

Phonics



Phonics is the knowledge of the letters and the sounds they make. At St Alphege, phonics is taught through the 'Letters and Sounds' programme.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, children begin to listen to and recognise the sounds through 'Jolly Phonics'. Their learning is linked with songs, actions and practical games to help the children remember the sounds.

Letters and sounds are introduced one at a time and children are encouraged to blend and segment words containing the letters taught.

Children will work through the phases at their own pace until they are ready to move on to grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) in Year 2.

Typically, children will work on the following phases:

Reception: Phase 1, 2 and 3

Year 1: Phase 3, 4 and 5

Year 2: Phase 5, 6 and GPS

Useful links

- [Jolly phonics actions](#)
- [Jolly phonics songs](#)
- [Letters and sounds](#)
- [Phonics play - Interactive games](#)
- [Phonics vocabulary/lingo](#)
- [Interactive games - Top marks](#)
- [Pure sounds - How to pronounce the sounds](#)



Ideas to do at home

- Sound hunt - Give your child a letter and ask them to find objects beginning with the letter.
- Help to write shopping lists.
- Read every day
- Spot digraphs/trigraphs in different words.
- Draw a hop-scotch in chalk - put a sound/word in each box for the children to call out.
- Draw an alien and make up nonsense names for it.
- Sort real and nonsense words.