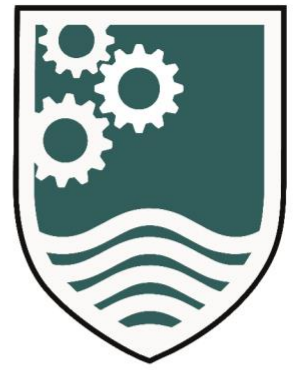




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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to invite parents of **Year 1** children to attend an **Introduction to Phonics & Reading Workshop on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 2:25pm** in the lower school hall. This workshop is designed to provide you with valuable insights on how to support your child with their reading at home.

### **What exactly is phonics?**

Words are made up from small units of sound called phonemes. Phonics teaches children to be able to listen carefully and identify the phonemes that make up each word. This helps children to learn to read words and to spell words.

The Phonics workshop will be taken by Mrs Watkins (Phonics Lead) and will focus on how phonics support children in learning to read. Additionally, she will outline the expectations for Year 1 and discuss the phonics screening check, which will take place in June 2025.

You will also be shown some fantastic, free resources that you can use at home to help support your child's reading development, and we will fill you in on the **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check that takes place in June for all Year 1 children across the country.**

**Parents should arrive at the Library doors at 2.20pm.** There will be refreshments provided and Mrs Watkins be available to answer questions after the workshop.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the workshop.

Yours sincerely,

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