

St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Junior School

Celebrating Reading!



“A children’s story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children’s story in the slightest.” — C.S. Lewis

“I don’t believe in the kind of magic in my books. But I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.” — J.K. Rowling

Year Six Librarians

Over the course of this year, I have had 14 Librarian Monitors supporting me, in what can often be incredibly busy drop-in sessions during lunch time. They have all been fantastic, and I am extremely grateful to them for their support. Thank you! They have gained experience in using the electronic library system, stock taking, creating displays, talking to the children about their book choices as well as supporting lower school readers with unfamiliar genres.



St Thomas’ Reading Tree

The hot weather we have experienced recently has meant that a good number of children have continued to visit the library during lunchtime drop-in times. It’s a perfect place to seek solace from the sun! It’s wonderful that more children are asking for recommendations in a particular genre that they’re not familiar with. Over this academic year, we have awarded the following number of certificates.

Bronze - 212, Silver – 106, Gold – 57, Platinum - 14

Summer Reading Challenge!

Ready, Set, Read! Is the name of the game this year. The children have the option of using your local library or taking part online. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

They will be able to set a reading goal and log books on to their profile. Once they have reached their goal they will be able to unlock some digital goodies.



Book Reviews, Audio Books and Author Chats

Scott Evans is a Primary School teacher and Reading for Pleasure Adviser. His YouTube channel features monthly videos containing short reviews of children's books that will be published that coming month. <https://www.youtube.com/@TheReaderTeacher>

Scott chats to two authors who have written remarkable Middle Grade (8-12yr readers) fantasy novels in this https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_HQu1gh2Y0 hour long video. It features Stephanie Burgess who wrote The Raven Heir and Amy Wilson who is the author of Lightning Falls. We stock both of these books in the School Library.

At the start of the new academic year, the children will see three further books reviews in the library.

Famous Five: Five on a Treasure Island by Enid Blyton

Jan Francis reads the unabridged version of this great adventure on YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7_vKShMLww. There is also a television tie in of this book. Some of you may remember watching this as a child in the mid-1990s! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_ylFj1BMXI&list=PL0D6AAC2F5186592F

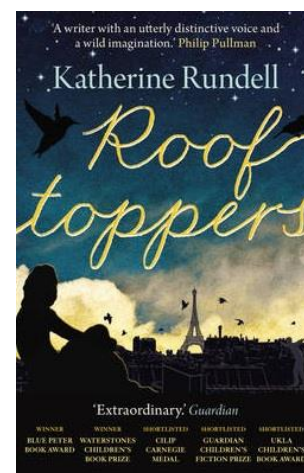
Worse Things Can Happen at Sea by Alan Snow

This book, which is part of The Ratbridge Chronicles, is available on Audible. To listen for free, make use of their 30-day free trial <https://www.audible.co.uk/pd/The-Ratbridge-Chronicles-Worse-Things-Happen-at-Sea-Audiobook/B005IHGAQI>

Roof Toppers by Katherine Rundell

Sacred Heart Primary School in Southend have uploaded an audio version of this book (read chapter by chapter) on to YouTube, by Mrs O S.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1WNwj0qttU>



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