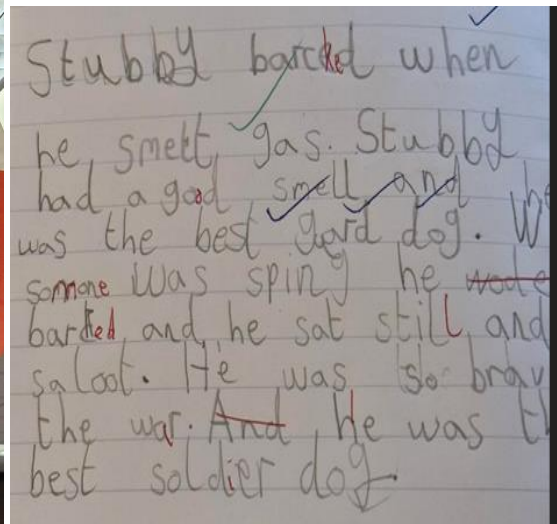




This week our children have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and why the Poppy is such a special symbol. The children have been so engaged in sessions across school and nursery and have really taken on board the meaning behind this day., as well as learning a very special song. Take a look at some of the resources we used to help our children understand the meaning behind the poppy. We will be participating in two minutes silence on Monday to show our respect as a school too.

[\(197\) CBeebies | Poppies animation - YouTube](#)

[Remembrance Day - BBC Teach](#)



Phoenix Building Work Update - November 2024

We are excited to share some important updates on the ongoing work at Phoenix.

- **Kitchen:** The school kitchen has been completed and is now fully operational.
- **Hall:** The windows, ceiling, and lighting in the hall have all been finished during the half-term break.

Next Stage:

The next phase of work will focus on the Year 2 classrooms. Starting Monday, 18th November, Year 2 pupils will temporarily move into the hall for approximately 3 weeks. During this time, all usual learning activities will continue as normal. We have made sure the space is fully equipped for their needs, and staff will ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work to improve our school environment!

This Anti-Bullying Week
we will

CHOOSE

RESPECT

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 11th to Friday 15th November

#AntiBullyingWeek #ChooseRespect

Anti-Bullying Week: Choose Respect

We are excited to share that next week we are taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on the theme "Choose Respect." This important initiative helps our children understand the value of respect in all areas of life, and we are proud to say that it ties into everything we teach at school. Throughout the week, children will engage in various activities, discussions, and lessons that promote respect and kindness. On **Tuesday** we are inviting all children to wear odd socks - this supports the message that children should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate the week in a fun way too!

At Phoenix we are dedicated to creating a safe and welcoming space where every child feels valued. Anti-Bullying Week is just one part of our ongoing efforts to promote these core values.



Dear Parents/Carers,
**WOOHOO... TUESDAY
12TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!**

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Tuesday 12th November. Last year over 13,000 schools took part in Odd Socks Day. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are partnering with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, 'Choose Respect'!

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



Tuesday
12TH
November

WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy! ☺ Here's what you do:

- 1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school.**
- 2. Donate £1 (or whatever you can afford) to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work.**
- 3. If you want to, you can share a photo or video online and feel free to add the 'Choose Respect' audio to your posts! Don't forget to tag us using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @ABAonline and @AndyOddSock on X. Or @AntiBullyingAlliance and @AndyandtheOddSocks on Instagram.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the odd socks on Tuesday 12th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



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Children in Need 2024, takes place on Friday 15th November. The children can dress in non-uniform and/or Pudsey related dressing up. There will be activities planned across school to make it a fun day! To make it easier for everyone to donate, we'll be collecting donations through a ParentPay Donations Page. You can access our Donations Page here:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=16962>

All the children at Phoenix will get to choose a Pudsey related item – eg pin badge, wrist band to take home too! All the money raised will go towards supporting children and young people in our communities who really need support this winter and beyond. Right now, 30% of young people under 18 are affected by poverty across the UK, that's why our support is so important. Your donations enable BBC Children in Need to continue to be there for children in our local area, helping them to be the best they can be, and supporting them when they need it most. Take a look at the BBC Children in Need website for more information on how they help children and young people across the UK: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



During the colder months, it can be more of a challenge to find ways to keep the children entertained without feeling the need to spend money and I will therefore be opening the school for some Saturday afternoon 'Stay and Play' sessions. (see next date below) The sessions are completely free of charge with refreshments provided. The hall will be available and if the weather allows outside too. Come along, have a chat with other parents and let the children have fun together - during the sessions you will be responsible for supervising your children.

Saturday 16th November 2pm - 3.30pm

Diary dates

- **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect. Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November
- Friday 15th November - **Children in Need**
- Saturday 7th December - Santo's Grotto (details to follow)
- Tuesday 10th December 2.00pm - **F2 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas Performance**
- Thursday 12th December - **Nursery Christmas Performance (times to be decided)**
- Tuesday 17th December 2.00pm and Wednesday 18th December 9.30am KS1 (Classes 3,4,5, and 6) **Christmas Performance**
- Friday 20th December **Pantomime / party day (including Christmas dinner)**
- Friday 20th December - end of term
- Back to school: Monday 6th January Spring term
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Spring

- Friday 31st January - Parent/carer coffee and chat - **School coffee morning - all welcome**
- Tuesday 11^h February 2024- **Safer Internet Day**
- **Half term: Monday, 17th February 2025 to Friday, 21st February 2025**
- **Monday 24th February 2025 - First day of term**
- Thursday 6th March 2025 - **World Book Day**
- Monday 24th March and Wednesday 26th March 2024 - **F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)**
- Tuesday 25th March and Thursday 27th March 2024 - **KS1 Parents evening (Classes 3,4,5 and 6)**
- **Friday 4th April 2024- Last day of term**

Summer

- **Tuesday 22nd April - First day of summer Term**
- Half term - Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025
- **W/C 9th June 2024 - Year 1 Phonics Screening**
- Thursday 12th June 2025 - **Year 2 Residential to Gulliver's Valley - details to follow (please note change of date)**
- Wednesday 18th June 2025 9.30 am - **KS1 Sports day 9.30am**
- Tuesday 25th June 2025 - **F1/F2 Sports day 10.00am / 2.00pm**
- **Friday 4th July 2024- INSET DAY**
- Thursday 24th July 2025 - **Year 2 Leavers assembly 2.00pm**
- **Friday 25th July 2025- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR**

Have a great weekend - Mrs Harper and the Phoenix team!



Parent/Carer Coffee and Chat



Does your child have difficulties at school, at home or in the community?

Would you like to talk, voice the challenges, share ideas, and help to improve things for you and your child?

Session 2: Friday 31st Jan, 9.30 - 11am

Session 3: Friday 14th March, 9.30 - 11am

Where: Phoenix Infant & Nursery



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