

The Bethany Book Bulletin



Summer 2 - 3rd July 2026

Reading News at Bethany

Reading continues to thrive at Bethany CE Junior School, and it has been wonderful to see so many children maintaining their enthusiasm and commitment. Over recent weeks, even more pupils have reached the exciting milestone of earning their **purple** bookmark—an achievement that truly reflects their growing confidence and enjoyment of reading.

Across the school, our reading culture continues to flourish. You may have noticed the new reading corners and displays that have been appearing around the school, helping to bring books to life and spark interest in new stories. We have also received an increasing number of thoughtful book reviews, showing just how keen the children are to share their favourite reads and recommend books to their peers. It has been particularly pleasing to see how reading is inspiring conversations and curiosity both in and beyond the classroom.

As we move closer to the end of term, there is still time for pupils to earn their place in our final prize draw. Each completed bookmark counts as an entry, so we encourage everyone to keep reading and make the most of every opportunity—every page really does count!

This is our penultimate reading newsletter for the 2025–2026 academic year. Our final edition will be shared on 17th July and will include information about the BCP Summer Reading Challenge, as well as the continuation of the Bookmark Reading Rewards Scheme in September.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in nurturing a love of reading both at home and at school. We are incredibly proud of the progress our young readers are making.

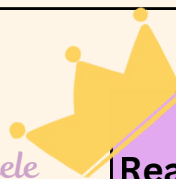
*Reading is to the mind what
exercise is to the body.*

Sir Richard Steele

Joke

WHAT VEGETABLES DO LIBRARIANS LIKE?

(ANSWER AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER)



Top 3 Classes for the Reading Rewards Challenge

1st - 5BD (86)

2nd - 5EW (83)

3rd - 3RH (78)

Teacher Book Pick...

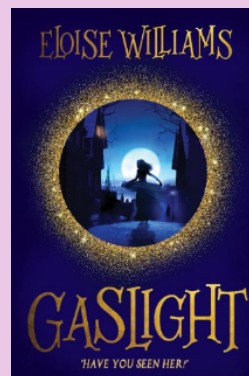


Gaslight by Eloise Williams

This book is so gripping, you will not be able to put it down! Gaslight, by Eloise Williams, quickly drew me into its dark and mysterious world. Set in 1899 in Cardiff, the story follows Nansi, whose life is full of uncertainty and danger. Her mother disappeared on the same day Nansi was found in the docks, and she cannot remember anything about what happened. With no family to rely on, she is left working for her cruel boss Sid at the Empire Theatre and sometimes has to steal just to afford a detective to help search for her mother.

The story is full of suspense, and the tension but the biggest highlight for me was the huge twist at the end- it's magnificent! This book is fabulous and well worth a read. It's perfect for readers aged 9-11, who enjoy suspense, vivid descriptions and shocking twists! A definite 5 star read.

Miss Walters



**SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR
CONTINUES**

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

**FRIDAY 3RD JULY
MONDAY 6TH JULY**



Book Donations from Boscombe and Southbourne Rotary Club

Last Monday, Mrs Blane met with Chris Bazell, President of the Boscombe and Southbourne Rotary Club. Chris and his team generously delivered 270 books to our school to support our Reading Rewards Scheme and enrich our classroom reading corners. These books were kindly donated by Rotary Club members and volunteers, with a further 130 contributed by the congregation of Immanuel URC Church in Southbourne.

We are very grateful for this generous support. The Rotary Club is keen to help us nurture a love of reading for pleasure, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with them.

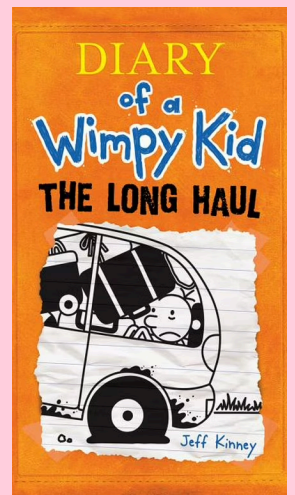


Student Book Review...

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID - THE LONG HAUL BY JEFF KINNEY

This is about the Heffley family going on a road trip to their great-grandmother's (Meemaw's) 90th birthday. They could have gone to Disneyland but the baby ruined the plan. This is good for people who like funny stories that are long. I found it funny and interesting. There are now 20 books in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series. The long Haul is book number 9.

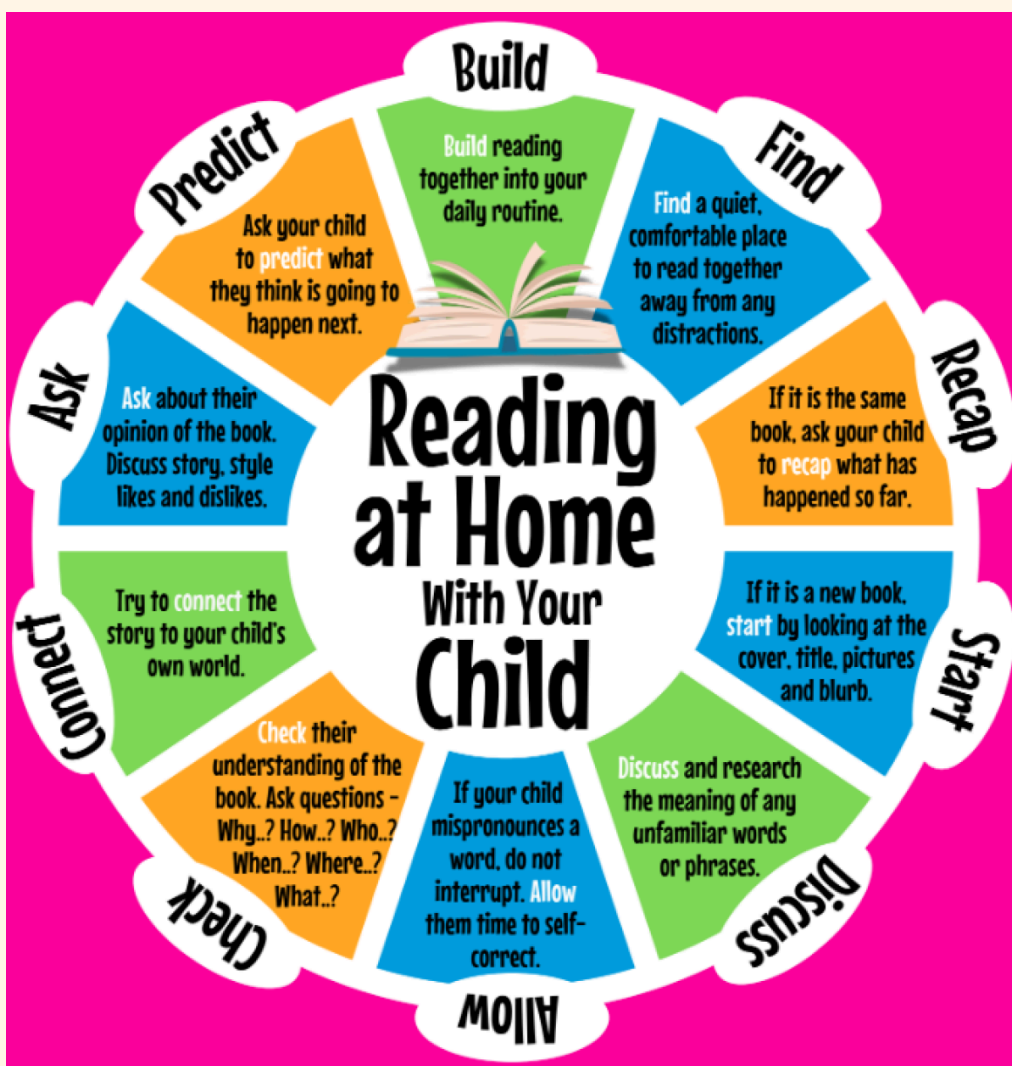
By Malik 6DL



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!



LIBRARY BOOKS

Now that we are coming to the end of the academic year, it is time return **all** library books.

Mrs Simmonds will be rewarding the class that has the fewest outstanding books with ice lollies at the end of the term. If your class has **ZERO** outstanding books, she will double the prize!!

So, look in all your cupboards, under sofas and behind TVs, you never know where they might be hiding!



☀ CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT ☀ WINNIE THE POOH

A. A. Milne's famous character, Winnie the Pooh, regularly demonstrates our 3 school values. He shows **HOPE** through his simple and positive outlook on life. He doesn't overthink problems but trusts that things will work out, which helps him and his friends stay calm and optimistic even in difficult moments.

He also shows **COURAGE** by helping his friends, even when he isn't completely sure what to do. Alongside this, Pooh is deeply **COMPASSIONATE**, he is always kind, patient, and willing to share or listen. His loyalty to Piglet, Eeyore and the others shows that small acts of kindness and friendship can make a big difference.



Quiz Time

Guess the books...

1.

Egg
Egg
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2.

WONDEALICERLAND

3.

LION
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BEAR

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4.

cultivated
plants
and
flowers

Last Week's
Answer

The story was...

The Enormous Turnip

Answer in the next edition!

UP COMING DATES...

30th June -
6th July

Summer Term Scholastic
Book Fair

7th July

BCP Summer Reading
Challenge Assembly

Up next time...
BCP Summer
reading
challenge

Answer

QUIET PEAS!