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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check

Throughout the summer term in England Infant school pupils in Year 1 take part in the Phonics Screening Check. This is a statutory assessment which will be completed during the week beginning 8th June 2026.

The purpose of this assessment is to measure the progress that pupils have made. The assessment also helps teachers to understand your child's strengths and where they may need further support. This is particularly important as they transfer into the next year group or key stage. Assessments will be administered alongside other everyday classroom assessment methods.

The object of the phonics screening check is to confirm that all children have learned phonic decoding to an age appropriate standard.

The phonics screening check contains 40 words divided into 2 sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words. Pseudo-words are words that are phonically decodable but are not actual words with an associated meaning. They are included in the check specifically to assess whether your child can decode a word using their phonics skills.

Here is a link to a leaflet for parents about the Phonics Screening Check -
[Phonics screening check: information for parents](#)

Where pupils are not yet accessing the Key Stage 1 curriculum, they may be disapplied from this check. If this applies to your child, the class teacher will discuss this with you.

Parents and carers will be informed of the results of the assessment in school reports at the end of the academic year. There will also be a parent teacher drop-in opportunity following the reports during the Summer term.

Kind regards

Mrs L Wilson-Woodham
Deputy Headteacher

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Head of Year 1