

The Bethany Book Bulletin



Summer 2 - 5th June 2026

Reading News at Bethany

Reading continues to play a central role in life at Bethany CE Junior School, and it's been another exciting few weeks celebrating our pupils' growing enthusiasm for books. We are especially looking forward to an important milestone next week, as some of our children begin to receive the much-anticipated, final reading reward - the **PURPLE** bookmark! An excellent reflection of their commitment and progress in reading.

Don't forget the final prize draw which will be taking place in the last week of term. Any child who has completed a bookmark since January will be entered, with every additional bookmark earning another entry, so the more they read, the greater their chance of winning!

There is plenty to enjoy in this third edition of our newsletter. Be sure to read about the wonderful Story Door Trail, created by the Readership Team for BCP. Alongside this, you'll find our usual updates, celebrations and recommendations as we continue nurturing a love of reading across our community.

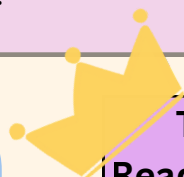


Have you tried our book swap in the school entrance yet? Feel free to bring in a book you have already enjoyed and swap it for something new. It's a great way to discover different stories and keep the love of reading growing at home.



WHY DOES AN ELEPHANT USE ITS TRUNK AS A BOOKMARK?

(ANSWER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER)



Top 3 Classes for the Reading Rewards Challenge

1st - 5BD

2nd - 3RH

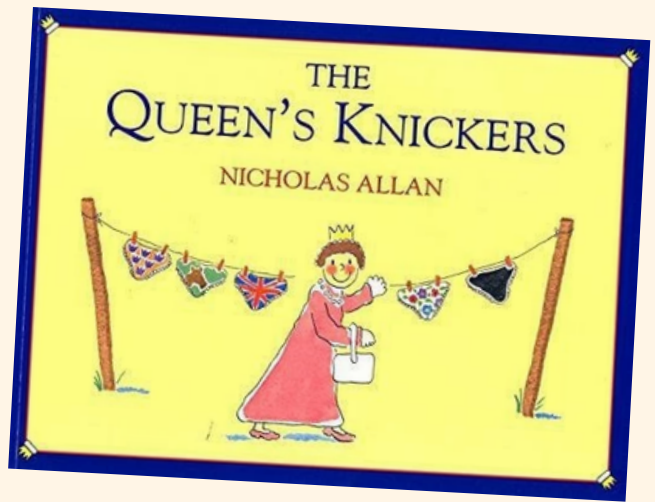
3rd - 5EW

Teacher Book Pick...



THE QUEEN'S KNICKERS by Nicholas Allan

The Queen's Knickers is a very funny story about the Queen and all the different knickers she has for different occasions. She has special knickers for riding horses, visiting other countries and even meeting famous people!



One of the funniest parts of the story is when the Queen's knickers go missing and there is confusion with the laundry hamper and a picnic hamper. Everyone is trying to work out where they've gone, which makes the story even sillier and more exciting.

This was my favourite book when I was younger because it made me laugh so much. I enjoyed the idea that the Queen could have a different pair of knickers for every single event. It was such a funny and imaginative story and the pictures made it even better. I would recommend this book to everyone because it is easy to read, full of humour, and great for sharing with friends.

By Miss Duffy

20 is plenty!

Children who read for
20 minutes a day...

Will have a world of
imagination & creativity
opened to them

Will have better
general knowledge

Will be exposed to 1.8
million words a year

Will improve critical
thinking skills

Will improve their
communication skills

Will have a broad
vocabulary

Will have reduced
stress levels

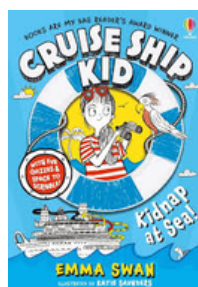
Will learn how to
develop empathy

Will improve their test
results



★ CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT ★ SILVER

In Emma Swan's exciting Cruise Ship Kid adventures, Silver shows us what our school values of **hope**, **courage** and **compassion** look like in a fast-moving, ever-changing world. Silver stays hopeful even when life at sea becomes unpredictable, trusting that she can find solutions and make the best of every situation. She shows great courage as she faces mysteries, new challenges and unexpected dangers, stepping forward with determination even when she feels unsure. Most of all, Silver's compassion shines through in the way she supports her friends and cares about those around her, always trying to help and do what is right. Silver reminds us that no matter where we are, being hopeful, brave and kind can guide us through any adventure.





What have the Readership Team been up to?

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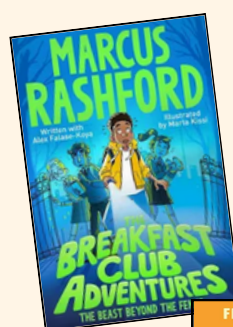
STORY DOOR TRAIL

The Readership Team were incredibly busy last half term, working together to create a fantastic Story Door.

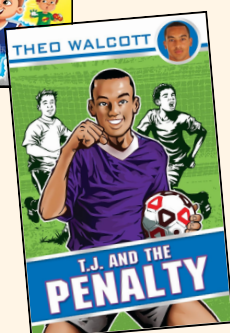
As part of an initiative from BCP Council, 24 local schools were invited to design a door inspired by a well-known book. Embracing the challenge with enthusiasm, the Readership Team chose **Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** as their inspiration and collaborated to bring their creative vision to life.

Using paint, card, hot glue guns, tissue paper, crayons and stickers, the children carefully crafted the 3D elements. Week by week, they thoughtfully added and positioned each piece, building up the design to tell the story in a creative and eye-catching way.

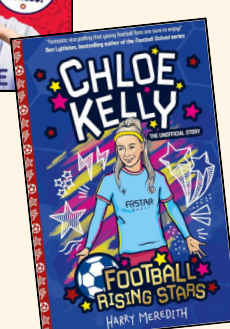
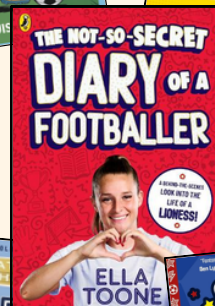
If you would like to see the finished door, you can find it at Springbourne Library. Why not set yourself the challenge of tracking down all 24 doors across the BCP area? To find a map, simply scan the QR code above.



With the FIFA World Cup just around the corner, why not explore some brilliant books written about or by footballer players?



FIFA WORLD CUP
UNITED STATES - CANADA - MEXICO



Student Book Review...

FAIRY UNICORNS: CLOUD CASTLE BY ZANNA DAVIDSON

This book is about a girl called Zoe, a unicorn called Astra and about an EVIL unicorn called SHADOW!!

It has extremely good illustrations inside the book. I would recommend this book to my cousin who loves unicorns. If you like unicorns, why not try it!

Sameera Year 3



I rate it: ★★★★★ (5/5)

My 3 take away facts from the book:

- Astra is a forest unicorn
- Zoe is at her Aunt's house
- The flower pony leader is called Lily.

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

W A E E E N Q W E I
A B H G S O E S F K
U A A N L N U I I C
T R R Q E F T E C A
H C D R O I I U T B
O O C S C C T D I R
R D O P O T L R O E
V E V I V I E E N P
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nonfiction
hardcover
paperback
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Answers in the next edition!

Last Week's Answer

1. Charlotte's Web
2. Funny Bones
3. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
4. The Day the Crayons Quit

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

**THEN IT NOSE WHERE IT STOPPED
READING!**