



St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School Library Newsletter

A great start to the Spring term!

It's exciting times in the St Thomas of Canterbury Primary school libraries! It is my first term as the School Librarian and I have been blown away by the children's enthusiasm. Whenever I am walking around the school, I am constantly stopped by children to ask when the library is next open, what books I could recommend or questions about our reading awards. It really is fantastic to see this excitement and love for reading from our children.

New books!

We were very fortunate to receive a grand total of £190.00 from our 'Gift a book at Christmas' scheme. We have now purchased all of the books on our wish list, along with many other new and exciting titles for our children to enjoy. We have included many popular and regularly requested books such as, The Keeper of the Lost Cities series, The Lottie Brooks series, TideMagic and multiple graphic novels which are extremely popular with our children at the moment. Please do encourage your children to visit the libraries to discover our broad range of books, including our new additions, there is something for everyone!



The National Year of Reading 2026

The Secretary of State for Education has announced that 2026 will be the National Year of Reading. The National Year of Reading 2026 is a campaign to address the steep decline in reading amongst children, young people and adults. It is a Department for Education initiative, in collaboration with the National Literacy Trust.

'In 2026, the National Year of Reading is reconnecting reading with the things that already inspire us – from playlists and football matches to films, food and family time. It's reading that fits how we live, not the other way around.'

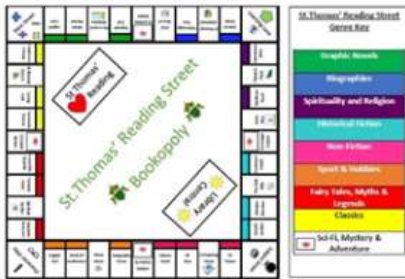
A Christian community where children are known by name and loved, which empowers them to learn and to grow in faith, knowledge and fellowship.



We will communicate further regarding this initiative throughout the year but please do feel free to visit the website for more information.

<https://goallin.org.uk/>

St Thomas' Bookopoly & Reading Brick Road Reading Awards



The awards have been coming in thick and fast this half term! We have now awarded **159** Bronze awards, **68** Silver awards, **33** Gold awards and **10** Platinum awards!

The children have also been extremely busy in KS1! We have now awarded **142** Bronze Scarecrow awards, **69** Silver Tinman awards, **37** Gold Lion awards, **17** Ruby Slipper awards and **5** Emerald City awards! Well done to all of the children who have received an award, keep on reading!



And finally.....

Don't forget that it is **World Book Day 2026 on Thursday 5th March**. Our theme for KS1 is **Dazzling Dinosaurs** and for KS2, it is **Mythical Magic and Monsters**. Please have a think about who or what you would like to dress up as on this special day. We also have an amazing author, **Clare Harlow**, visiting our KS2 children on Wednesday 4th March. Copies of both of her books, TideMagic; The Many Faces of Ista Flit and TideMagic; The Impossible Key, are available to preorder. You will have received a form to place the order and payments are to be made via ParentPay.

I hope you all enjoy a peaceful half term break and here's to another half term full of reading and fun!

Mrs Claire Ware

School Librarian