



4th March 2026

Phonics Screening Meeting

Dear Parents/Carers,

All of Year 1 and some of Year 2 will soon be taking part in the DfE statutory Phonics Screening Check in June. The school will then return the results to the Local Authority. The summer check is intended to ensure that pupils who need support in learning to decode using phonics are not missed.

The screening is a short, light-touch assessment to show how well your child has learnt to use their phonic skills to decode words. It will also identify if your child needs extra help and support to improve their reading skills.

We will be holding a phonics screening meeting for parents on Monday 20th April at 3:30pm in the Year 1 classroom, to explain our approach to teaching phonics and to the administration of phonics screening. Please sign in at the school office on arrival. Children are welcome to attend, provided they remain in the classroom.

This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about how phonics and reading are taught at school, with ideas for supporting your child's learning at home. You will also have the opportunity to discuss any general questions or concerns.

In the meantime, your child will receive reading and writing activities to practise at home each week, as well as taking part in dedicated phonics sessions daily. Please help your child to practise at home and continue to hear them read each day. Phonics works best when children are given plenty of encouragement and learn to enjoy reading and books. Parents and carers play a very important part in helping with this.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

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