant addition to our school environment.



Phoenix is such a happy place where we work hard to ensure our children know they belong — not only to our school, but also to the wider community. Miss McPhilbin recently took six children to Gedling Village Care Home where they shared books and stories with the residents. We were made to feel so very welcome, and our children were polite, thoughtful and showed a genuine interest in reading and storytelling. It was lovely to see the conversations and connections formed through sharing books together. We are delighted to have a few more sessions planned and look forward to continuing this wonderful link with our local community.



At last, the sun is making an appearance — just in time for half term! We hope you all have a wonderful, restful break and enjoy some special time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st June!

From Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team

Diary dates

Summer Term

- **Foundation 2 Visit to Bestwood Education Centre -Tuesday 2nd June 2026**
- **Year 1 Phonics Screening - Week commencing 8th June 2026**
- **Joel Fearon - Olympian visit - Wednesday 10th June 2026**
- **School class photographs - Tuesday 9th 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)**
- **Parents informed of child's class for next year -Monday 29th June 2026**
- **KS1 visit to the Sealife Centre - Wednesday 1st July 2026**
- **Moving up Morning - all children in new classes - Thursday 2nd July 2026**
- **Carnival (after school fundraiser for children) - Thursday, 2nd July 2026**
- **INSET Day - Friday, 3rd July 2026 School Closed**
- **End of Year reports to parents - Friday 10th 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**
- **Back to school - Thursday 3rd September 2026**