

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short, one-to-one assessment that helps teachers confirm whether children have learned the key phonics skills needed to read confidently. It involves children reading a mixture of real words and “nonsense” words that test their ability to recognise sounds and blend them together. The check is quick, takes place in a calm and familiar setting, and simply identifies who may need extra support with early reading.

The following section shows Rainow Primary School’s Year 1 Phonics outcomes for 2026 and the previous four years, highlighting how well our children have secured these essential early reading skills.

% Chn. Passing Year 1 Phonics Check					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Rainow	100	93	96	90	97
National	75	79	80	80	
% Diff	25	14	16	10	

