READING NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our summer reading newsletter. At St. Joseph's, reading is very important to us and it is at the heart of our curriculum. As well as children being able to read, we want the children to enjoy reading for pleasure. We are doing many things in school to help with this. One of my roles is reading subject leader and I am passionate about reading.

Miss Thomas

Library and librarians

The children continue to be enthusiastic and love going to the library to choose their reading books. Please enjoy the book at home with your child.

Just a reminder that the library is open every Monday from 3pm for parents to visit the library with their child and choose a new book together.

Thank you to our brilliant Year 6 librarians, who help to keep the library tidy, scan books and regularly change the books on display.





Reading parents

Parents are the most important role models for their children. If they see you reading and enjoying it, they are more likely to do the same. It is so important that you read with your children, whether they are in Ducklings or Year 6.

In the office foyer, we have a staff and parent book swap. Please come and borrow a book and if you can, pop a book in the box for someone else to enjoy.

World Book Day evening

World Book Day was a brilliant success this year. In the evening, we had over 100 children, with their parents come back to enjoy a bedtime story and a hot chocolate. Thank you to all the staff who stayed to make this evening so memorable for the children. Thank you to all the parents for bringing their children back to school. We hope to make this an annual event.



Amazon wishlist

Thank you to all those who bought books for school. We want to keep giving our children high quality texts. We have put together an Amazon wish list of books that we would love in school to keep encouraging the children to read. If you, or someone that you know, would like to buy a book for school, we would very much appreciate it. Please share the link below.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/IOSPAM3ZX6XD?ref_=wl_share

Audiobooks

Children listening to stories is extremely valuable. One way children might do this is through audiobooks. We have invested in audio players and books for school, which the children are loving.

Ducklings - Toniebox and Tonies

KS1 - Yoto players

KS2 - Voxblock player

If your child likes listening to audiobooks, you can use your library cards and listen to books for free from the Borrowbox app. It's very easy to use and another effective way to get the children reading.





Blue Peter reading badge

Did you know there is now a Blue Peter badge for reading? It is really simple to complete to get a badge - an application will need to be completed online using the link below and do the following.

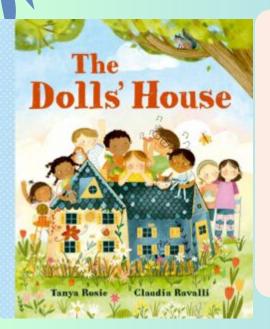
- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge

Please let me know if you get a Blue Peter reading badge.

Reading recommendations

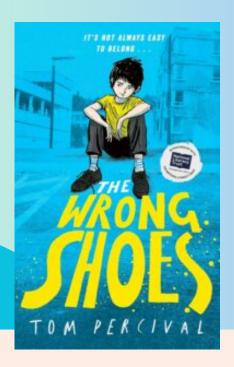
Here are some new books that have just been published, which you might enjoy.



KS1

Mia has just moved house and spots a dilapidated doll house on the side of the road in her neighbourhood. As she begins to repair and decorate it on her porch, other children come to join the play, bringing offerings. Mia notices a boy watching from his window but is too shy to join in with their play.

When Fluffy the dog becomes lost in the big city, she is saved by a homeless man and his dog. Their adventure encourages readers to reconsider the perception of homeless people.



KS2

For Will, things just keep going wrong. Bullied for having cheap shoes, misunderstood by his teachers, and struggling to come to terms with the bleak and hungry life he leads after his dad lost his job, life seems to be pushing him down a path of self-destruction. Life for Will is hard, but he realises he is still powerful.

The Wanderdays is a rescue mission to save the mother of Flo and Joseph. It is full of twists, turns and mystery.

