

# Phoenix Arch School Spring Newsletter

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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

It has been a vibrant, reflective and enriching Spring Term so far at Phoenix Arch. We are incredibly proud of our children and the breadth of learning, creativity and celebration that has taken place across the school community. Please take a few moments to read this newsletter, which includes updates on upcoming events, our new school values, the SEND White Paper reforms and key dates for your diary.

## *Looking Back: January to February*

In January, we held our New Beginnings Assembly and marked important events including:

- Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- Children's Mental Health Week
- Safer Internet Day
- Chinese New Year

Choir sessions and music lessons restarted, bringing wonderful energy to our week.

During February, pupils took part in:

- Choir, Dance and music workshops (still continue)
- It's My City sessions (still continue)
- A visit to the Imperial War Museum
- Bubble Planet trip
- Local visits to Tesco & Garden centres

Before half-term, we celebrated Pancake Day and held a Parents' Coffee Morning on bedtime routines.

## *Upcoming Events*

We are looking forward to a rich and celebratory end to the Spring Term, including:

- World Book Day (5<sup>th</sup> March) – Children and staff will dress as book characters and walk the ramp during our special assembly.
- Carnival Parade Assembly (6<sup>th</sup> March): A colourful celebration filled with music, rhythm and creativity.

- Science Week (wk beg 9<sup>th</sup> March) – Theme: Curiosity: What's Your Question? Pupils will take part in hands-on investigations, including Sublime Science workshops. This year, we will explore animals and sea life, and learn more about biologist and natural historian David Attenborough, who celebrates his 100th birthday this year. Learning will be cross-curricular, linking science with literacy and art.

- Art Week (wk beg 16<sup>th</sup> March) – Led by visiting artist Darrell Darrell Wakelam, culminating in our Art and Music Concert as part of our Artsmark journey.

Assemblies -weekly celebration assemblies plus assemblies on Holi, Healthy Me, Eid and Easter.



## Our New School Values

This term, we officially developed our new school values:

Kind, Curious, Creative

These were developed using the Head, Heart and Hand principles and shaped through consultation with children, staff, parents and governors.

During a recent coffee morning, parents were keen to add a fourth value:

Collaborative

This reflects the importance of working together with families, schools, multi-agencies and our local community to achieve the very best outcomes for our children.

These values now underpin our assemblies, curriculum and daily interactions.

During the Summer Term we will begin developing a new school website. This will reflect our refreshed vision and our new values Kind, Curious, Creative and Collaborative.

## SEND White Paper – National Reform

The government has recently published a Schools White Paper outlining proposed changes to the SEND system. Please don't panic.

There are no immediate changes to your child's provision. However, the reforms will shape the national direction of specialist and mainstream education in the coming years.

We encourage parents to read more here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2026/02/schools-white-paper-what-parents-need-to-know-about-changes-to-the-send-system/>

## Key Dates for Your Diary

**Thursday 5th March – 10:00am** Parents' & Carers' Coffee Morning – Dental Hygiene

**Monday 23rd March – 10:00am**: SaLT & OT Parents' & Carers' Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 25th March – 10:00am**: End of Term Art & Music Concert (Parents invited)

**Wednesday 25th March – 4:00pm**: Residential Trip Online Meeting

(Zoom invites will be sent to parents whose children are attending the trip)

**Thursday 26th March**: It's My City Celebration Afternoon (Cedar & Rowan Parents)

**Friday 27th March**: Term Ends at **1:30pm**

We are proud to celebrate the diversity of our Phoenix Arch community. Earlier this term, we acknowledged Chinese New Year and shared learning about its traditions. As we move through March, we would like to wish Ramadan Kareem to families who are fasting and extend our best wishes to those observing Lent.

Best Wishes,  
Falu Mehta