



Welcome to Reading Together

Hello Families! We're thrilled to launch our first newsletter for the National Year of Reading 2026. This year, we're "Going All In" - discovering how reading connects to the things you already love, from football to cooking, gaming to music.

☀️ THE 10-MINUTE CHALLENGE ☀️

Can your family read together for just 10 minutes every day?
That's all it takes!

- Why 10 minutes?
- It fits into the busiest lives
- Children look forward to it when it's part of the routine
- Over an hour each week adds up!
- It shows reading is important AND enjoyable



Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

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Go All In: Whatever You're Into, Read Into It!

Reading isn't just novels (though we love those too!). This year, we're celebrating ALL reading:

- Into football? Read match reports, player biographies, football magazines
- Love gaming? Read game guides, graphic novels, fantasy adventures
- Enjoy cooking? Read recipes together, food magazines, books about chefs
- Into music? Read song lyrics, artist biographies, music magazines
- Curious about animals? Read fact books, comics, nature magazines

Family Book Quiz

Test your book knowledge together! Answers at the bottom.

1. In *The Gruffalo*, what colour are the Gruffalo's eyes?
2. What type of animal is Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*?
3. Which book features a boy named Charlie who finds a golden ticket?
4. In *Harry Potter*, what house is Harry sorted into?
5. Who wrote the book *Matilda*?



Top Tips for Reading Together

Here are brilliant ideas to help children read because they want to, not because they have to:

Make reading cosy and fun

Create a special reading spot with cushions, blankets, or a comfy chair. Some families read in the garden, in a den, under the stairs, or even in the car during a wait!

Follow their interests

Children are more likely to read when they pick books about things they LOVE. Dinosaurs? Space? Football? Funny stories? Whatever interests them - follow it! Comics, magazines, graphic novels, audio books - it ALL counts.

Be a reading role model

When children see you reading (books, recipes, newspapers, texts), they learn that reading is something everyone does. Talk about what you're reading and why you enjoy it.

Make it interactive

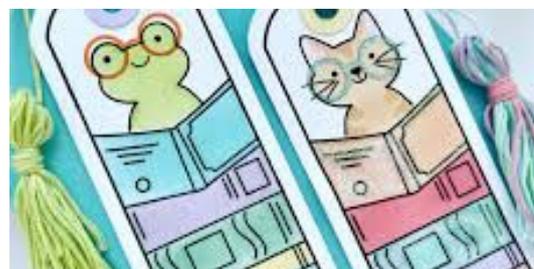
Reading doesn't have to be quiet! Ask "What do you think will happen next?" Talk about the characters. Act out favourite parts. Some families take turns reading pages to each other.

No pressure - keep it joyful

If a book is too hard or boring, it's OK to stop and try something else. Reading should feel good, not like a chore. Re-reading favourite books is wonderful too!

This Month's Fun Challenge

Family Reading Bookmark Competition!

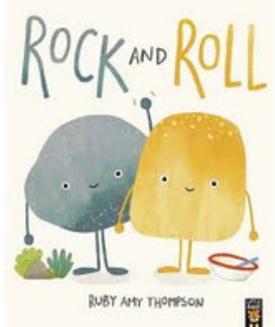


Design a bookmark together showing your favourite book character or story. Bring it to school by half term and we'll display them in the library! No fancy materials needed - paper, pens, and creativity are all you need.

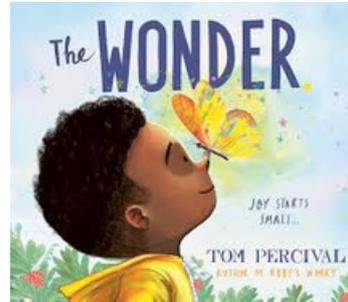


Book Recommendations This Month

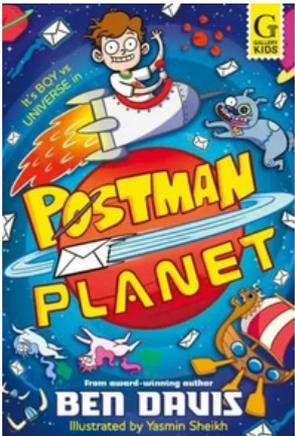
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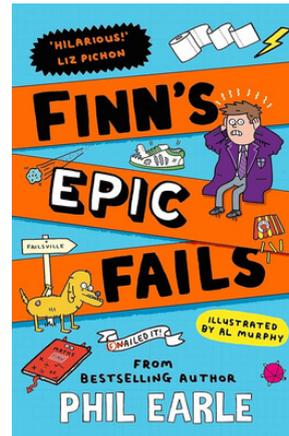
Key Stage 1



Lower Key Stage 2



Upper Key Stage 2



Share Your Reading Story!

We'd love to feature YOUR family in next month's newsletter! Send us a photo of your family reading together and tell us:

- What's your favourite book to read together?
- Where's your favourite reading spot?
- Any top tips for other families?

Email your school to get featured!





Coming Soon...

February: National Storytelling Week (2-8 Feb)

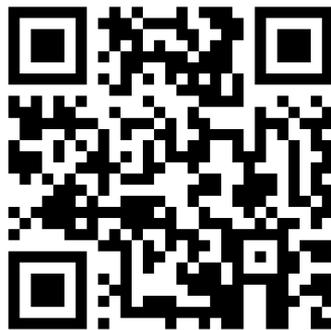
Join us on Teams Monday - Friday at 6 p.m. for a daily story.

Look out for the Teams link coming via email

March: World Book Day (6th March) - celebrating books in accessible ways for everyone

June: St Austell Festival of Children's Literature - our BIG celebration!

Have you completed our quick survey? Just 20 seconds will help us measure the impact during the National Year of Reading? Scan the QR code below



**Every minute counts. Every book matters.
Together, we can make 2026 a brilliant year for
reading!**

Quiz Answers:

1) Orange 2) A spider 3) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 4) Gryffindor 5) Roald Dahl