



St Edward's C of E Primary School

Exploring faith, life and learning



Support your child with Phonics

Phonics is learning to recognise the initial and individual sounds in words and applying phonic knowledge in reading and writing. Phonics is taught up to Year 2 and beyond Year 2 for any children who still need it.

Some activities we use at St Edward's are:

- Finding rhyming objects/words e.g. cat, mat, hat
- Sorting objects beginning with the same initial sounds e.g. sun, slipper, sock
- Odd one out - This can be played either using rhyming or recognising initial sounds

We base our teaching of phonics on the Letters and Sounds

Children from Reception up to Year 2 have a daily phonics lesson. Teachers and teaching assistants are all trained to lead phonics groups. Children are regularly assessed to check on their progress. If you would like more information, please ask your child's class teacher.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

In June each year, all Year 1 pupils throughout the country are tested. The Government's Phonics Screening Check is a list of 40 words, some of which are real words and some are made up words, which each child will be asked to read out loud to their teacher. Children are used to sounding out words and it is unlikely that the children will even realise that they are being "tested." The results of the test will be shared with parents and will also be used to help us plan for further support for those children who need it. Should there be any child that does not reach the pass mark on the Screening Check, they will receive extra phonics support in Year 2 and will be re tested at the end of Year 2.

For further information regarding the Phonics Screening Check, have a look on the [Department for Education's website](#).

The most important thing you can do to support your children's phonics development is to listen to them read every day.

Practice really does make perfect!