



Phonics Outcomes in 2024

Phonics: The Phonics Screening is a check of pupil’s phonic knowledge. It is administered in June in Year 1 and monitors the percentage of pupils who have achieved the threshold standard - the expected progress.

Pupils who do not meet the standard in Year 1 re-take the Phonics Screening Check in Year 2.

The threshold standard for expected progress in 2024 was 32 out of 40 marks.

Pupils who achieved the threshold standard for Phonics in 2024

WAI School	Luton LA	National
79%	77%	80%

Our school in the Phonics Screening Check in 2024 is above Luton and almost in line with National with a difference of 1%.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Phonics Attainment Comparison Overtime

% of Year 1 pupils meeting the expected standard of phonics	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
WAI School	37%	70%	62%	74%	77%	81%	90%	75%	66%	88%
National	58%	69%	74%	77%	80.6%	81%	83%	82%	75%	79%

Since 2012 we have made significant improvements in our phonics standards overtime. Since 2015 there was an ongoing upward trend and the school closed the gap with National year on year and in 2018 was above National, a real huge achievement for us.

In 2019 and 2022 there was a decrease and we were below National. There was no phonics data for 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID- 19 pandemic. The Year 2 cohort in 2020/21, 84% of pupils achieved the phonics standard. In 2023 phonics was identified as a key school improvement priority area and as a result we were above National and we were very proud of our pupil's attainment.

In 2024 we were above Luton and very close to National with only 1% difference. Phonics was identified as an Ofsted priority in January 2015. 'Raise standards in Year 1 Phonics'. The school has rigorously made improvements to our phonics outcomes and phonics learning for our pupils. The impact of the 'Little Wandle' phonics programme has proved beneficial. Phonics remains a whole school focus and a huge school priority to embed phonics teaching and learning in order to continue to improve standards and outcomes for all our pupils in 2025.