

# Hambridge Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach June, we would like to inform you about the upcoming Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, which all Year 1 pupils across the country take as part of a government initiative.

The check is a short, individual assessment where children are asked to read a mixture of real words and 'monster' (nonsense) words. The monster words are included to check that children can use their phonics skills to decode words, rather than relying on memory.

Please be reassured that the children are very familiar with this type of activity. Phonics screening-style reading is a regular part of our phonics lessons, and the check will be carried out in a calm, supportive environment. It will feel just like a normal day at school.

With the Easter holidays coming up, we would really appreciate your continued support by reading regularly with your child. Even a short amount of reading each day makes a big difference and helps to build confidence, fluency, and enjoyment of reading.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions about the Phonics Screening Check or how best to support your child at home, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Gibson

