

# Phonics Screening Test Information 2026

Welcome to our information session and thank you for coming, we really appreciate it.

# Phonics Screening Test

- What is it? It is a test set by the Government to “test” the children’s phonics skills by presenting them with 40 words to de-code using their segmenting and blending to read skills.

## Guidelines:

- Every child in Year 1 (and any Year 2 child who did not pass in 2025) will take the phonics screening test the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

# The Phonic Screening Check

- It is undertaken in test conditions by your child's Teacher or Teaching Assistant.
- The children will be shown 40 words in the order provided. The words are made up of a mixture of real words and what we call pseudo words.
- The pseudo words are used to check that the children can segment and blend the letters that they see, this can confuse the children and they might want to guess a word which looks similar as they know it isn't correct
- E.g word to read: dephew child says: nephew
- We won't know the official phonic screening check pass score until the Government release the pass rate figure a couple of weeks after the tests have been undertaken. The pass mark last year was 32.

## Practise:

- In school we have already been practising with the children in their phonics lessons and the children have taken two practice tests with their class Teachers or Teaching Assistants.
- The children will have another practice this week and then again towards the end of the term, before the actual test at the beginning of June.

## Support, how can I help my child?

- You can support your child by encouraging them to practise reading the test materials we are going to send home this week.
- We understand you might find this difficult so if you need any support with the material please ask your child's Teacher, Miss Morris or Mrs Walker and we will gladly help you.
- There are some fantastic websites for you to encourage your child to use which are mostly free to access.....

# Websites

# PhonicsPlay

Log In

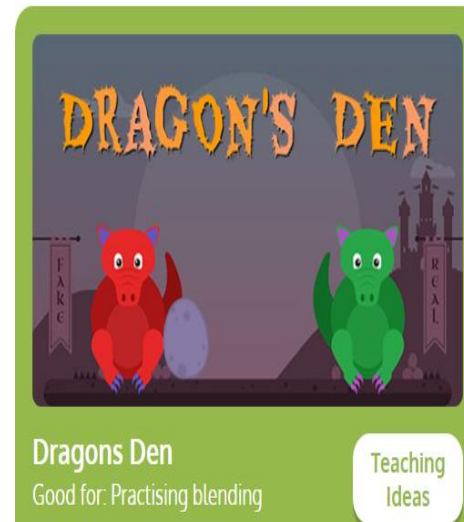
Our most popular resources



**Buried Treasure**  
Good for: Practising blending

Teaching Ideas

The card features a cartoon pirate and a treasure chest on a beach. The title 'Buried Treasure' is written in a large, yellow, bubbly font.



**DRAGON'S DEN**  
Good for: Practising blending

Teaching Ideas

The card shows two cartoon dragons, one red and one green, in front of a castle. The title 'DRAGON'S DEN' is written in a jagged, orange font.



**PICNIC on PLUTO**  
Good for: Practising blending

Teaching Ideas

The card depicts two cartoon aliens, one yellow and one blue, sitting at a picnic table. The title 'PICNIC on PLUTO' is written in a yellow, bubbly font.

# Phonics Bloom

AdaptedMind

## Odd And Bob



### Phonics Games

Phase 1 - Skill Development

Phase 2 - First Letters

Phase 3 - Expansion

Phase 4 - Consolidation

Phase 5 - Further Development

Phase 6 - Achieving Fluency

[Odd And Bob \(Phase 5\) - Online Phonics Game \(phonicsbloom.com\)](https://phonicsbloom.com)

## How else can I help?

- This is our plea to you:
- Please make sure you bring your child to school every day, this is a really important time for your child.
- Please also make sure you bring your child to school on time each day. Every class has their phonics lesson first thing in the morning so making sure your child is in school at the start of the day means they will get their daily phonics session. This will help them to prepare for the test.

Please practise with the materials at home

Screening check: answer sheet

For name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Screening check important: Please tick the appropriate box for each word. The use of the comment box is optional.

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