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SUBJECT: Phonics Screening Check

Dear Parents/ carers,

As you may be aware, the children in Year 1 will be sitting a phonics screening check in June of this year. This check is administered in school and tests the children's ability to decode and read unfamiliar words. In school we have started doing additional phonics sessions in the afternoon to support this, but there is also much you can do at home.

We will be holding a parental meeting on **Wednesday 20th May 2026** to provide you with additional information, resources and support.

- **2:45-3:00** Presentation with Miss O'Sullivan (adults only)

In the meantime, please read the information below about the phonics screening and continue to support your child with their reading at home.



Please scan this QR code where you will be directed to Oxford Owl website that contains wonderful ideas about how to support your child at home with phonics.

Parent video: The Phonics Screening Check



The Phonics Screening Check is meant to show how well your child can use the phonics skills they've learned up to the end of Year 1, and to identify students who need extra phonics help.

Please scan the QR code to watch a short video that contains some extra information about the phonics screening.





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The Phonics Screening check contains 40 words and is made up of two types of words; real words and 'alien/ nonsense' words.

How will the children know which words are 'alien' (nonsense) words?

The made-up 'alien' words are always presented with a picture of an alien, so the children know that they are not real words that they might recognise. They are very familiar with this concept.

How will the phonics screening be administered?

Each child is taken through the screening check by a teacher on a 1:1 basis. This will be in a quiet area and there is not a time limit.

Will we be told about our child's results?

The results of the check will be issued in the end of year reports.

What is the pass mark?

The standard threshold pass mark for this year's phonics screening check will be published after the children have sat the check. However, last year the pass mark was 32 out of 40.

When will the phonics screening take place?

The government requires that the check must be taken during the week commencing 8th June 2026. A pupil may only take the check the following week if they were absent during check week.

How can we support our child out of school?

Support your child by sharing their Read Write Inc reading books at home and practice red words, green words and unknown sounds.

Read as much as possible to and with your child. When children become more capable readers they develop the skill of word recognition. However, it is important that children continue to practise good sounding out and blending so they don't fall into the trap of guessing the wrong word.

Many thanks,
SO'Sullivan

Miss Sian O'Sullivan
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