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14th April 2026

Dear Year 1 Parents / Carers,

On Tuesday 5th May 2026, we will be holding a meeting for all parents of children in Year 1. The aim of this meeting will be to inform parents about the upcoming Phonics Screening Check (PSC). We will be providing you with an information pack and ensure there is time to answer any questions you may have.

The PSC takes place during the second and third week after half term (8th - 19th June) and is administered by teachers working individually with each child for about 15 minutes. We approach this task sensitively and work positively with the children. The children have completed a number of mock PSC assessments alongside their daily phonics teaching and interventions, so this will not be a new experience for them. You will know when your child has completed their PSC as they will come home with a special phonics certificate.

The meeting will be from 2.30pm until 2.50pm and following this, you will be able to collect your child from school at the end of day time from their classes. This will be held in the primary hall and therefore access to this will be from the side gate on Stafford Road. A member of staff will be there to greet you and direct you to the hall. Please do not go to the school office. If you are unsure where the side gate is, please ask your class teacher.

Please respond to the invite on ScoPay to confirm your attendance.

If you have any further questions about the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Regards,

Miss Hallowes and Miss Longley
Year 1 Team