

SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER

Phoenix Arch School

May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and incredibly busy half term it has been at Phoenix Arch School. Across the school, our children have continued to demonstrate our values of being Kind, Curious, Creative and Collaborative whilst taking part in a wide range of enriching learning experiences both in and beyond the classroom.

This half term has been full of memorable moments, exciting trips and opportunities for pupils to build confidence, independence and resilience.

Swimming sessions and Bounce Therapy also continued this term. We are incredibly proud of the children for developing confidence in the water and engaging positively in activities that support both physical development and emotional regulation.

Enriching Experiences and Educational Visits

Many classes enjoyed community visits and hands-on learning experiences this half term. These visits supported communication, independence, curiosity and life skills whilst helping pupils generalise their learning in real-life settings.

Birchen Grove Garden Centre: Cherry class and Willow class visited the Birchen Grove garden Centre. They had the opportunity to play in the playground, walk through the centre to see lots of different plants, explore some fountains and statues, and see a range of fish including koi fish! Cherry class even had the chance to feed the big koi fish and some of the smaller fish. Such an enriching afternoon!

Celebrating Success

We were delighted to see some of our pupils represent the school as match mascots at Wembley Stadium. This was a very proud moment for the whole school community and an unforgettable experience for the children involved. Photo credit The FA



The Wallace Collection

enjoyed a visit to The Wallace Collection in central London. The highlight of the trip was an immersive "4D" experience where pupils used props and role-play to bring a famous painting to life. They also developed their sketching skills by focusing on foreground, middle ground and background in landscape drawings.

The children travelled on the Underground and were praised by members of the public for their excellent behaviour and polite manners.

Residential Trip

One of the highlights of the half term was some of our KS2 children residential trip to Paccar Scout Camp. Pupils demonstrated enormous bravery, resilience and independence throughout the trip. Children challenged themselves through activities such as ziplining, caving and outdoor adventure tasks. We were especially proud of pupils who overcame worries and fears to participate in new experiences. These are the moments that help build confidence for life.

Mitsubishi Electric "Learning Curve": Some of our KS2 children took part in sessions focused on renewable technology, solar energy, and the themes of "reduce, reuse, and recycle." The children used a specially designed workbook (complete with stickers) and purpose-built experiments to discover how renewable technologies work. They learnt about the importance of helping to build a sustainable future and how to reduce water wastage, how a solar panel works and how a heat pump works. Children posed interesting questions and challenged some of the suggestions based on practicality.

Cultural Diversity Day

Pupils and staff had the opportunity to experience live sitar, tabla and dhol performances by Jay and Jonathan from Dhol2Dhol Academy and everyone was so engaged listening to music. The atmosphere across the school was vibrant and celebratory. We were also incredibly touched by the number of parents who offered to prepare food and others who asked if they could take part in the celebration in person. We truly appreciate your support and willingness to contribute to our school community. This was our first Cultural Diversity Day celebration and we will certainly look at organising a future event where parents and families can join us too.

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support throughout another busy and successful half term. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and grateful to our dedicated staff team who continue to go above and beyond every day for our children.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Best Wishes,

Falu Mehta

Headteacher

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- June Parents' Coffee Morning Date TBC
- Wednesday 1st July : KS1 Sports Day (Cherry & Blossom)
- Wednesday 8th July - KS2 Sports Day Friday 17th July- End of the Term Show
- Friday 10th July - Year 6 Graduation

Upcoming Events