



Our values: Resilience, Kindness, Responsibility, Ambition



# Phoenix Primary School Newsletter

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## ✿ Weekly Roundup ✿

### Our focus value for this half term is: Responsibility

As we move towards the end of another busy week, I would like to share some important news regarding the structure of our Senior Leadership Team — in particular, our Deputy Headteacher.

As you know, Miss El-Saiegh has been serving as our Interim Deputy Headteacher since the beginning of this academic year. During this time, she has approached the role with great enthusiasm, determination, and a strong commitment to supporting the operational running of Phoenix Primary School.

This week, formal interviews for the permanent Deputy Headteacher position took place, and I am delighted to announce that Miss El-Saiegh has been appointed and has accepted the position. This marks another significant step forward in our journey as a school, and I am sure that, like me, you will join in congratulating Miss El-Saiegh and wishing her every success in her new role.

Next Friday 6th February, we'll be taking part in NSPCC Number Day, a fun, whole-school event that celebrates maths while raising awareness of the NSPCC and the important work they do to keep children safe.

Throughout the day, children will enjoy a range of maths-based activities linked to numbers, problem-solving and patterns, all designed to show that maths can be creative, exciting and for everyone.

To help us mark the day, children are invited to wear maths-themed clothing instead of their normal school uniform. This could include:

- Clothing with numbers on
- Patterns (spots, stripes, repeating shapes)
- T-shirts linked to maths, puzzles or shapes
- Sports kits with numbers on the back

There's no need to buy anything new – getting creative with what you already have is absolutely fine. We're really looking forward to a fun day celebrating maths across the school!

### Litter Picking Team

We are looking for a small team of parent volunteers who would be willing to help us with a **community litter pick** around the school grounds. The recent weather and strong winds have resulted in a noticeable build-up of rubbish along the fence line, particularly at the front of school. If you are able to spare a little time and have your own litter picker, we would be extremely grateful for your support. Please contact the school office if you are able to help—your contribution would make a real difference to keeping our school environment clean and welcoming for our children.

### Learning at home

At Phoenix, we know that children make the strongest progress when learning in school is supported by positive learning habits at home. This doesn't need to be lengthy or complicated—small, consistent routines make a big difference. Reading together each evening, practising key number facts, talking about the school day, or encouraging children to complete their homework with pride all contribute to deeper understanding and improved confidence. Thank you for the continued support you provide at home; it plays an important role in helping our pupils achieve their very best.

### Key Dates/Events

10/2/2026 – Safer Internet Day

9/2/2026 – Children's mental health week

24/3/2026 – Parents Evening



### ★ Attendance Stars ★

**Our whole school target is 97%**

Our school attendance winners this week:

Y2 97%      Y4 97%

7A 96%