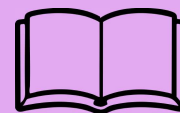


The Bethany Book Bulletin



Summer 1 - 15th May 2026

Reading News at Bethany

Reading continues to take centre stage here at Bethany CE Junior School, and what a fantastic few weeks it has been. Our new book swap in the school entrance is already proving a huge success, with children eagerly picking up fresh stories to enjoy and share at home. It has also been wonderful to see so many pupils proudly reaching their **green bookmark** milestone in the Reading Rewards programme—clear evidence that their love of reading is growing stronger every day. Thank you for helping us nurture a school community where reading truly thrives.

There's plenty more to celebrate in this second edition: updates from the Readership Team, the latest top three classes in the Reading Reward programme and a selection of book recommendations from both adults and children. And of course, don't forget to flip to the back page for quiz time.

Thanks for all your support at our last Scholastic Book Fair. We raised a whopping...

SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR

£184.18 of Scholastic book vouchers.

These vouchers will be spent on books for your children including books for our Reading Rewards Scheme.

Joke

WHY DID THE LIBRARIAN SLIP ON THE LIBRARY FLOOR?

(ANSWER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER)

Top 3 Classes for the Reading Rewards Challenge

1st - 5BD

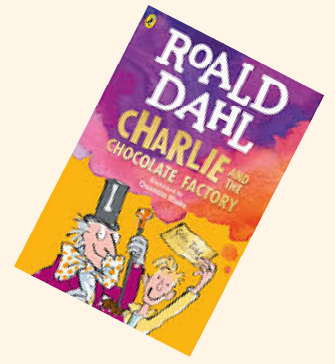
2nd - 3RH

3rd - 5EW

Teacher Book Pick...



CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY BY ROALD DAHL

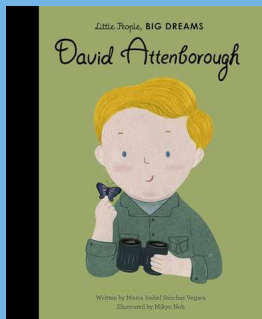


This is a fun and magical story about a boy called Charlie who wins a golden ticket to visit Willy Wonka's amazing chocolate factory. Inside the factory, there are lots of fun inventions like chocolate rivers and sweets that do exciting things. The other children on the tour don't always behave well, which leads to some funny (and a bit shocking!) moments. Charlie, however, is kind and thoughtful, which makes him stand out. This book is exciting, imaginative, and full of silly humour. The story also teaches an important lesson about being kind and not greedy.

Mrs Wareham

Happy 100th Birthday

Sir David Attenborough



Sir David Attenborough turned 100 on the 8th May, a century of inspiring curiosity, care and wonder for the natural world. To mark this milestone, we recommend reading **Little People, Big Dreams: David Attenborough**, a beautifully illustrated book that introduces young readers to his remarkable life and lifelong love of nature. A perfect read to spark big dreams about protecting our planet. 🌍🌟

BUILDING VOCABULARY



Read with your child and encourage them to read on their own.



Introduce new words when chatting to your child. Explain what they mean and give examples.



Talk about groups of words e.g. *an elephant is a zoo animal. What other animals live in zoos?*



Link new words to words your child already know. e.g. *petrified - this is when someone feels scared or afraid.*



Repeat, repeat, repeat. Hearing a word lots of times in different contexts will help your child to learn the word.



What have the Readership Team been up to?



The Readership Team have been busy creating their very own Story Door for the upcoming Story Doors Trail featuring across the BCP area.

First, the team worked together to select a book that they all love. Then, they planned a creative scene that would showcase the chosen book. The team have been designing both the front and inside of the door, using artwork, quotations, characters and themes to bring the story to life.

Once completed, the Story Door will be displayed at **Springbourne Library** from May half term as part of the trail. Why don't you set the challenge of visiting as many Story Doors as possible over the summer.

☀️ CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT: PADDINGTON BEAR ☀️

In Michael Bond's much-loved story, Paddington Bear shows us what our school values of **hope**, **courage** and **compassion** look like in everyday life. Paddington remains hopeful and optimistic as he arrives in a new country, believing that things will work out even when he feels lost or unsure. He shows great courage by starting a new life far from home, facing unfamiliar situations with determination and a polite "please" and "thank you". Most of all, Paddington's compassion shines through in the kindness he shows to everyone he meets, always trying to do the right thing and help others, even when it leads to muddles. Paddington reminds us that you don't have to be perfect to make a difference – being hopeful, brave and kind is what truly matters.



LIBRARY

After school visiting times for Y3/4



The library is now open every Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 3:50pm for children in **Years 3 and 4** and their parents.

Parents are warmly invited to come along and choose a book with their child. Children may bring their current library book to exchange, or you are welcome to simply come and browse together.

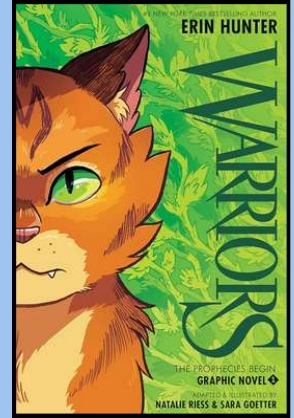
Student Book Review...

WARRIORS BY ERIN HUNTER

This book is about a cat called Fireheart, he is a domesticated cat. He joins a clan called the Thunderclan. At first, he is not accepted but after he leaves his old life he has adventures, becomes a warrior and his clan helps another clan try to defeat the other 2 clans.

I recommend this book to children in Year 5 and Year 6 if you like fighting scenes, drama, comic style and books in a series.

Sofie 5BD



I rate it: ★★★★★ (5/5)
My 3 take away facts from the book:

- The characters are brave
- He does his best
- He makes small mistakes

Have you read a good book lately?
Would you recommend it to others?

If so, come and collect a book review form from the library or the SLT office.
You could have your review in the next edition of the Bethany Book Bulletin!

Quiz Time

Guess the Books!

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2. 🏏 🦴 🦴

3. 🦁 🧙 🚪

4. 📅 JUL 17 🖍️ 🖍️ 🚫

Answers in the next edition!

Last Week's
Answer

Guess the Book!

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
by Roald Dahl

Up next time...
Details on a 2nd
hand book sale
at the summer
fair.

UP COMING DATES...

30th June -
6th July

Summer Term Scholastic
Book Fair

Answer

SHE WAS IN THE
NON-FRICTION SECTION.