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Issue 1

WEEK COMMENCING: MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025

We're so excited to share some fantastic reading updates and events happening this term. From exciting changes to how we celebrate home reading to a brand-new workshop for parents—there's plenty to look forward to as we build a joyful, engaged reading culture across the school.

Parent Reading Workshop – Date TBC

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Parent Reading Workshop — a friendly, practical session designed to help you support your child's reading journey at home.

Come along to discover:

- 📖 Simple ways to boost reading fluency and comprehension
- ⌚ How to make the most of even the shortest reading moments
- 🌱 Tips for encouraging reluctant readers and building their confidence
- 🏠 What it really means to be a "Free Reader"
- 🏠 An introduction to our new home reading system

Whether you're a reading pro or just getting started, this workshop is for everyone! Full details and sign-up information will be posted on the school website soon — we'd love to see as many parents and carers there as possible!

Let's help every child fall in love with reading. ❤️

KS1 Staff recommendation: Mr Norton's New Hat

A fun, quirky story about hats, identity, and being yourself.



KS2 Staff recommendation: The Adventures of Rap Kid

Energetic, rhyming tale celebrating confidence, creativity, and finding your voice.



'Shine as lights in the world'
Philippians 2:15

Library bus dates

4th September
2nd October
27th November

Children from Year 1-6 will be able to access the library bus if they have their library card in school.

Parental Sign-Off Required

To keep things consistent, we now ask parents/carers to sign off each read in the reading log. No comment is needed—just a quick signature to confirm your child has read.

Making Reading at Home Even More Rewarding

We're thrilled to introduce an exciting new way to celebrate and encourage reading at home! Starting this term, every child will receive their very own Reading Bookmark to help them track their reading and celebrate their progress. Here's how it works:

🌟 **Step-by-Step Rewards System:**

✅ **Every 5 home reads = 1 sticker**

Each time your child completes five home reading sessions (and records them in their reading log), they'll receive a fun, colourful sticker to place on their Reading Bookmark.

🎉 **8 stickers = 1 Reading Ribbon**

Once your child collects eight stickers — that's two full rows of dedicated reading — they'll be awarded a themed Reading Ribbon to celebrate their consistency and effort.

🏆 **Full bookmark = Reading Champion Badge**

When their bookmark is completely filled with stickers, your child will be presented with a special Reading Champion Badge in recognition of their commitment and progress. These badges are a real point of pride and will be awarded during school assemblies!

This new system is designed to make reading at home feel meaningful and exciting. Whether your child is already an avid reader or just starting to build confidence, this fun reward system helps build positive reading habits and motivates them to keep going.

Let's work together to make every page count — happy reading!

Why read?

If your child reads for just 15 minutes each day, in just one year they will have read over a million words.



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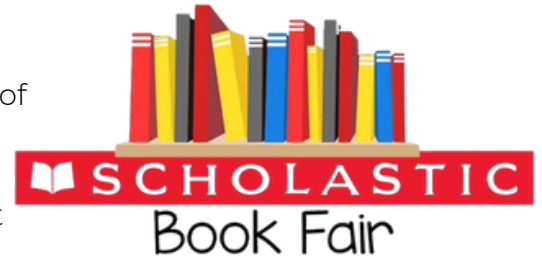
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The Book Fair is Coming! – December 2nd–9th 2025

Mark your calendars—the School Book Fair will be arriving in December!

It's a fantastic opportunity for children to explore a wide variety of books, and every purchase helps earn free books for our classrooms.

More details, including how to buy online and use Book Fair gift vouchers, will be shared in November.



Reading volunteers needed!

We're looking for enthusiastic parent and carer volunteers to support reading in school. If you can spare a little time each week to listen to children read, we'd love to hear from you! Your help makes a big difference. Please contact the school office if you're interested.

what books should my child be reading?

EYFS

Children take home a chapter book linked closely to their current phonics learning to support early reading development.

Year 1 and Year 2

Children bring home two books:

- A chapter book matched to their comprehension level.
- A phonics book aligned with their current phonics phase.

Year 3 onwards

Children take home:

- A chapter book that matches their comprehension level.
- A 'Love of Reading' book chosen for enjoyment.

Free Readers

Once a child becomes a free reader, they have full choice over the books they read, encouraging independence and a lifelong love of reading.

Children may choose books to read with their parents, even if they are harder than their usual reading level. This is important as it helps develop a passion for reading at home.

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Why read?
Reading builds imagination, vocabulary, empathy, and knowledge—opening doors to learning, confidence, and lifelong curiosity.

FS and KS1 - Decodable Books

Some books will have words for you to read with your child, these are matched closely to their phonetic knowledge and learning taking place in school. Other books will have no words for the children to read but contain detailed pictures to discuss and create their own story.

Most books will have key words to practise before and suggested questions for you to ask about the story after they have read it – you can ask other questions too as those provided are just a guide!



READING with your child

We are pleased to inform you that we have recently developed a new resource to support you in promoting reading comprehension at home with your children. Our Reading Comprehension Guides for Year 1 to Year 6 are now available, following our school's VIPERS approach.

These guides have been designed to assist you in engaging your child in meaningful discussions about their reading material. They include question prompts and example comments that can be recorded in your child's reading log. By using these guides, you will be able to help your child develop a deeper understanding of what they are reading and enhance their comprehension skills.

You can find these guides in your child's school planner or on our school website. They have been made easily accessible so that you can refer to them whenever you need support in guiding your child's reading comprehension. We encourage you to make use of these resources on a regular basis to help your child make the most of their reading experience.

