

8th July 2024

Summer Reading Challenge

Dear parent/carer,

The National Reading Agency have put together a Summer Reading Challenge for children to take part in. Please see the information below regarding this.

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part and is an amazing way to boost children's confidence - last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations. Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](https://www.readingagency.org.uk/) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](https://www.librarynetwork.org.uk/).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Please take the attached application form with you and some proof of ID. Your child will:

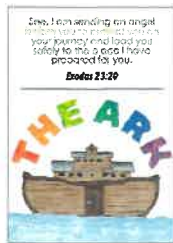
- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the official Challenge website.
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

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What will children read for their Challenge?

The Challenge is all about reading for fun, so children can choose to read anything they like. Audiobooks, e-books, fiction, non-fiction, comics, joke books, poetry, graphic novels... it all counts! Library staff and volunteers will help children discover new reads which suit their interests and reading level.

When?

The Challenge will launch in England and Wales on **6th July**. Local variations apply so please check with your library to find out start & finish dates near you. If you are unsure where your closest library is, use the <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/library-zone> to check. Head to your local library this summer and sign up!

Want to know more?

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success at https://readingagency.org.uk/news-and-stories/?category_name=research&programme=summer-reading-challenge.
- Visit the <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/website> for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following: [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SummerReadingChallengeUK).

Upon completion, your child will receive a certificate. We ask that your child brings this into school by **Friday 13th September 2024**, so that we can celebrate their achievement. For all those children that complete the challenge, they will be rewarded with a special visit to our reading café in school.

Yours faithfully,
Miss Warrilow, Miss Cooper and Mrs Morton

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Library Application Form

Please enter your details below:

Mr/Mrs/Ms etc:

Family name:

First name/s:

Date of birth:

Postal address:

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Postcode:

Telephone number:

Mobile number (for text/SMS):

Email address:

I realise that, by registering as a member of the Library, I am responsible for all items borrowed on my card.



