

The Bethany Book Bulletin



Summer 2 - 19th June 2026

Reading News at Bethany

Reading remains at the heart of life at Bethany CE Junior School and it has been fantastic to see so many children engaging so positively with books. Over the past few weeks, a growing number of pupils have proudly collected the much-anticipated **purple** bookmark; a fantastic achievement that reflects their dedication, enthusiasm and love of reading.

Around the school, reading is becoming increasingly visible and celebrated. You may have noticed our new displays, including a World Cup-themed display featuring a range of exciting books about football, famous players and the history of the game. Perfect for inspiring even more children to pick up a book.

As we approach the end of term, excitement is building for our final prize draw. Every child who has completed a bookmark since January will be entered, with each additional bookmark earning another chance to win. So every page read truly makes a difference!

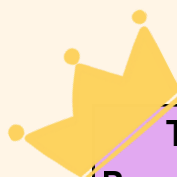
Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a love of reading both in school and at home. Together, we are building confident, enthusiastic readers.

A child who reads will be an adult who thinks
Proverb

Joke

WHY IS A LIBRARY THE TALLEST BUILDING IN THE CITY?

(ANSWER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER)



Top 3 Classes for the Reading Rewards Challenge

1st - 5BD

2nd - 5EW

3rd - 3RH

Teacher Book Pick...



Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson



Treasure Island is one of the most exciting adventure stories I've ever read, and it's still just as enjoyable today. The story follows Jim Hawkins, a boy who discovers a secret treasure map and sets off on a dangerous sea voyage full of pirates, hidden treasure, and surprises. With ships, mysterious islands, and lots of action, it really keeps you turning the pages.

One of the best characters is Long John Silver—clever, unpredictable, and never easy to trust, which makes the story even more thrilling.

As it was written a long time ago, some words may feel unusual at first, but you quickly get used to them. If you enjoy pirates, bravery and adventure, Treasure Island is a fantastic choice. I'd recommend it to children in Years 3 to 6 who love exciting journeys and treasure hunts.

It is my second favourite book, after the one I sometimes read in worship!

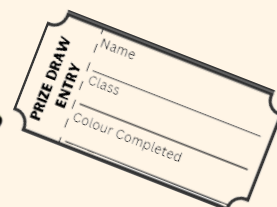
By Mr. Bielby



What have the Readership Team been up to?

As we near the end of the school year, the Readership Team have been very busy preparing for the final stage of our Reading Rewards. They have been carefully organising all of the prize draw entries—of which we have many—and working out how many children have achieved the final purple reward.

Those who reach this fantastic milestone will be rewarded with the chance to choose a book from the shelf, along with a special badge and certificate. Well done to everyone who has taken part, and a big thank you to the Readership Team for all their hard work behind the scenes!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**IN THE SCHOOL HALL
3:15pm - 3:30pm**

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY

THURSDAY 2ND JULY

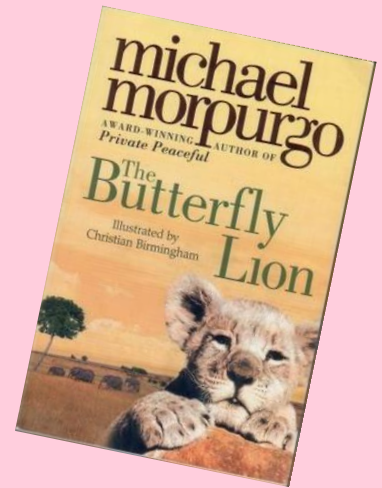
FRIDAY 3RD JULY

MONDAY 6TH JULY

Student Book Review...

THE BUTTERFLY LION BY MICHAEL MORPURGO

A boy called Bertie rescues a lion cub whose mother was killed by Bertie's dad. Soon, Bertie is sent to boarding school in England. The lion is sent to a circus in France and soon war starts. I liked it when Bertie found the white lion, which was my favourite character.



I rate it: ★★★★★ (5/5)

**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!**

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR BOOK LATELY?

Year 3 colour band books and RWI books can be found upstairs in the Year 3 middle area.

Year 4 colour band books can be found in the shared Year 4 area.

Year 5 and **Year 6** colour band books are on the tall shelf in the Year 5/6 corridor.

Library Books

These can be changed during your weekly library visit.

Years 3 and 4 can borrow 1 book at a time and Year 5 and 6 can borrow 2 books at a time.

TOP TIPS FOR DEVELOPING YOUNG READERS AT HOME

Supporting reading at home makes a huge difference to children's confidence and progress.

Remember, children learn by example, so let them see you reading, talk about stories together, and most importantly, keep reading fun! Even a few minutes each day can have a lasting impact.

Turn on the subtitles on the TV, laptop etc.



Research shows that the more children hear a sound and see the word written, the faster they learn to read.

Model reading for pleasure.



Children mimic the adults around them. Read for pleasure and model the enjoyment of reading to children.

Make time for reading.



Create a routine that works for you and try to stick to it. Before bed, after dinner... just read, and regularly!

Read with prosody.



Bring the story to life for your children: vary your speed, expression and *always* do the voices!

☀ CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT ☀ TOM GATES

In Liz Pichon's hilarious Tom Gates series, Tom shows us how our school values of **hope**, **courage** and **compassion** can shine through in everyday life. Tom stays hopeful, even when things don't go to plan. Whether it's schoolwork, friendships or trying to impress his bandmates, he always believes the next day will be better. He shows courage in his own way, facing challenges at school, owning up to mistakes and keeping going even when things feel tricky. Most of all, Tom's compassion is clear in how he cares about his friends and family, often trying to make others laugh and brighten their day. Tom reminds us that you don't have to be perfect to make a difference, being positive, brave and kind in small ways can have a big impact.



Quiz Time

Last Week's Answer



Guess the storybook...

The Giant Vegetable

I am a root vegetable who started out incredibly small. The farmer pulled, the girl tugged, and the dog joined the team, we needed the whole farm's help to make our vegetable supreme!

Answer in the next edition!



Up next time...
Rotary book donation

UP COMING DATES...

30th June -
6th July

Summer Term Scholastic Book Fair

7th July

BCP Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

Answer

BECAUSE IT HAS THE MOST STORIES!