



Walton CEVC Primary School

Year 1 Phonics screening

The school's phonics outcomes have remained broadly strong over the last three years. In 2023-24, 86.6% of pupils met the expected standard in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, exceeding the national average of 80%. Whilst outcomes in 2024-25 matched the national figure, results improved again in 2025-26, with 84.6% of pupils achieving the expected standard. The impact of targeted intervention is particularly evident in Year 2 retake outcomes, where success rates increased from 66.6% in 2023-24 to 100% in both subsequent years. This demonstrates the school's commitment to ensuring pupils develop secure early reading skills and catch up quickly where additional support is required.

	2023 - 2024		2024 - 2025		2025 - 2026	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
Year 1	86.6	80%	80%	80%	84.6%	
Year 2 retakes	66.6%		100%		100%	

Key Headlines

- In **2023-24**, Year 1 phonics outcomes were **6.6 percentage points above the national average**.
- In **2024-25**, outcomes matched the national average at **80%**.
- In **2025-26**, outcomes improved to **84.6%**, demonstrating a recovery from the previous year and exceeding the previous national benchmark.
- Year 2 phonics retake outcomes have improved significantly, rising from **66.6% in 2023-24** to **100% in both 2024-25 and 2025-26**.
- The consistent success of Year 2 retakes indicates that targeted interventions are effectively supporting pupils who do not initially meet the expected standard.