



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

## 'Doing our best for God'

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to further inform you about the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. All Year 1 pupils in England take the phonics screening check. On the week beginning Monday 10th June, the children will be given a Phonics Screening Check which will be administered in school by Miss Gooch, Mrs Satterthwaite and myself. The children have been preparing for this since starting school in the Reception Class and have had lots of opportunities to familiarise with the delivery of the check.

### What is the Phonics Screening Check?

The check is made up of 40 words, and usually lasts 5-10 minutes. Some words are real words, and others are nonsense, or 'alien' words, which help to show if pupils can work out how to decode words they haven't seen before. The phonics screening check will take place on a one to one but the children will largely be unaware of it being a test and have already participated in some practice ones.

The check helps us to see:

- How pupils are progressing in phonics
- Where to provide additional teaching and support

### When will it be happening?

Year 1 pupils will complete The Phonics Screening Check in the first week back after the May half term, the week beginning Monday 10th June 2024.

### Do we get to know the results?

We will let you know the results as part of your child's end of year report during the summer term. If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they'll get to have another go next year and we will also tell you what support we have put in place to help him or her improve.. The screening is nothing to worry about. The results don't count towards any league tables.

### Do we need to prepare at home?

You can always help your child by:

- Reading with them and supporting them with their phonics homework
- Playing sound and reading games
- Teaching them new words, and showing them how they're written

If you have any further questions about the phonics screening check, please come and have a chat with me.

Yours sincerely  
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