



# Ferndale Primary School and Nursery

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## FS2 and Year 1: Parents' Phonic workshop

Dear Parents or Carers,

I am writing to invite you to a parent workshop that will explain **phonics** in more detail. **Phonics** is the primary strategy used when teaching children to read in KS1. Sounds (or phonemes) are taught in a particular order, children learn to recognise and blend them when reading words. It is very important that children learn to say the sounds rather than using letter names. **As a parent, your involvement in supporting your child to learn to recognise these sounds will be a vital factor in determining their progress and confidence when learning to read.**

In addition, at the end of year 1, children are assessed using the **Phonic Screening Check**.

We would like to invite you to attend a phonics workshop on **12th November**, at **2.30pm**, in the Conference room (enter via the courtyard). At the meeting, we will explain more about phonics and how you can support your child when reading with them at home. We will show you how to pronounce all 44 phonemes and we will explain which phonemes are taught when. Finally, we discuss the Phonics Screening Check and how phonics is assessed at the end of year 1.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rouse  
Phonics lead and Deputy Head