

Year 1 Phonics Screening 2020

School Comparative Results

The phonic screening check ordinarily takes place in June when a child is in Year 1. In 2020, due to school closures relating to Covid-19, the phonics screening check was rescheduled to November 2020, by which time your children were already in Year 2.

It was extremely reassuring to see that, despite both nationally and within Liverpool there was a slight drop in percentage attaining the threshold score of 32/40 or above (National 79%; Liverpool 72%), **87% of our cohort met the required standard** – this exactly matched our 2019 percentage and we are seeing this as a very positive indication of how effectively phonics is taught in school and how well this cohort had ‘recovered’ following the first lockdown and being out of school from March to September.

The following table compares the percentages by phonics result for our school (November 2020) with the national results for 2019 – the most recent fully published.

		Wa	Wt	A	D
All Pupils	National	82	16	0	2
	School	87	13	0	0
Boys	National	78	19	0	2
	School	90	10	0	0
Girls	National	85	13	0	1
	School	84	16	0	0

Wa – Took the phonics screening check and met the required standard (32/40)

Wt – Took the phonics screening check and did not meet the required standard

A – Absent

D – Did not take the phonics screening check

There will be no externally reported testing in primary schools in the summer term 2021. Ordinarily, any pupils who did not reach the threshold score of 32 would be retested at the end of Year 2, alongside all Year 1. There is no phonics screening check this year. However, in school, those children are continuing to work on their phonic decoding and word recognition to enable them to become increasingly proficient readers. We will repeat a phonics screening in school for those pupils in the summer term to measure progress and ensure the required standard has been reached or appropriate individualised plans made.