

Welcome to



Phonics

Information Evening 2024



What will be covered?

- The Alphabetic code
- The Key Terminology
- The Phonics Journey
- What is the Phonics Screening?
- How can I help my child prepare?

The Alphabetic code

- English is an alphabetic language
- There are 26 letters in the English language
- There are approximately 44 sounds (phonemes) in the English language
- Combined they make in excess of 140 letter combinations (graphemes)
- <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/essential-letters-and-sounds/>

The Key Terminology

- Phoneme – the smallest unit of sound in a word.
- Grapheme – a letter or group of letters that represent a phoneme.
- Blending – merging the individual phonemes together to read a word all the way through. Children should sound out each phoneme, not letter when reading unfamiliar words.
- Segmenting – hearing and saying the individual phonemes within words. In order to spell, children need to segment a word into its component phonemes and choose a grapheme to represent each phoneme.
- Fluency: When a sentence is read with clarity, confidence and tone.

The Key Terminology

- Digraphs – two letters representing one phoneme
- Consonant digraphs: ll ss ff zz ng
- Vowel digraphs: ai ee ew oa ar
- Split Vowel digraphs: a-e e-e i-e o-e u-e
- Trigraphs: three letters making one phoneme: ear air ure tch dge igh

Identifying phonemes

- A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in a word.
- jump book
- catch surfer
- midnight shopping

PHASE 3

j 	v 	w 	x 	y 
z 	zz 	qu 	ch 	sh 
th 	ng 	nk 	ai 	ee 
igh 	oa 	oo 	ar 	ur 
oo 	or 	ow 	oi 	ear 
air 	ure 	er 	ow 	

PHASE 5

ay 	ou 	ie 	ea 
oy 	ir 	ue 	aw 
wh 	ph 	ew 	oe 
au 	ey 	a-e 	e-e 
i-e 	o-e 	u-e 	c 



The Phonics Journey

Reception

- 1: sounds/phonemes are represented by letters/graphemes
- 2: a phoneme can be represented by one or more letters

Year 1

- 3: The same phoneme can be represented in more than one way.
- 4: The same grapheme may represent more than one phoneme.

What is the Phonics Screening?

- The National Year One Phonics Screening Check was introduced in 2012.
- The test is administered in mid-June.
- This check is statutory for all maintained schools.
- All pupils in our current Year One at Nutfield Church Primary School will take the Screening Check.

What is the Phonics Screening?

- The Phonics Screening Check is designed to show how well your child can use the phonics skills they have learned up to the end of Year One, and to identify pupils who need extra phonics help.
- The screening check assesses whether your child is able to read/decode at an appropriate standard.
- The Department for Education defines the checks as “short, light-touch assessments” that take about four to nine minutes to complete.

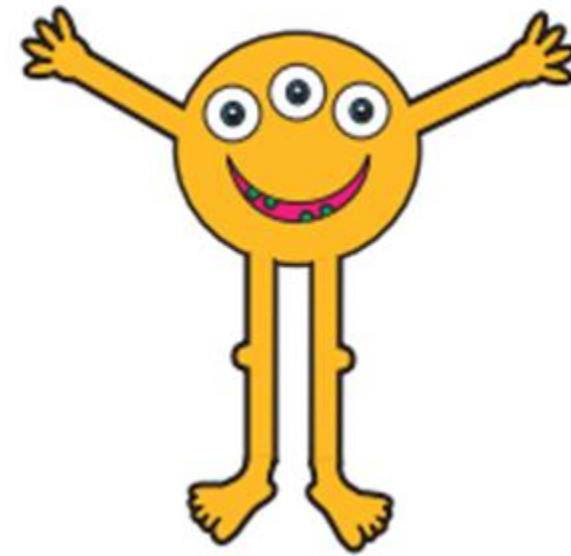
What is the Phonics Screening?

- The check consists of 40 words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with myself (Miss Gibbins).
- There will be 20 'real' words and 20 'alien' words (non-words).
- Non-words (nonsense words, alien words) are a collection of letters that will follow phonics rules your child has been taught, but don't mean anything.
- Each of the non-words is presented with a picture of an alien.
- Your child will need to apply their knowledge of phonemes to read these correctly, showing that they understand the phonics rules behind them.

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Screening check: answer sheet

First name	
Last name	

Screening check responses: Please tick the appropriate box for each word. The use of the comment box is optional.

Section 1			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
sut			
yad			
dop			
uct			
meck			
shig			
joil			
chort			
blem			
drell			
fusp			
quisk			
shop			
yell			
peel			
check			
plug			
sweep			
soft			
yards			

Section 2			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
vaw			
meast			
waib			
zome			
brend			
throst			
stret			
spraw			
few			
fried			
beak			
cute			
crust			
trails			
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scraps			
label			
vanish			
blossom			
thankful			

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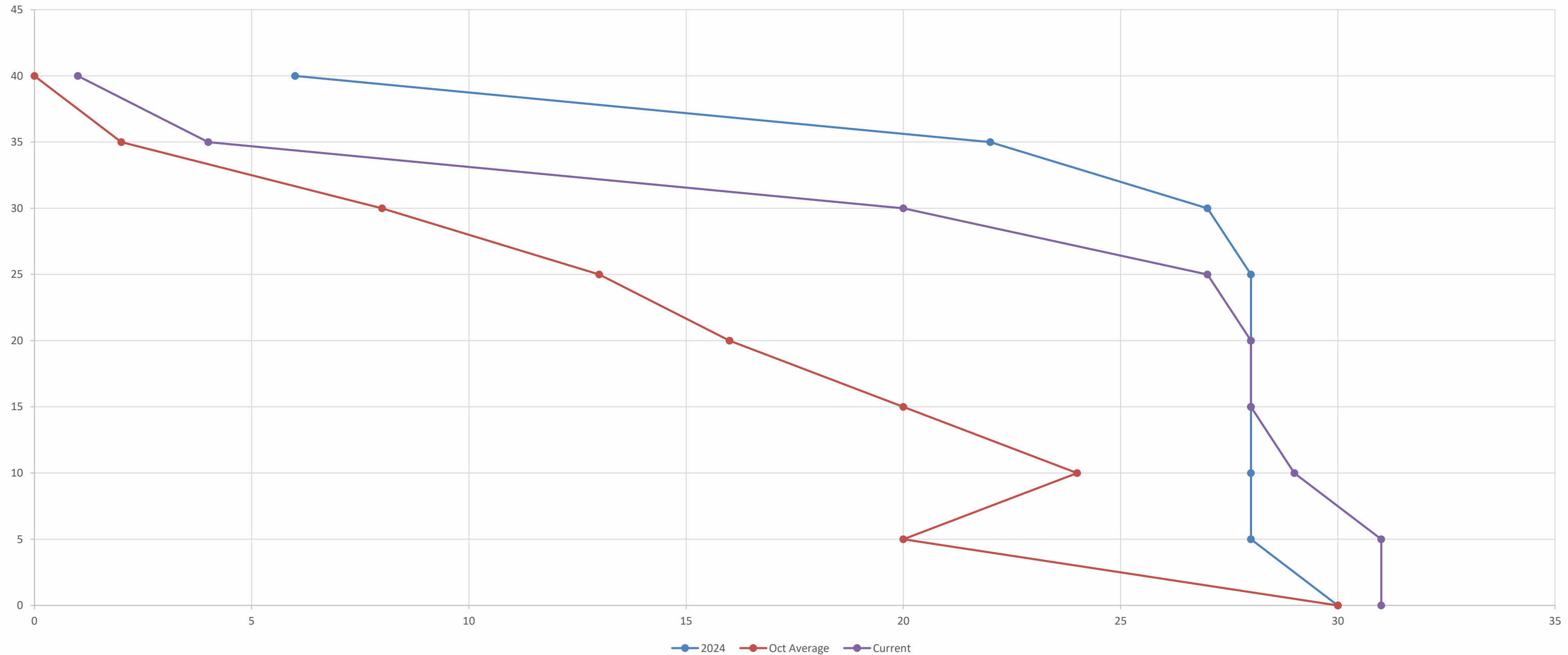
Marking the Phonics Screening?

- The check will be administered in accordance with the Standards and Testing Agency's check administration guidance.
- Schools are monitored by unannounced monitoring visitors from local authorities in order to ensure that administration of the checks are accurate.
- All schools will report their pupil-level phonics screening check data to their Local Authority.
- The threshold mark is communicated to schools by the start of July, after the test has been taken and all schools have submitted their pupils' scores.
- Your child will be scored against a national standard, and their result will indicate whether or not they fall below or within this standard.

Marking the Phonics Screening?

- The check will be marked by Miss Gibbins.
- In the last three years, the "pass threshold" was 32, which meant that children had to read at least 32 words out of 40 correctly.
- At Nutfield Church Primary School we pride ourselves on our phonics teaching. Results in the Year 1 phonics screening check are above the national average”.

Marking the Phonics Screening?



How can I help my child prepare?

- Reading daily with your child. Using the phonics books sent home as well as any additional books you may have.
- When sounding out words use the phonetical sounds rather than the names of the letters.
- Revise the focus sounds provided in your take home pack.
- Play phonics games. There are lots of online resources to help children practice their phonics
 - phonicsplay.co.uk
 - phonicsbloom.com
 - topmarks.co.uk



Any Questions?

