PHOENIX INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL
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What a special week at Phoenix, full of creativity, kindness and perseverance!

Our Key Stage One children created a beautiful Remembrance art installation. We are proud of the care and creativity they brought to this thoughtful tribute.



At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the whole school paused together for a two-minute silence. We also sang our special Remembrance song—a meaningful time to pause, reflect and remember. Remembrance gives us an important opportunity to honour those who have served. For our young children, it is a time to think about courage, kindness and the importance of peace. By remembering together, we express our gratitude and reflect on how we can care for one another and help build a more peaceful world.







DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

This week, we have been putting our value of democracy into action with our school elections. A huge well done to all the children who applied to become our school MPs! Putting yourself forward takes courage, and we are so proud of everyone who had a go. Whether or not they were elected, every child who applied has something to be proud of. Next week, Michael Payne MP will visit to spend time with our newly elected school MPs and officially open our parliament. As our parliament develops, our aim is to give all our children a voice in school life and the decisions that matter to them.



CHILDREN IN NEED



We welcomed a very special visitor—Pudsey! Phoenix also received a mention on BBC Radio Nottingham as our community came together for Children in Need.

The children showed fantastic perseverance in their Run Pudsey challenge, giving their best and keeping going. Well done, Phoenix!

So far, we have raised an amazing £1,159! Thank you to everyone who donated, sponsored or supported the children. Your generosity means so much.









ANTI-BULLYING WEEK · 16–20 NOVEMBER



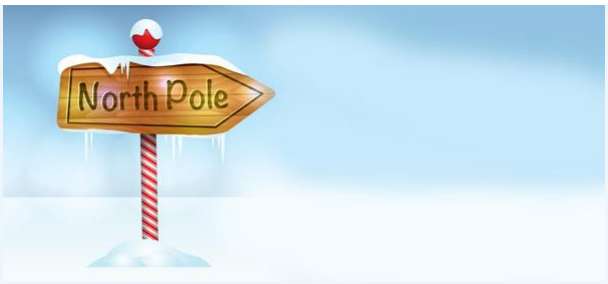
Kindness, respect and belonging are threaded through everything we do at Phoenix, every day of the year. We want every child to know that they are valued, that their differences are celebrated and that they have a place in our school community. Anti-Bullying Week is an important opportunity to shine an extra spotlight on this shared commitment.

This year's theme is "Break the Silence". It encourages us all to talk about bullying, listen carefully and take action together. For our young children, the message is simple: if something worries you, or you see someone being hurt or left out, tell a trusted adult. You do not have to manage it on your own.

Odd Socks Day — Monday, 16 November

To start the week, children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday! Stripes with spots, different colours or a completely mismatched pair — any odd socks will do. There is no need to buy anything special; two different socks from home are perfect.

Behind the fun is an important message: we are all different, and those differences are something to celebrate. Wearing odd socks is a simple way to show that everyone belongs and deserves kindness and respect. At home, you could ask your child: "What makes you special?" and "How could you help someone feel included?"



A little Christmas magic awaits — book a visit to Santa's Grotto!

Saturday, 12 December 2026
Santa is coming to Phoenix! Back by popular demand after last year's success, our much-loved Grotto returns on Saturday, 12 December 2026. Join a session in the lodge near the Forest School for a little festive family magic.
Children can enjoy a warming hot chocolate and a cake, meet Santa and receive a special gift. This festive experience is for children attending Phoenix or their siblings up to Year 3 only.
Groups will be taken down to the Grotto together, adding to the excitement, before each child has their own chance to say hello to Santa individually. Please arrive at least 20 minutes before your allocated session time.
Book your tickets for this lovely festive treat—we look forward to welcoming you and making happy Christmas memories together!
Book your Santa's Grotto tickets here:
https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofphoenix/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=126540

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Christmas raffle is always popular, and the funds raised help pay for buses to subsidise school trips, Year 2 T-shirts and other extras for our children. Raffle prizes from families and local businesses would be warmly welcomed—a bottle of wine, chocolates, a gift set, a voucher or another lovely treat. If you or a business you know can help, we would love to hear from you. Every donation, big or small, is appreciated. Thank you for making our raffle extra special!
Thank you, as always, for being such a kind and supportive Phoenix community. Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Harper and the Phoenix Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term

Odd Socks Day (Anti -Bullying week) – Monday 16 November 2026
F2 Christmas Performance (Puffins and Finches) – Tuesday, 8 December 2026 at 2.00pm
Rock Steady Concert – Wednesday, 9 December 2026
Nursery Christmas Crafts and Christmas songs – Thursday, 10 December 2026 2.00pm
Santa's Grotto – Saturday, 12 December 2026 book here - https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofphoenix/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=126540
KS1 Christmas Performance (Woodpeckers, Hummingbirds and Kingfishers) – Wednesday, 16 December 2026 at 2.00pm and Thursday, 17 December 2026 at 9.30am
Pantomime/Party Day, including Christmas dinner – Friday, 18 December 2026 (pantomime in the afternoon)
Last Day of Autumn Term – Friday, 18 December 2026

Spring Term

Back to School – Monday, 4 January 2027
Safer Internet Day – Tuesday, 9 February 2027
INSET Day – Friday, 12 February 2027 – School closed for children
Half Term – Monday, 15 February 2027 to Friday, 19 February 2027
First Day of Term – Monday, 22 February 2027
World Book Day – Thursday, 4 March 2027
Easter Disco – Friday, 19 March 2027
F2 Parents' Evenings (Puffins and Finches) – Monday, 22 March and Wednesday, 24 March 2027
KS1 Parents' Evenings (Hummingbirds, Kingfishers and Woodpeckers) – Tuesday, 23 March and Thursday, 25 March 2027
Last Day of Spring Term – Thursday, 25 March 2027

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday, 12 April 2027 – School closed for children
First Day of Summer Term – Tuesday 13 April 2027
Half Term – Monday, 31 May 2027 to Friday, 4 June 2027
Year 1 Phonics Screening – Week commencing 14 June 2027
Year 2 Residential Trip to Gulliver's Valley – Thursday, 17 June 2027 – details to follow
F1/F2 Sports Day (Nursery, Finches and Puffins) – Wednesday, 23 June 2027 at 10.00am
KS1 Sports Day (Hummingbirds, Kingfishers and Woodpeckers) – Thursday, 24 June 2027 at 9.30am
Carnival – Friday, 9 July 2027 – after-school fundraiser for children
Year 2 Leavers' Assembly – Tuesday, 27 July 2027 at 2.00pm
Last Day of Term – Wednesday, 28 July 2027 – End of academic year