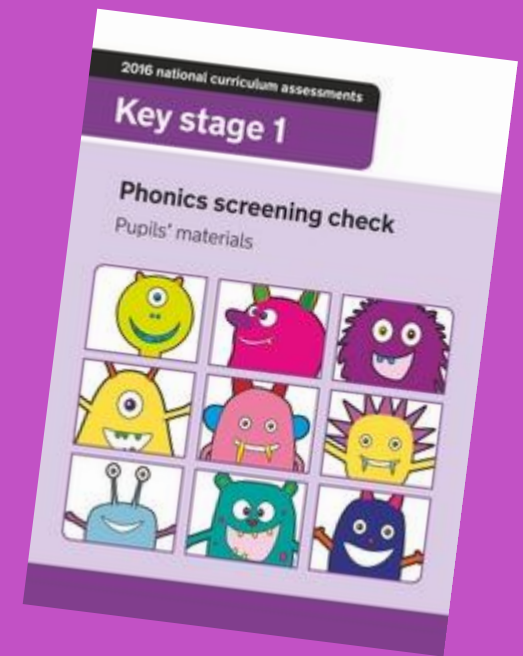


What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- All Year 1 children are required to complete a 'Phonics Screening Check' that is set by the Government. It is a quick and easy check of your child's phonic knowledge.
- This year the check will take place between Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June 2026.



What does it consist of?

- 40 words to read in a booklet.
- Mixture of real and nonsense words.
- Words contain set 1, set 2 and set 3 sounds.



How is it administered?

- With a familiar adult – Mrs Denton.
- In a quiet space in school.
- Takes 5-10 minutes depending on speed of reading.
- If a child is struggling, we will let them have a little rest or stop the test.



Set 1

				
sh	th	ch	ng	nk

Set 2

			
ay	ee	igh	ow
			
oo	oo	ar	or
			
air	ir	ou	oy

These are the sounds that will be used in the words. We do not know which sounds or words will be chosen.

Set 3

				
ea	oi	a-e	i-e	o-e
				
u-e	aw	are	ur	er
				
ow	ai	oa	ew	ire
		Additional sounds ph, au, e-e, kn, ie, ue		
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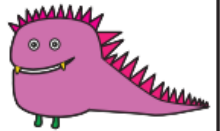
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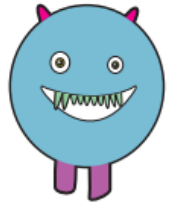
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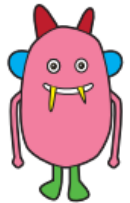
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- Spot the special friend/s.
- Fred Talk
- Read the word
- Some words need to be 'tweaked'

Why use nonsense words?

Nonsense words are included in the test to see if children can use their phonic knowledge to read words that they haven't seen before. This ensures that they are not just relying on memory to read.



What is the expectation?

- In previous years the pass mark has been 32/40
- The pass mark is released on Monday 22nd June.
- Parents will be sent a letter informing them of their child's score along with their end of year report.

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What happens if my child does not meet the expected standard?

- We will continue to give your child extra support in reading.
- Children are assessed every 6 weeks to ensure they are in the right group to support their progress.
- Ensuring that ALL children learn to read is our priority.
- Children that did not pass, retake the test again at the end of year 2.

What do we do to prepare your child for the check?

- **All** children take part in daily phonics (RWI) lessons based on their reading ability.
- **All** children take part in an additional daily lesson in the afternoon that covers all of the sounds.
- **All** children practice reading nonsense words on a daily basis.
- Our writing also links to our phonics scheme.
- Children that find reading challenging, receive regular support either 1:1, or in a small group.
- Additional morning activities also help children practice their sounds.

How can you help?

- Read, read, read!
- Practice reading the sounds at home using the flash cards.
- ‘Spot the special friend, Fred Talk, Read the word.’
- Watch the additional phonics videos sent from school.
- Play games! See the Parent Booklet for ideas.

