

Monster Phonics Training Overview

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The Monster Phonics Training Tree

At Monster Phonics, we believe that confident, well-trained educators create confident, fluent readers. That's why we've refreshed and expanded our comprehensive training hub—a vibrant, flexible online space where all Monster Phonics schools can access expert-led, on-demand professional development, anytime, anywhere.

Our Training Tree is rooted in structured, progressive learning and is designed to support every teacher, teaching assistant, and leader as they grow into phonics champions.



A Three Step Journey

All Monster Phonics Schools follow this training path as part of their programme subscription:

Step 1: Phonics Fundamentals

The essential first step for everyone. This self-paced course covers:

- What phonics is and why it matters
- The importance of systematic synthetic phonics (SSP)
- Key terminology and correct articulation of pure sounds

Recommended Action: Complete this course individually and early—it's the foundation for all phonics practice in your school.

Step 2: Core Team Training

This in-depth, certified training gives your school the confidence and consistency to deliver phonics effectively:

- Group-based learning for teaching teams
- Designed to be completed in the first six weeks
- Builds shared understanding of Monster Phonics implementation

Recommended Action: Attend as a team to strengthen collaboration and ensure unified practice across classes.



Step 3: Specialised Pathways

Tailored modules aligned to specific roles and year groups:

- Choose from Reception to Year 2, Teaching Assistants, Leadership, Inclusion, and more
- Earn individual certifications
- Ongoing CPD that evolves with staff roles

Recommended Action: Begin after Core Team Training and revisit annually to stay current and deepen expertise.

Annual Refresher Training

Our Refresher Training will be available, from September, through the Training Hub, supporting staff who have previously completed the Core Team Training and are looking for a timely update.

Whether you're:

- Returning after leave
- Moving into a new teaching role
- Or just ready to brush up your phonics knowledge

This flexible update ensures your practice stays aligned with current expectations and programme updates.

What's Included:

- Keynote Presentation: Recaps the essential principles of Monster Phonics and introduces any programme updates.
- Role-Specific Signposting: Select Specialised Pathway modules based on your year group, responsibilities, and confidence level.
- Collaborative Planning: Work with your Reading Leader to tailor your refresher to your individual needs.

This ensures every staff member starts the academic year with the clarity, confidence, and up-to-date knowledge needed for high-quality phonics teaching from day one.

Flexible Support & Ongoing Learning

Drop-In Sessions

- Free, regular online sessions hosted throughout the year
- Expert Q&A, shared ideas, and peer support
- Book via Eventbrite (limited spaces) [Monster Phonics Events - 19 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)