

Phonics Information **Evening**

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digraph -
two letters
to make
one sound.

trigraph -
three
letters to
make one
sound.

Set 3 Speed Sound Map



Same
grapheme
used to
represent
different
phonemes.

great (ay)

read (ee)

read (e)

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This also feeds into spelling as children progress into Year 2- children need to have a confident understanding of the various phonemes and which graphemes they are represented by.

They can then begin to understand which grapheme is needed to make the correct spelling.

ow

o-e

oa

o

All the ways of representing the phoneme 'ow' through different graphemes.

slowp

sloap

slope

slop

Why do we have the phonics screen check?

Phonics is an established way of teaching children to read quickly and skilfully.

The Phonics Screening Check is designed to allow schools to assess whether children have made expected progress within their phonics learning and have reached an appropriate standard.

It can help teachers to identify gaps in children's phonics knowledge and gives the school a picture of where children may be excelling or requiring extra support.

Every school is expected to complete the Phonics Screen Check.

What does the phonics screen check look like for children?

The Phonics Screening Check is designed not to be stressful for your child. It will mirror the way we regularly practise and assess children in phonics already.

We will not be telling the children that it is the check.

The check is made up of 40 words - some real/some alien (nonsense) words.

Example Below

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/68efa35b82670806f9d5e0f5/2025_phonics_screening_check_practice_sheet.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the Phonics Screen Check take place?

It usually takes place sometime in June.

How will the Phonics Screen Check results be shared?

The results of the phonics screen check will be included as part of the reading section in your child's end of year report.

What happens if my child does not pass the Phonics Screen Check?

They will be able to retake the check in Year 2.

How can you help at home?

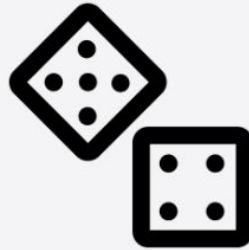
Enjoy Reading Together

Read with your child/read to your child. Discuss the meaning of words as you read them. Ask your child to sound out some words as you read to them.



Phonics Games

Games can be a great way to practise phonics. I spy, creating your own nonsense words or using the online phonics games on the website can help your child indeed their focus knowledge.



<https://ullesthorpeprimary.web12.juniperwebsites.co.uk/page/?title=Phonics+At+Home&pid=233>

Phonics Revision Materials

Use the phonics revision materials on the website (paper copies available) to regularly practise phonics at home.



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