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Phonics is a method of teaching children to read using sounds (phonemes) and graphemes (letter groups) that combine together to make words. In St Norbert's Catholic Primary School Phonics is taught daily in all Key Stage 1 and EYFS classes.

During these sessions the children learn through activity, the different phonemes and their corresponding graphemes. They then learn how to blend and segment these to read and eventually spell.

In Year 1 the children undertake a National phonics Screening Test to ensure that the children are achieving age related expectations. Children who do not achieve the age related expectations are then supported through intervention schemes in Year 2.

At the end of Key stage 1 children move onto focus upon using Phonics to support their spelling, following the 'Support for Spelling' programme. This is the programme that children in Key Stage 2 then follow.