

“Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are.”

“There is no friend as loyal as a book.”

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Welcome to our Year Six Librarians

St Thomas' Bookopoly & Reading Brick Road

The book cover is designed to look like a library or bookstore display. It features a central banner with the title 'St. Thomas' Reading Street Open Key' and 'Bookopoly'. The banner is flanked by two small book icons. Below the banner, there is a grid of book categories, each represented by a colored square and a small icon. The categories are: **Geography** (map icon), **Biographies** (person icon), **Spirituality and Religion** (cross icon), **Historical Fiction** (book icon), **New Fiction** (book icon), **Sports & Hobbies** (baseball bat icon), **Fairy Tales, Myths & Folklore Classics** (crown icon), and **Sci-Fi Mystery & Adventure** (alien icon). The grid is surrounded by a border of small book icons.

St. Thomas' Reading Street Open Key

Geography

Biographies

Spirituality and Religion

Historical Fiction

New Fiction

Sports & Hobbies

Fairy Tales, Myths & Folklore Classics

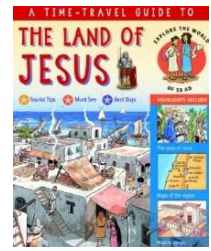
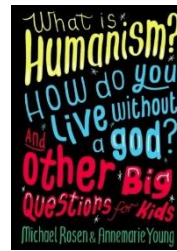
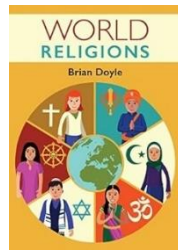
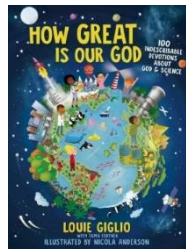
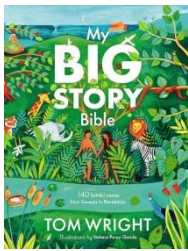
Sci-Fi Mystery & Adventure



In EYFS and KS1, children have the opportunity to read/share books according to author surname, collecting awards as they go. We have awarded 36 Bronze Scarecrow Awards, 7 Silver Tin Man Awards , 2 Gold Lion Reading Awards and 1 Ruby Reading Awards !

Spirituality & Religion

At the start of the academic year, we were very fortunate to be able to add to our Spirituality & Religion collections in both of our libraries. Children are enjoying reading these books as part of their St Thomas' Bookopoly challenge in KS2.



Gift a Book at Christmas Scheme 2025

After its success last year, we will again be launching our 'Gift a Book at Christmas' initiative for both of our libraries. Parents and carers will be given the opportunity to donate a small amount of money which will cover the cost of a book. We purchase the majority of our stock from Peter's Bookshop, who provide a plastic protective cover, which ultimately prolongs the life of each book. More information will follow after half term.

Book Reviews, Audio Books and Author Chats

Audio Books for our EYFS/KS1 Readers

There's a wonderful selection of **classic short stories for children** written by a number of well-known authors including **Beatrix Potter** www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07h1f8c/episodes/player

Our Favourite Authors display in the KS1 library features stories written by Lynley Dodd featuring Hairy Maclary and friends. There's a fantastic animated version of **Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy** on YouTube www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWywAk67wqA

Audio Books for our KS2 Readers

Fans of E. Nesbit's **The Railway Children** will enjoy this complete and unabridged re-telling of the story on YouTube www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3MZmKXBlak.

FunkidsLive is a popular digital radio station for children. I was delighted to discover recently that they have a superb podcast '**Fun Kids Book Worms**', where Bex chats with our favourite authors, finding what makes them tick. We're sometimes lucky enough to hear them reading an excerpt from their latest book! www.funkidslive.com/podcast/fun-kids-book-worms

The UKS2 History topic for this term is **Ancient Greece** and National Geographic Kids have produced an awesome Podcast (available from the usual outlets) '**Greeking Out**' for the whole family retelling stories of Ancient Greece. www.nationalgeographic.com/podcasts/greeking-out



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