



Paulton Junior School

Reading Newsletter

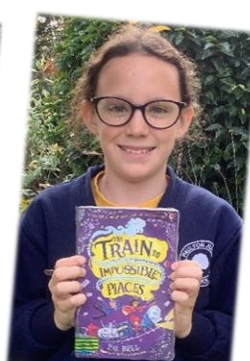
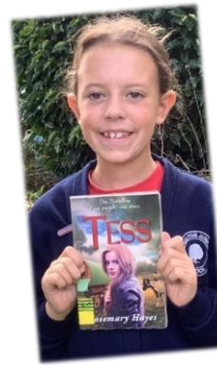
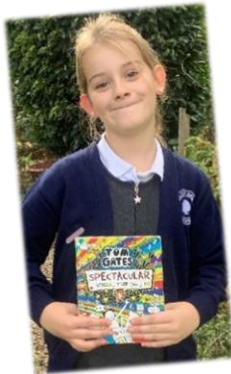


Happy New Year and welcome back to the Reading Newsletter! We are excited to share lots of reading updates and recommendations for you to enjoy throughout 2026. We hope this newsletter inspires a love of reading and helps you discover many wonderful stories along the way.

We would also like to introduce our Reading Ambassadors for the year:

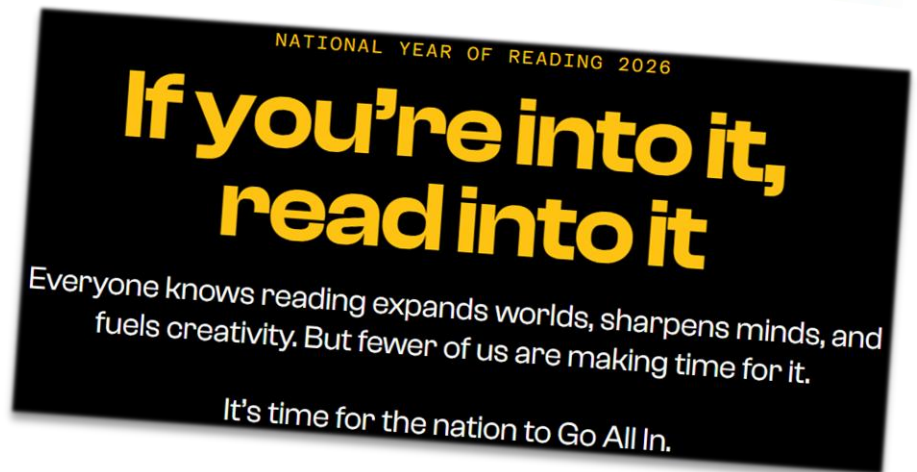
Aria, S., Violet B-L., Willow P., Rajana D., Esme E., Phoebe P., Florence M. Arabella R. and Kiera G.

They have been playing an important role in promoting a love of reading across the school and sharing their enthusiasm with others.





National Year of Reading 2026



This Year, Reading Is More Important Than Ever!

In 2026, the Department for Education is leading '**Go All In – The National Year of Reading**', a nationwide campaign designed to inspire a love of reading for pleasure in children and young people.

The Year of Reading aims to tackle a decline in reading for enjoyment and to help children build confidence, vocabulary, imagination and a lifelong love of learning.

You can look out for top tips and events **HERE**:

<https://goallin.org.uk/> - with more being added throughout the year.

How YOU can help at home:

- **Read together regularly**, even for short periods.
- **Follow your child's interests** - football, animals, gaming, cooking or music can all involve reading!
- **Use different formats** - this might include audiobooks, magazines or even e-books.
- **Talk about what you read** - chatting about stories is just as important as reading them. Share your enthusiasm!
- **Be a reading role model** - let children see you enjoying reading too.

By working together at school and at home, we can help make reading a positive, everyday habit and ensure every child feels confident and excited about reading.

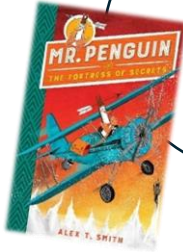


Class Readers!



Each year group has been delving into new worlds through their class reader stories. The children have loved getting lost in the narratives and discovering new characters along the way..

Year 3



"I liked it when Mr Penguin discovered that Miss Bones wasn't the real Miss Bones and someone was pretending to be her!", Lily, Yr 3

"I liked all of it – it was fantastic!" Elisabetta, Yr 3

"I liked it when Colin smacked the crocodile on the nose!" Barnaby, Yr 3

"Mr Penguin gave the fish finger sandwich to the crocodile because that was the only way to get across the river safely!" Myla, Yr 3

Year 4



"It's really funny and enjoyable" Robbie, Yr 4

"The accidentally Prime Minister is really funny because it's about a child who becomes Prime Minister." Cruz, Yr 4

"This story is amazing because the author makes you think a lot." Phoebe, Yr 4

"It's a very funny book but it also teaches us new things." Marnie, Yr 4



Year 6

"I love how the Nowhere Emporium can travel to places all over the world to sell its wonders!" Tega, Yr 6

"I loved the Nowhere Emporium because it created a sense of suspense and magic." Hannah, Yr 6

"The plot was really good and intriguing." Alfie, Yr 6

Year 5

"It was very mysterious and interesting." George, Yr 5

"I enjoyed The Malamander because I love adventure stories and it was a fun story." Edie, Yr 5





Reading Recommendations for 2026



Our Reading Ambassadors have been busy preparing a range of wonderful reading recommendations for you to enjoy in 2026.

There's more to come in our next Reading Newsletter!

Lady Lollipop is a funny and heart-warming story about Princess Penelope, a very spoilt princess who always gets what she wants. For her birthday, she demands a pig, a surprising gift that changes her behaviour forever.

Recommended for readers who enjoy funny stories, animals, and a touch of surprise.

Recommended by Phoebe P.

Lady Lollipop by Dick King-Smith

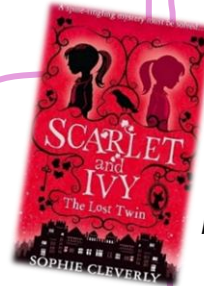


Scarlet and Ivy: The Lost Twin by Sophie Cleverly

Set in the eerie Rookwood boarding school, this mystery follows Ivy as she secretly takes her twin sister Scarlet's place after Scarlet goes missing. Ivy must uncover hidden diary pages while avoiding a frightening teacher who patrols the corridors at night.

Perfect for fans of suspenseful stories. Recommended for older readers.

Recommended by Florence M.



The Barnabus Project by The Fan Brothers

A favourite for all ages! This imaginative story follows Barnabus and a group of "failed projects" trying to escape from the Perfect Pet Lab. Along the way, they face tricky traps and exciting challenges as they search for a place where they belong.

Recommended for readers who love adventure and meaningful stories.

Recommended by Esme E.



The Best Sleepover in the World by Jacqueline Wilson

This story is about a girl who goes to a sleepover that turns out to be very different from what she expected. Through the experience, she learns important lessons about friendship and understanding others.

A warm, realistic story many readers will relate to.

Recommended by Raiana D

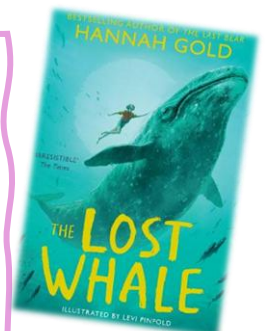


The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold

The Lost Whale is a moving chapter book about an eleven-year-old boy, Rio, who forms a powerful connection with a grey whale. Set against the beauty of the ocean, the story explores themes of family, emotional wellbeing and caring for our environment.

A thoughtful and inspiring read for children who enjoy animal stories with an important message.

Recommended for Year 6 and beyond.





Reading Leaderboard



You have impressed us with your quiz skills on Accelerated Reader so far.

Here are the top quizzers from each class across the school:



3B Kacey R.

3MW Tom W.

4W Phoebe P.

4BR Florence, M.

5CG Alice, B.

5R Ronnie-Jane, T.

6S Alice, L.

6PL Jessie H.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c January 12 2026

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

Bath Central Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Wednesday
(term-time only)

Relaxed Storytime, with Booktrust

Relaxed Storytime for children with autism or sensory needs. Held in our sensory space. Please book via eventbrite

Thursday 15 January
10.30 - 11.30am

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

9.30 - 10.00am &
10.30 - 11.00am
Tuesday
(term-time only)

Storytime

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Thursday
(term-time only)

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Monday
(term-time only)

Storytime

Drop in suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0 - 5 years.

10.30 - 11.00am
Wednesday
(term-time only)

Board Game Saturdays

Drop in. Suitable for all ages.

Every Saturday
10.00 - 12.30pm

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:
<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

Library News:

On 18 January it is Winnie-the-Pooh Day. It has been 100 years since Winnie-the-Pooh was published. A book about a honey-lovin bear and all his friends in 100 Arce wood.



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