



Summer | 2026

Reading Newsletter

This newsletter is packed with helpful tips and information to support your child's reading skills and nurture their love of books. We hope it inspires you and your child to dive into the wonderful world of reading together.

Important information

Reading diaries.

Children are expected to read 3 times a week at least and record this in their diary. Please write in the diaries what the children have read at home this could be their Little Wandle book, book band book, sharing books (F2) or their fun book (Y1 and Y2). If you have anything else you have at home you want to read, track it in your diary so we can see how much you are enjoying reading.



Year 1 Phonics

As part of the Year 1 Phonics Check later in the term, we will be supporting the children to read real words and alien words 'nonsense words'. These checks are designed to ensure children can blend sounds together to be able to read unfamiliar words.

To help your child at home:

- help your child recognise and pronounce the sounds in words,
- Read together. Encourage your child to read a range of books.
- Sound out alien words and nonsense words. Practise looking for the digraph and trigraphs in the words before you attempt to read the alien words.

If you need any support please ask your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

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The books we will use this half term:

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day last half term! The children enjoyed a range of fun, book-themed activities.

It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for books and storytelling, and the children really embraced the chance to celebrate their love of reading together. Here's a glimpse of what we got up to!

F2 Book of the Week F2 study this book for 2 weeks	We found a seed Oliver's vegetables The enormous turnip
Year 1-	Don't spill the milk- Stephen Davies
Year 1 -	Lila and the Secret of Rain-David Conway
Year 2-	Look Up- Nathan Bryan
Year 2-	The Girl who Planted Trees- Caryl Hart



We're excited to be taking part in the *Inspire Read Book Awards 2026*, run by Inspire: Culture, Learning and Libraries. As part of this, children in school will be exploring a selection of shortlisted picture books, sharing stories together, and talking about their favourite characters and themes.

Over the coming weeks, pupils will have the opportunity to listen to and read these fantastic books in class, helping to build their love of reading and confidence in discussing stories. At the end of the programme, children can even vote for their favourite book!

