

## St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

### Celebrating Reading!



*"A book is a dream that you hold in your hand."*

*Neil Gaiman*

*"Reading for me is spending time with a friend."*

*Gary Paulsen*

### St Thomas' Bookopoly & Reading Brick Road Reading Awards

Children in KS2 continue to eagerly read their way across our 'Bookopoly' Board, where familiar colours and railway stations correspond to book genres. In EYFS and KS1, children have the opportunity to read/share books according to author surname, collecting awards as they go. To date, in KS2, we have awarded 159 Bronze Awards, 77 Silver Awards, 54 Gold Awards and 20 Platinum Reading Awards! In EYFS & KS1, we have awarded 163 Bronze Scarecrow Awards, 119 Silver Tin Man Awards, 75 Gold Lion Reading Awards, 48 Ruby Reading Awards and 11 Emerald Reading Awards!

### Year 5 Librarians

This summer term, I am giving Year 5s the opportunity to experience what it is like to be part of the School Library team. They will participate in many aspects of the role, before joining the rota in September. There has been a lot of interest (over 1/3 of the year group), which is incredibly exciting and encouraging.

### Year 6 Leavers Book Legacy

To celebrate Year 6's enthusiasm for reading and sharing their favourite stories with the rest of KS2, we will repeat our legacy scheme this year, where parents and carers of Year 6 leavers will be able to donate a book (via Parent Pay) for other children to enjoy in future years. A book plate will be placed inside the book that is purchased with the child's name and leaver's year. More information will follow after May half term.

### Book Reviews, Podcasts, Audio Books and Author Chats

CBeebies Radio Podcast [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0l6frqv](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0l6frqv)

Bitesize nuggets of CBeebies treats are released every morning at 6am. Perfect for EYFS and Year 1, mini-megastars such as Dodge T Dog, Hey Duggee, JoJo, Gran Gran and Supertato rotate in punchy episodes of between 2 and 15 minutes in length.



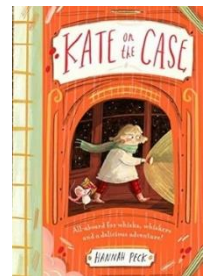
Lower KS2 are learning about the orchestra this term. [www.classicfm.com/music-news/new-podcast-for-children-david-walliams](http://www.classicfm.com/music-news/new-podcast-for-children-david-walliams) . Classic FM's 10-part podcast series, is aimed at introducing children to the wonderful world of classical music. Listen to it via Global Player Online or through your usual Apple/Android podcast app.

## The Week Junior

The Week Junior Show takes you behind the scenes of the award-winning magazine (which we stock in the KS2 Library). Each week, Bex from Fun Kids is joined by members of The Week Junior team to discuss their favourite stories, debate the week's hot topic and discover whether the 'Real or Rubbish?' report is fake news or the real deal. [www.funkidslive.com/podcast/the-week-junior-show](http://www.funkidslive.com/podcast/the-week-junior-show)

**Kate on the Case** by Hannah Peck, is a popular choice with our KS1 readers and is found on the Chapter Book shelves. You can listen to the audiobook for free via Borrow Box (via Brentwood Library).

[https://essex.borrowbox.com/product/BON\\_1676680/title/kate-on-the-case](https://essex.borrowbox.com/product/BON_1676680/title/kate-on-the-case)

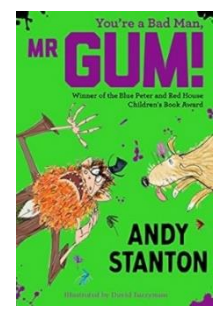
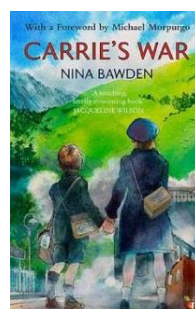
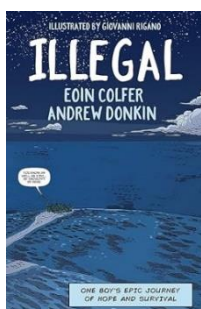


After half term, the following reviews will be on display in the **KS2 Library**: Author Tola Okogwu reads an excerpt from her book **Onyeka & the Academy of the Sun**, which is an action-packed and empowering adventure about a British Nigerian girl who learns that her Afro hair has psychokinetic powers! [www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOWOwsv\\_t0E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOWOwsv_t0E) . Zelah Clarke reads the unabridged modern classic (**Carrie's War** by Nina Bawden), which is suitable for Year 6 readers [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnRSPnyvaoo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnRSPnyvaoo) . Read chapter-by-chapter (by Julian Franklin), we're reminded that **You're a Bad Man Mr Gum** by Andy Stanton is part of a crazy, funny and amazing book collection for children all over the world.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKfqMXoYO4g&list=PLo-ymNldDXig\\_qSYDiLb6lUloedZn89ta](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKfqMXoYO4g&list=PLo-ymNldDXig_qSYDiLb6lUloedZn89ta)

**Illegal** by Eoin Colfer tells the story of Ebo (a 12-year-old boy) fleeing a village in Africa, where his brother Kwame and sister Sisi have already left in the hope of a better life in Europe. He's determined to find them en route. For a free listen, sign up to a 30-day free trial on Audible.

[www.audible.co.uk/pd/Illegal-Audiobook/B07HQVMTR8](http://www.audible.co.uk/pd/Illegal-Audiobook/B07HQVMTR8)



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