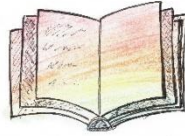


# Reading News



## September Newsletter

Welcome to our September Reading Newsletter! We hope you enjoy finding out about what we have been getting up to this month. Please remember, you can keep up to date by looking at the Reading curriculum section of the website and our Reading Instagram account:



<https://www.stedwardscatholicfirstschool.co.uk/curriculum-information/reading>



<https://www.instagram.com/stedwardsfirstreads/>

### Reading Ambassadors

We have a new team of Reading Ambassadors for this academic year. We have already begun our weekly meetings every Friday lunch time to choose new books from each of the class libraries to read and review for the rest of the school. It has been a joy to hear the excitement and fantastic discussions around the range of books. They really are showcasing what reading means to us and the enjoyment that we can gain from books.



### Meet the Team!



Hi, my name is Sophie.

This is my second year of being a Reading Ambassador. My favourite author is Pamela Butchart. She has lots of expression in her writing. I also like J K Rowling. I read her books every night, it is the best time to read!

Hi, my name is Clemmie.

I like books about the body. This is my first year of being a Reading Ambassador and I'm really excited to read lots of new books.





My name is Sid. Hi!

This is my first year of being a Reading Ambassador and I love it. I read 60-70 books over the Summer holiday. I often read around 2 or 3 books a day. Some people would say that I gobble books up! If any other school doesn't have a Reading Ambassador, I would strongly recommend it because it can make your love of books even stronger. It's so fun!

Hello, my name is Mia.

This is my first year of being a Reading Ambassador. I read 11 books over the Summer holiday. I read any time and I like Roald Dahl especially because he makes up lots of funny words.



Hello, my name is Hattie.

I like adventure books. It is my first year being a Reading Ambassador and I'm really excited about it.



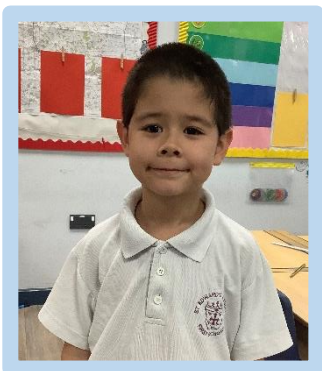
Hi, my name is Marianna.

I have been a Reading Ambassador for two years. My favourite authors are David Walliams and Roald Dahl. I like these authors because they make words up and make their writing funny. I usually read before and after school. I read about 12 books over the Summer holiday.



Hi, my name is Gael.

This is my first year as a Reading Ambassador. My favourite books are Horrible Histories. I read 5-10 books every day!



Hello, my name is Thomas.

This is my second year of being a Reading Ambassador. It is really fun. My favourite author is J K Rowling.



## Book Swap

Last year in the summer term, we introduced our Book Swap station. It was wonderful to see lots of excitement around reading and always found it to be a busy place at the end of the day!

We will be starting this again from next week. You will find three trolleys in the courtyard at the end of each day for you to have the opportunity to read new books and swap them for books you have already read and loved. **Please make sure that if you borrow a book from one of the trolleys, you replace it with a book from home so that the trolleys are always full.**

The book swap trolleys are aimed for not only children in our school, but parents, carers and school staff within our community too. Children who see parents enjoying reading are more likely to develop good reading habits – it is just as important for them to see their loved ones reading!

We hope to see the Book Swap nice and busy each day with lots of excitement around new books and reads.

Please join in with our

## Book Swap

from 3pm each day in the courtyard

Children, parents and carers, and adults within our school are welcome to use our new book swap trolleys. There are trolleys for picture books, chapter books and grown-ups. They can be found in the courtyard at the end of each day.

Please borrow a book of your choice and replace it with a pre-read and loved book from the same category so that we always have full trolleys. You are more than welcome to do this as often as you wish.



## Summer Reading Challenge

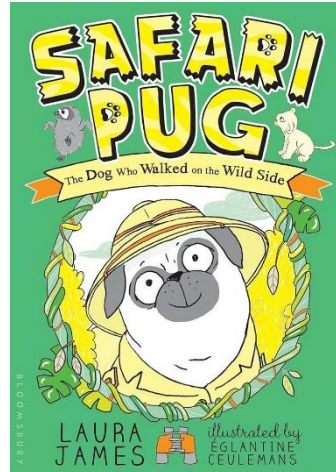
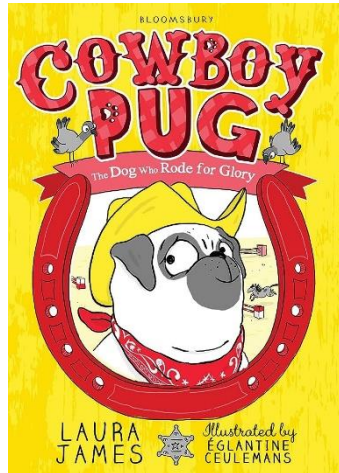
Well done to all who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge over the holiday! Laura from Dedworth Library will be visiting the school again to award certificates to all of the children who completed the challenge and read 6 books or more.



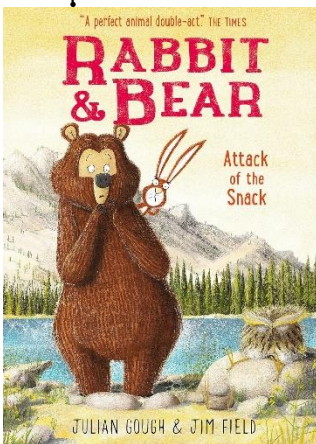
## Class Readers

As a school, we have been focussing on reading for pleasure. Ten minutes of quality time is spent each day with the teacher reading a chapter book to the class. The book is not linked to their learning and is a book that the class have chosen to enjoy together from a selection of books that are above the age related standard of reading for their age group.

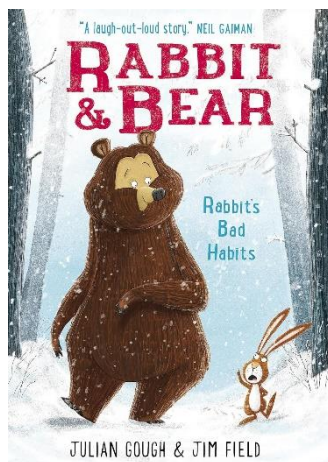
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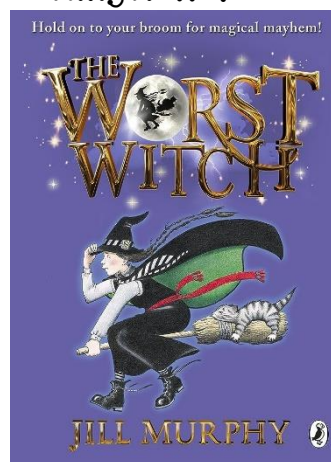
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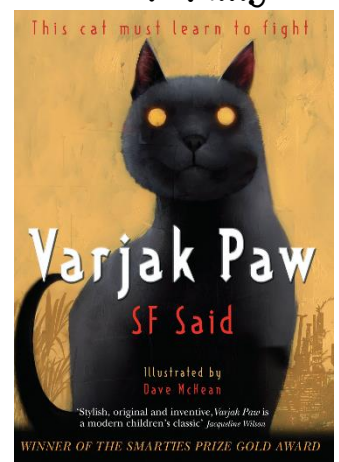
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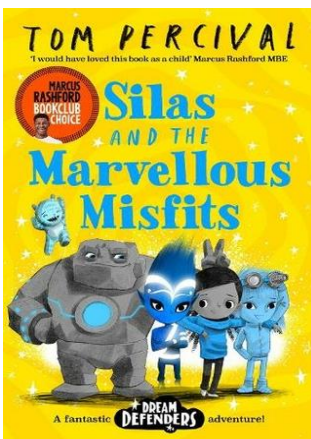
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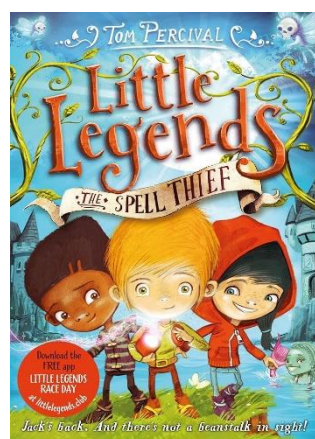
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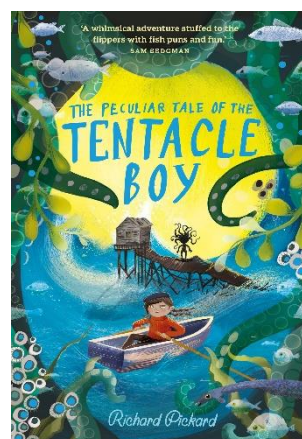
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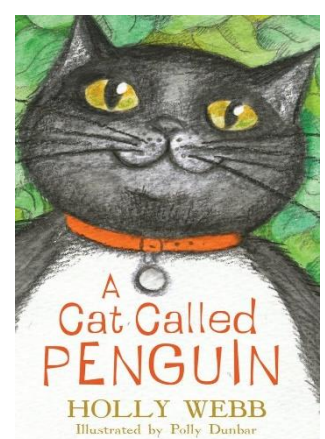
### Doves



### Owls



### Nightingales



## Upcoming Reading Information

### Reading Café

As a school, we have been focussing on encouraging and promoting reading for pleasure. Last year, we introduced our Reading Café which proved to be very popular. In the Spring Term, we will be opening the Reading Café up again! Each class will have a morning each term where their parents and carers will be invited to visit our Reading Café. The Reading Café will be open between 9am and 9:30am, with the exception of Fledglings who will have an afternoon session. The hall will be set up with tables, teas and coffees and a range of books for families to enjoy reading together. Please find the dates for each class below.

Owls: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Nightingales: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Woodpeckers: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Doves: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Kingfishers: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Starlings: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Goldfinches and Sparrows: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May (9-9:30am)

Fledglings: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May (2:15-2:45pm)



### Author Visit from Gemma Keir

I am delighted to inform you that we will welcome Gemma Keir, author of the 'Abilities in Me' series, to St. Edward's on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September as part of her UK and Ireland tour.

Gemma will be visiting all classes across the school providing lively, fun-packed workshops promoting awareness, inclusion, acceptance, kindness and understanding.



## Book Donations

We are hugely grateful to all of the family and friends of St Edward's First that have so generously donated to our class libraries. Because of your kindness, we have added over 250 books across the classes which are used during class reader time, English and Reading lessons, as well as free reading ERIC time (Everyone Reading In Class). If you would like to purchase a book for a year group, please use the link to our A New Chapter book wish list and the books will be delivered straight to school. The list is currently being updated with books that your child will be reading and using in their English lessons so that there are extra copies available in the classroom for the children to read, enjoy, follow along and discuss together.

<https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/shop?Wishlists=St+Edward%E2%80%99s+Catholic+First+School>



## Other Events

### Blue Peter Book Badge

Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with CBBC by answering the questions! You can apply using the online form or by post.

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



Our next Reading newsletter will be issued before the October half term.

Many thanks,

Miss Albrighton and the Reading Ambassador Team

