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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware the Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 children is coming up. The phonics screening check is a check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps your school confirm whether your child is making the progress expected in the national curriculum. In 2025, the check will take place during the week commencing Monday 9th June. With some exceptions, all pupils who have reached the age of 6 by the end of the school year must take the check during that academic year. For most, this will be in year 1.

Phonics is an effective way of teaching children to read. By ensuring high quality phonics teaching, we want to improve literacy levels and give all children a solid base to build on as they progress through school. Through phonics children are taught how to:

- recognise the sounds that each individual letter makes
- identify the sounds that different combinations of letters make - such as 'sh' or 'oo'
- blend these sounds together from left to right to make a word

Children can then use this knowledge to 'decode' new words that they hear or see. This is the first important step in learning to read.

We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 21st May at 3:30 in school to give you more information on the Phonics Screening Check.

Please follow the following link to confirm your attendance at the meeting.
<https://forms.office.com/e/U6LyDqUyfQ>

Kind regards,
Mrs Lee