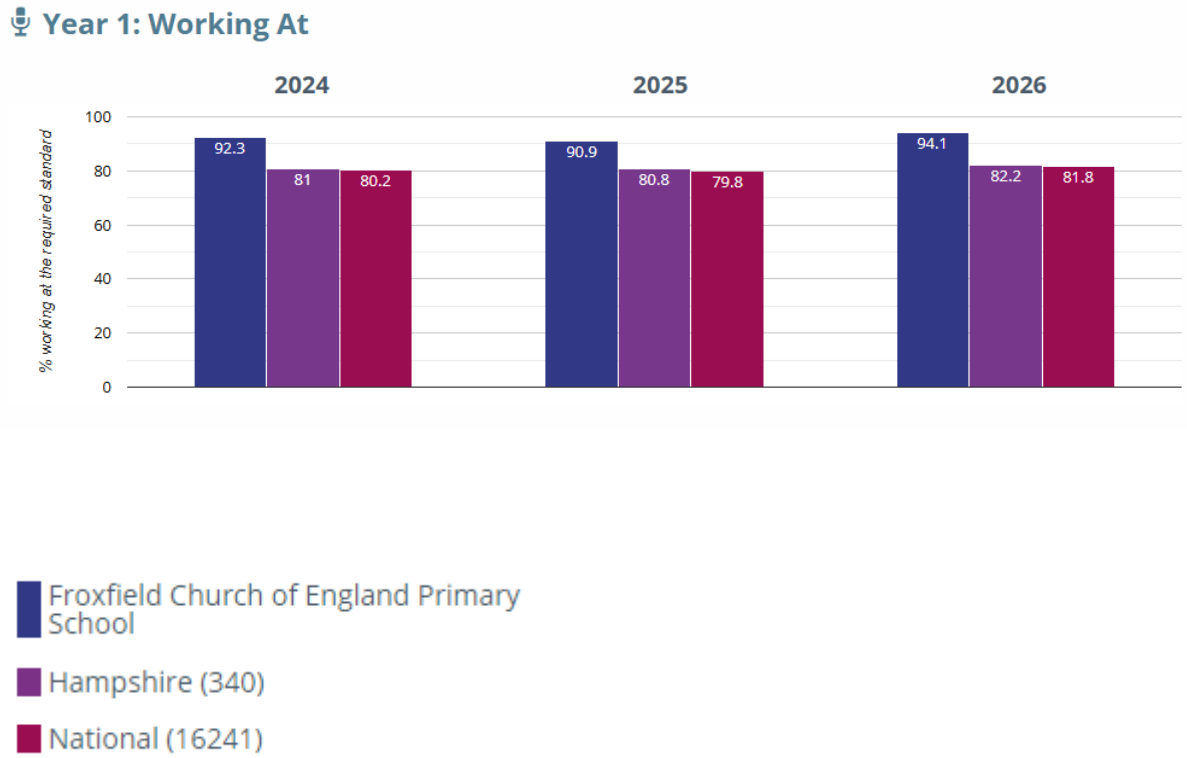
Year 1 Phonics Check – 2026

Nationally, all children are required to sit the Government's Phonics Screening Check at the end of year one. The check is designed to highlight children who have gaps in their phonic knowledge as there is a direct correlation between a child's ability to read and the standards they subsequently attain throughout their schooling.

The test is a simple pass or fail, with a pass mark in 2026 set at 31 out of a possible 40. The children are required to read a mixture of real and nonsense words.

The graph below compares achievement at Froxfield to all schools in Hampshire as well as all schools Nationally.

Percentage of children meeting the expected standard 2024, 2025 & 2026