Phonics 2023

The Data

There are no changes to the data being collected for phonics between 2022 and 2023

In summer, during the test week of 12 June to 16 June, every Year 1 pupil (as well as any Year 2 pupils who did not meet the expected standard in the 2022 check) will take part in the phonics test.

In either check, the result is a simple score from 0 to 40 dependent on the number of correct answers they give.

At the end of June, the DfE will release the threshold mark that dictates whether a pupil is working at the expected standard (Wa). Those below the threshold are deemed to be working towards the expected standard (Wt).

The table below shows the data items collected for each child.

	Score	Outcome			
Expected Standard	0 - 40*	Wa Working at the expected standard			
Lower Attaining		Wt Working towards the expected standard			
Other Values	N/A	A Absent	D Disapplied	L Left	Q Maladministration

^{*} A threshold score for determining pupils that are working at and towards the expected standard will be released by the DfE on 20 June.

Source: NCER Key Stage Timelines and Fact Sheets