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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to let you know that we will be holding an **Alien Day** at school on **Friday 22nd May 2026** to help the children practise and prepare for the upcoming **Phonics Screening Check**.

On this day, the children will take part in lots of fun, phonics-based activities focused on:

- recognising sounds
- segmenting words into sounds
- blending sounds together to read words

Children are welcome to come to school dressed as an alien or to wear something bright and space-themed if they would like to, though this is completely optional. A pair of wiggly antennae, some sparkly colours, or even a homemade badge is more than enough to join in the fun.

Throughout the day, the children will be "*alien phonics experts*," practising their sounds in a relaxed and enjoyable way to help build confidence and familiarity with the skills they need for the screening check.

Thank you for your continued support. We are really looking forward to a fun, memorable day full of learning and smiles!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Miss Parkinson
Year 1 Lead

