

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

- ▶ Information for Parents
- ▶ What is the Phonics Screening Check and how you can help your child succeed.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- ▶ • Short assessment for Year 1
- ▶ • 40 words (real + nonsense)
- ▶ • Takes place in the week beginning of the 8th June 2026

Why is it important?

- ▶ • Assesses reading progress
- ▶ • Identifies support needs
- ▶ • Builds confidence

What will children do?

- ▶ • Read real and alien words
- ▶ • Use phonics skills
- ▶ • Work with a familiar adult

[Phonics screening check: 2025 materials - GOV.UK](#)

Practise past papers

- ▶ • Familiar format
- ▶ • Builds confidence
- ▶ • Keep it low-pressure

[Year 1 phonics screening check: 2026 parent guide - Reading Chest](#)

How you can help at home

- ▶ • Read the Guided reading Book regularly
- ▶ Read regularly on ActiveLearn
- ▶ • Practise sounds
- ▶ • Blend sounds
- ▶ Learn Year 1 common Exception words
- ▶ • Keep it fun

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Reading Chest resources

- ▶ • Phonics games
- ▶ • Interactive activities
- ▶ • Reinforce tricky sounds

- ▶ [Free Reading & Phonics Resources - Reading Chest](#)

Watch Mr Thorne's videos

- ▶ • Explains tricky sounds
- ▶ • Engaging videos
- ▶ • Great for revision

[Mr.T Does Phonics with Geraldine the Giraffe - "ou' as the /u/ sound](#)

[Mr.T Does Phonics with Geraldine the Giraffe - The 'ir' Digraph](#)

[Mr.T Does Phonics with Geraldine the Giraffe - The 'ee' Digraph](#)

Top Tips

- ▶ • Little and often
- ▶ • Praise effort
- ▶ • Keep it fun
- ▶ • Stay relaxed

Questions?

- ▶ Thank you for your support!
- ▶ Any questions?