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Dear Parents and Carers,

During the week of 8th June, our Year 1 pupils will complete the statutory Phonics Screening Check. Individually, with a familiar teacher, each child will be asked to decode a series of real and 'alien' words. This is a routine part of our school year: the children are very comfortable with the format, and have practised both segmenting (breaking words into sounds) and blending (reassembling sounds) in class.

Please rest assured that we never rush or pressure your child. We know them well and can tell when they need a pause; if necessary, they can take a short break and return to the test later. Any child who does not meet the national standard this time will have another opportunity next year.

While the Phonics Screening Check gives us valuable information about your child's reading development, it captures only one aspect of their progress. You will receive a full end-of-year report detailing both the test result and your child's personal qualities and achievements in July.

In the lead-up to testing, your support is invaluable. Please ensure your child arrives in school on time each day. Continuing to read together at home will reinforce everything we do in class.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to speak with your class teacher or contact me directly.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

With best wishes,

Sarah Clements  
Headteacher