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### ***Leavening Leads the Way with Phonics Research!***

Dear Parents/Carers

At Leavening, we are always striving to improve outcomes for all our pupils — and we're proud to be a small school that thinks big!

We've recently taken part in a national research project with the Cornwall Associate Research School, exploring why some children do brilliantly in daily phonics but stumble when it comes to the Phonics Screening Check.

This important research helps us reflect on our teaching and find even better ways to support our children's learning.

We are especially proud to acknowledge our wonderful parent and educational professional **Kelly Reppold**, who led this work in school. Her involvement has brought insight, expertise and a real drive for innovation to our phonics provision.

We're thrilled to be working with Kelly and the wider research community to make a difference — not just for our pupils, but for schools across the country.

You can read the articles here:

<https://researchschool.org.uk/cornwall/news/why-do-certain-children-breeze-through-daily-phonics-but-then-take-a-tumble-on-the-phonics-screening-bed>

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**Together We Can** continue to be a school that learns, grows, and leads!

Yours sincerely  
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