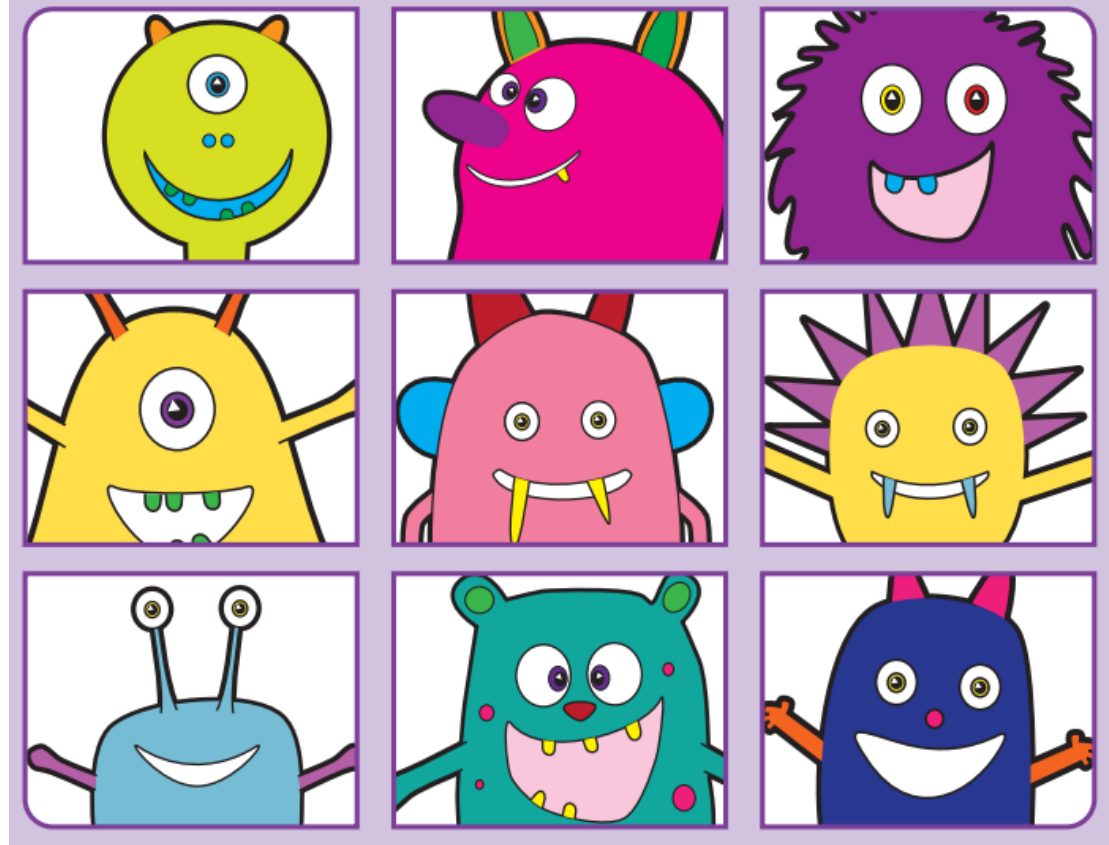


# Phonics Screening Check



W.C June 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

# What is Phonics?

Children begin to learn phonics (sounds) in Early Years.

Once children begin learning sounds these sounds are used to read and spell words. Children can then see the purpose of learning sounds.

For this reason the first initial sounds that are taught are 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n'.

These can immediately be blended for reading to make simple CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant) e.g. sat, pin. Children then develop segmenting for writing skills; breaking the words into sounds to spell it out.

- All **year 1** pupils in England take the phonics screening check.
- It will be administered by your child's class teacher.
- The check is made up of 40 words, and usually lasts 5 to 10 minutes.
- Some words are real words and others are nonsense, or 'alien' words.

# How is the screening check marked?



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPJ\\_ZEBh1Bk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPJ_ZEBh1Bk)

## The check helps us to see:

- How pupils are progressing in phonics
- Where to provide additional teaching and support
- The check may not be appropriate for some pupils. We'll let you know if we think this is the case for your child.

# When will the check take place?

Year 1 will do the phonics screening check in the week of

8<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

- We'll also let you know the results in your child's end of year report.
- If your child does not meet the expected standard in the check, they'll get to have another go next year.

# How can I support my child at home?

spray

gloud



pie



dea

## Phonics screening check resources

Resources include:

- scoring guidance
- pupils' materials
- answer sheets

You can use old papers to practice at home

### [Phonics screening check: 2025 materials](#)

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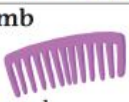









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Rocket Phonics Sounds Mat 1					
s sun 	a apple 	t tap 	i insect 	p pan 	
n net 	m mouse 	d dog 	g goat 	o octopus 	c cat 
k kite 	ck duck 	e elephant 	u umbrella 	r rabbit 	h hat 
b bat 	f frog 	ff cliff 	l ladder 	ll shell 	ss dress 
j jug 	v van 	w web 	x fox 	y yellow 	z zebra 

Rocket Phonics Sounds Mat 2					
zz fizzy 	qu queen 	ch chick 	sh sheep 	th thumb feather 	
ng ring 	ai train 	ee bee 	igh light 	oa boat 	oo book moon 
ar car 	or fork 	ur purse 	ow owl 	oi coin 	ear ear 
air chair 	ure manure 	er hammer 	wh wheel 	ph dolphin 	ay crayon 
a-e cake 	a acorn 	e-e scene 	ie shield 	ea peach 	

Go back through sounds previously taught with your child.

Rocket Phonics Sounds Mat 3					
i child 	i-e time 	ie pie 	y spy 	o-e rope 	
ow snow 	oe toe 	o piano 	ey key 	u unicorn 	u-e cube 
ue statue 	ew news 	er herbs 	ir bird 	ou cloud 	oy toy 
blue blue 	screw screw 	er herbs 	bird bird 	soup shoulder 	oy toy 
au astronaut 	aw strawberry 	oul should 	a father 	al palm 	ear ear earth 
or world 	eer deer 	ere here 	are square 	our four 	ore snore 

Rocket Phonics Sounds Mat 4					
oor door 	augh daughter 	ce celery 	ci city 	cy cycle 	
ge germ 	gi giraffe 	gy gymnast 	ea bread 	se cheese 	ce fence 
ch chef school 	dge bridge 	ge package 	o mother 	le bottle 	ed mixed drilled 
mb comb 	kn knot 	gn sign 	wr writing 	tch hatching 	s si ge treasure television collage 
ture picture 	y pyramid 	sc scissors 	st whistle 	(w)a (qu)a watch squash 	ti ci ssi station musician percussion 



Reading with your child as much as possible and working through any sounds they struggle with as they come up.