



# Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter  
15<sup>th</sup> November  
2024



I wanted to start the newsletter with a quick thank you! I am proud that all our children are looking incredibly smart in their school uniform! Wearing our school uniform not only promotes a sense of belonging but also strengthens our community spirit. If you're in need of any preloved uniform items, we've got you covered. They're available for just £1, so do pop into reception to have a look. We are always happy to help ensure everyone feels a part of our fantastic school community.

Today, however, the usual uniform was definitely not required as we participated in Children in Need! The day was filled with exciting activities in each class, including a disco for Foundation Stage 2 and Year 1 and Pudsey activities for all, while learning about the vital work this charity does for children across the UK.

If you'd like to contribute, you can access our Donations Page - <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=16962> You can also check out the BBC Children in Need website <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> for more information on how they support children and young people throughout the UK: BBC Children in Need.



## **Phoenix Building Work Update - November 2024**

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 week, we've participated in Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on the theme "Choose Respect." It is such an important initiative that helps our children further understand just how vital respect is in all areas of life.

All week long, the children have engaged in various activities, discussions, and lessons promoting respect and kindness. For example, in Foundation Stage 2, the children learned about kindness and what makes a good friend. They made their own jigsaw pieces and fitted them all together, showing how everyone plays a part in making our school a happy place. Whilst Year 2 engaged in some really meaningful activities inspired by the Pixar short film "For the Birds." This charming yet poignant story depicts a group of birds who purposely exclude another bird simply because he's different. It provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to discuss the importance of kindness, inclusion, and acceptance. Building on the themes from the film, Year 2 also connected their learning to our ongoing diversity teaching through the book "Say Something," which encourages children to speak out against discrimination and embrace diversity.

On Tuesday, we all wore odd socks - a fun way to celebrate our uniqueness and differences! We held an assembly focused on the importance of respect and acceptance. As part of this, we listened to the "Choose Respect" song by Andy and the Odd Socks, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLoHRqkKi18> which reinforced the message of the importance of showing respect.

At Phoenix, we're all about creating a safe and welcoming space where every child feels valued. **Anti-Bullying Week** is just a part of our ongoing mission to spread these important values throughout our school community.



## Weekend activities tomorrow at Phoenix

Join us for a brand-new weekly fun class with Ms Lynas-Key, graduate from The Urdang Academy of Ballet and Performing Arts.



### **Phoenix Infant and Nursery School**

Saturday Mornings (Term Time Only)

**Yr 1 & 2 - 9.00-10.00**

**Yr 3 & 4 - 10.15 - 11.15**

**Yr 5 & 6 - 11.30 - 12.30**

Normal price £5.00

To reserve a place on the free taster session email [charissakey@gmail.com](mailto:charissakey@gmail.com)

Please include the following information below.

**Name of child**  
**Yr group**  
**Contact Number**  
**Email Address**

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 16<sup>th</sup> November 2pm - 3.30pm**



### Diary dates

- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Santo's Grotto (details to follow w/c 18/11/24 )
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm - F2 (Classes 1 and 2) Christmas Performance
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December -Nursery Christmas Performance (times to be decided)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am KS1 (Classes 3,4,5, and 6) Christmas Performance
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Pantomime / party day (including Christmas dinner)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - end of term
- Back to school: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January Spring term
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### Spring

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

### Summer

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



# 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**



**Project for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools [PINS]**

**For further information please  
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*This project is independent of schools, or the educational dept of Nottinghamshire County Council. It is funded by Health and is being run by Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum - an independent charity run by and for parent carers.*