

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Reading Newsletter



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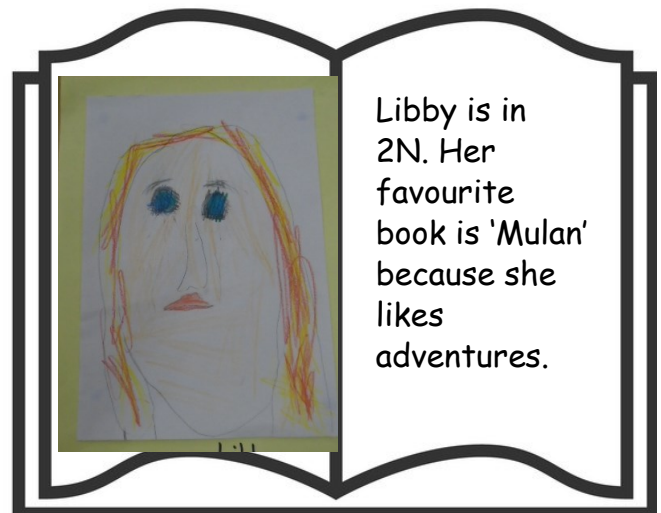
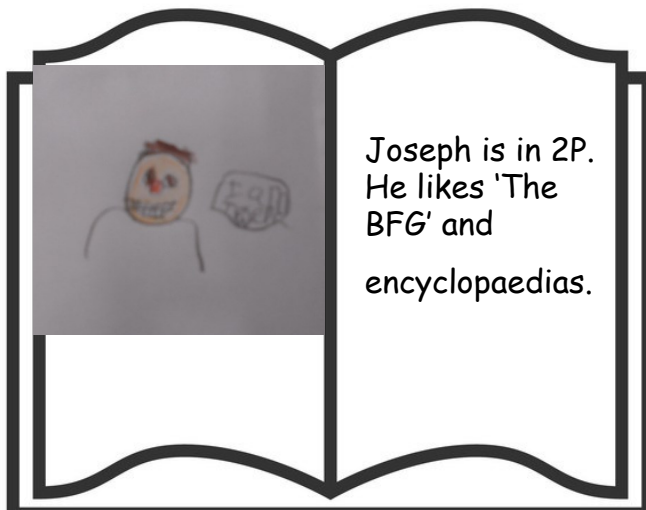
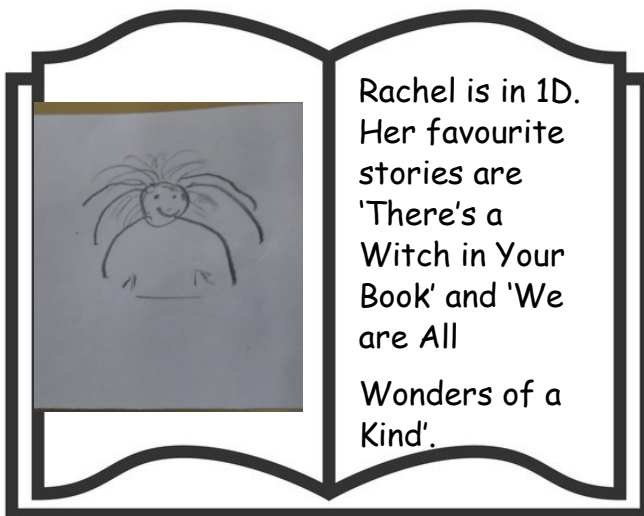
Welcome to our first Reading Newsletter, where you will find out about all things books! There will be recommendations, helpful hints, news about reading events, and much more in this issue and over the coming months. We hope you find it helpful in supporting your child on their reading journey.

Mrs Partridge

Reading Ambassadors

We are delighted to introduce our new reading ambassadors. They will be helping to promote the love of reading throughout their classes and across the school.

Meet the team...





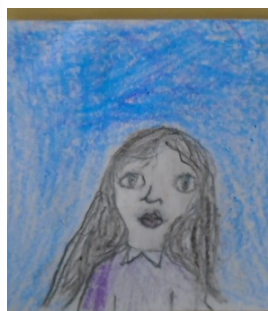
Tabitha is in 3DT. Her book recommendation is "Willow Wild-thing and the Swamp Monster" by Gill Lewis. It's full of nature and adventure!



Alex is in 3R. His favourite book is 'Harry Kane' by Matt and Tom Oldfield. It inspires him to want to be a good sportsman.



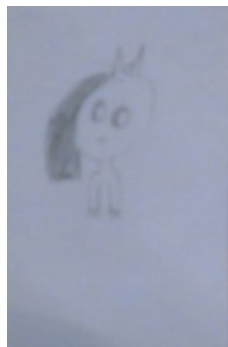
Niamh is in 4DC. Her favourite book is 'The Boy in the Dress' because it is funny and it shows that boys can



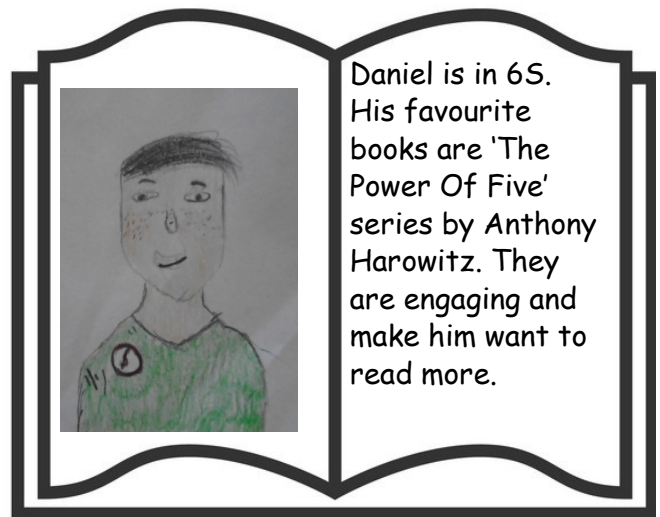
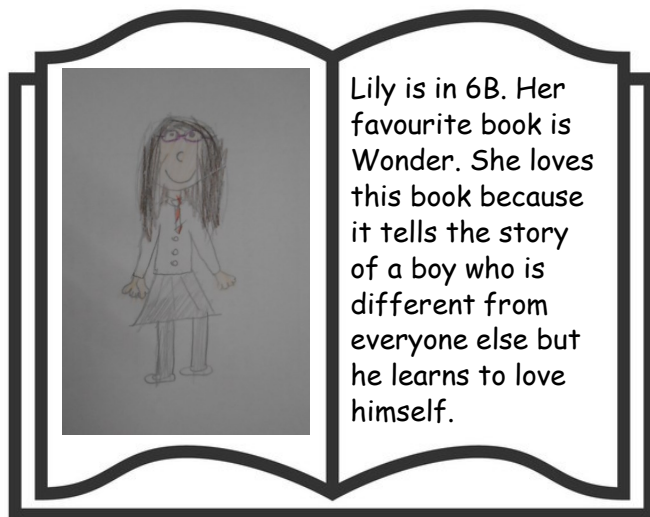
Grace is on 4B. Her favourite author is Lauren Ellae Anderson who write 'Rainbow Grey' and 'Amelia Fang'. She says the books are really inspiring and interesting.



Isabelle is in 5FH. She recommends 'Evie and the Animals' by Matt Haig.



Brooke is in 5A. Her favourite book is 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban' because it has amazing vocabulary.



Online Events



Some of you may know that the Reading Agency, as well as providing the Summer Reading Challenge, have also run a Winter Mini Challenge for a number of years.

The information for it was a bit late coming through to us this year but the challenge started on the 1st December and runs through to the 16th January. It is entirely online with children reading and then reviewing books on the website. To take part, children simply read three books or more - these can be any books of their choice. Every time they finish a book, they add it to their Challenge website [profile](#) and leave a short book review. Enjoy!

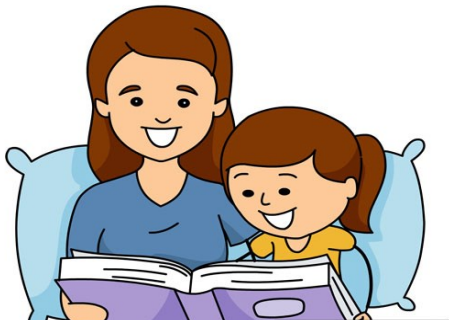
[The Winter Mini Challenge](#)

Supporting your child with reading

Early Reading at St. Joseph's

Our Reception children have all had a fabulous start to school and have settled in well. The children are taking home reading books linked to the phonics they are learning in class, and a class library book to share with an adult. Check out these top tips on supporting your children as they embark on their reading journey...

Take your child to your local library and



Help your child read numbers, letters and signs in the environment.

Read to your child on a regular basis. Try to make it a special time in a quiet setting.

Stories on ipads/tablets etc. are wonderful but please don't let this take the place of sharing a book with your child. Remember "There is no app to replace your lap!"

Look at 100 books to read before you turn 5 for great inspiration for quality texts to read with your child.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/100-best-picture-books-to-read-before-you-are-5-years-old/>

Visit the Booktrust website in order to watch videos of children being read to for great inspiration.

[The Book Trust](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/)

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Reading for Understanding

As well as becoming fluent confident readers, your children will be assessed on their understanding of what they are reading. From Year 1 onwards, your children will become familiar with the reading VIPERS in class; these are the key reading skills we teach for children to be able to read and comprehend a wide range of literary texts. It is important to ask questions when reading with your children in order to check their understanding. Copies of the KS1 and KS2 reading VIPERS can be found on our school website in Curriculum, English. [School Website](#)

Reading Vipers

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Sequence or Summarise

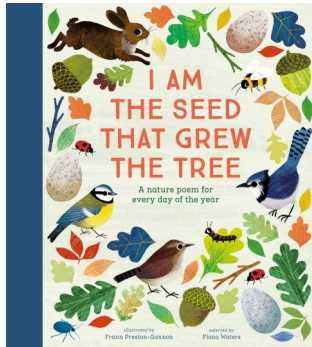


Check out the following websites for suitable books for your child to read at home:

[The Book Trust](#)

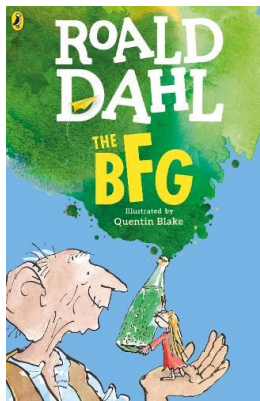
[Bags of Book Lists](#)

Book Recommendations



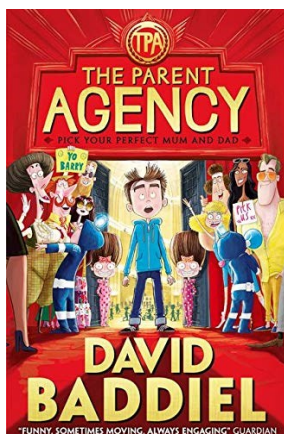
Mrs Partridge recommends... 'I am the Seed that Grew the Tree' by Fiona Waters. This would make a fantastic Christmas present for children and adults alike.

A beautiful collection of poems old and new, with a poem for every day of the year. A firm favourite with 2P (2018 onwards). My current class love hearing me read from this, and often choose it to read during our 'Reading for Pleasure' session. I'd recommend this to Year 2 right through to Year 6 and beyond.



Joseph in 2P recommends... 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. "It is about a giant and a girl who go on an adventure together. My mum read it to me and I felt like I was on the adventure too.

I think children in Year 1 and Year 2 would like this as a bedtime story."



Daniel in 6S recommends... 'The Parent Agency' by David Baddiel. "I recommend this book because it is funny and will get you engaged into reading. There is a wide range of vocabulary. The story is about a boy who is in a world where he can choose his parents. Think this book is suitable for children from Y3 to Y6."

And finally...

Date for your diary...World Book Day—Thursday 3rd March. Further details to come!