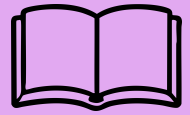




# The Bethany Book Bulletin



Summer 1 - 17th April 2026

## Introducing our new reading newsletter

We're excited to share the very first edition of our school's Reading Newsletter. Known as the Bethany Book Bulletin, this newsletter has been created and written by our brilliant Readership Team, a group of enthusiastic pupils who love books and want to spread that joy across the school. Each issue will bring you reading news, book recommendations, fun facts and updates on all things literacy. The team can't wait to inspire everyone to discover new stories and celebrate the magic of reading together.

## The National Year of Reading

It's the National Year of Reading—a celebration of the joy, power, and lifelong benefits of reading. Throughout the year, people of all ages are encouraged to discover new stories, revisit old favourites, and celebrate how reading sparks imagination, builds confidence, and connects us to the world around us - so why don't you pick up a book and get reading!

## My Book Pick...



### The Exploding Life of Scarlett Fife by Maz Evans



If you like a laugh-out-loud read with a big heart, *The Exploding Life of Scarlett Fife* is a brilliant choice. Scarlett's emotions don't just run wild—they literally explode, causing chaos everywhere she goes. It's funny, warm and perfect for readers aged 7–10 who enjoy stories about big feelings, bigger mishaps and finding your way even when life gets messy.

*Mrs Blane*

## LIBRARY NEWS

Do you love visiting our school library?

Are you in Year 3 or Year 4?

Watch this space for exciting news to come!

**Top 3 Classes for the Reading Rewards Challenge this week:**

1<sup>st</sup> - 3RH

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5BD

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5EW



**WHAT KIND OF BOOKS DO PLANETS READ?**

(ANSWER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER)



## Meet the Readership Team

At Bethany, we are proud to present our Readership Team. The members of this team gather each week to discuss reading across the school. They share ideas and discuss upcoming events. They even helped with the design and content of this newsletter!



## Have you got what it takes to join the league of LIBRARY LEGENDS?

The BCP Reading Legends Scheme is a fun, motivating reading reward programme that encourages children to read for pleasure. Run across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, it celebrates reading achievements with collectible rewards, library engagement, and a strong sense of pride — helping young readers build confidence, develop a love of books, and see themselves as true Reading Legends.

For more information:

[www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/libraries/national-year-of-reading-2026/library-legends-challenge](http://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/libraries/national-year-of-reading-2026/library-legends-challenge)

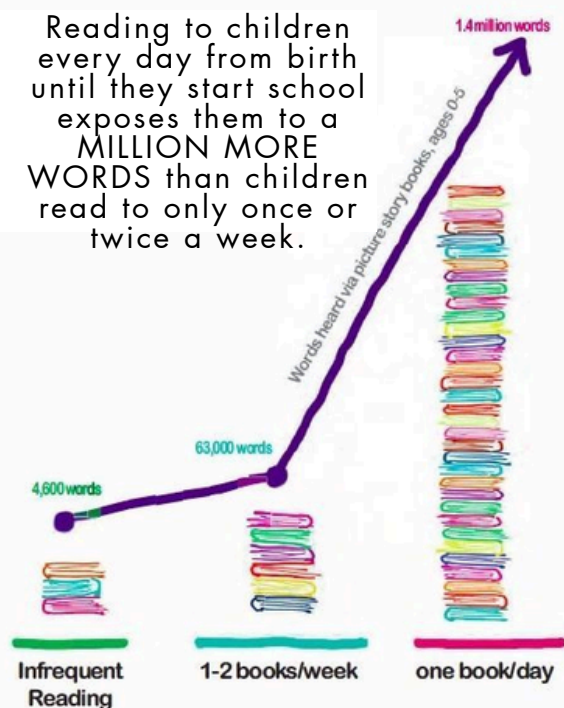
## Character Spotlight: Matilda

In Roald Dahl's much-loved story, Matilda shows us what our school values; **hope**, **courage** and **compassion** look like in real life. She stays hopeful even when things are tough at home, she bravely stands up to the fearsome Miss Trunchbull, and she shows real kindness to her friends and to Miss Honey. Matilda reminds us that being clever is wonderful, but being kind and brave makes you truly powerful.



## The Million-Word Gap

Reading to children every day from birth until they start school exposes them to a **MILLION MORE WORDS** than children read to only once or twice a week.



## Our New Book Swap Scheme

In the school entrance, you will find a bookshelf filled with a selection of children's books. Pupils are welcome to bring in a book from home (suitable for ages 4–11) and swap it for one on the shelf.

A few simple guidelines:

- Books should be in good condition — no missing pages and clean.
- You can swap as often as you like.
- The shelf will be refreshed with new titles every couple of weeks.

It's a lovely way to share stories and discover something new.

# Maz Evans

Last half term, Year 5 and 6 were thrilled to welcome author **Maz Evans** to our school. Maz shared the story of how she became a writer, from her early ideas to creating her much-loved books, and kept everyone entertained with her humour and energy. Pupils were fascinated to hear about the inspiration behind her characters and adventures, and many left feeling inspired to pick up a pen – or a new book – of their own. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn from a real author and celebrate the joy of storytelling.



## Guess the Book!

1. A ticket changes one boy's life forever.
2. A mysterious factory owner loves inventing wild and wonderful things.
3. Four very greedy children learn some very big lessons.

**Answer in the next edition!**

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIR**

Thank you so much for your fantastic support during last half term's Scholastic Book Fair.

Keep an eye for our next newsletter where we will be sharing the total amount raised and how it will help fund our Reading Reward scheme.

### Reminders...

- Please remember to regularly return reading and library books.
- Bring any completed Reading Reward bookmarks to the SLT office for your reward.

Coming soon... BCP Story Doors Trail

### UP COMING DATES...

30<sup>th</sup> June -  
6<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Term Scholastic Book Fair

Answer

COMET BOOKS!

