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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Phonics Stay and Play - Tuesday 6th October 2026 8.30-9am

We are delighted to invite families of children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** to join us for a special **Phonics Stay & Play** session on **Tuesday 6th October, from 8:30–9:00am**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to come into school with your child and see first-hand how phonics is taught and how it supports children in developing the skills they need to become confident, fluent readers.

We know that parents and carers play an important role in their child's reading journey, and we would love to share some of the approaches we use in school, as well as practical ways you can support your child at home.

During the session, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn more about the sounds and phonics skills your child is currently learning.
- See phonics teaching in action.
- Find out how we develop children's early reading skills and confidence with books.
- Learn practical strategies and simple activities that you can use to support reading at home.

Year 1 and Year 2: For **Year 1 pupils**, and **Year 2 pupils who will be retaking the Phonics Screening Check**, the session will provide useful information about the **Phonics Screening Check in June 2027**. We will explain how the check works and share practical strategies to help you support your child at home.

For other **Year 2 pupils**, the session will focus on supporting the next stage of their reading journey, including developing **reading fluency, comprehension and a lifelong love of reading**.

Reception: For Reception families, this will be a great introduction to our approach to phonics and early reading. You will have the opportunity to see how we build these important foundations from the very beginning of your child's school journey.

We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to welcoming you into school on **Tuesday 6th October**.Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards

Miss M Neve, Y1 Teacher & Phonics LeadY1 Teacher & Phonics Lead