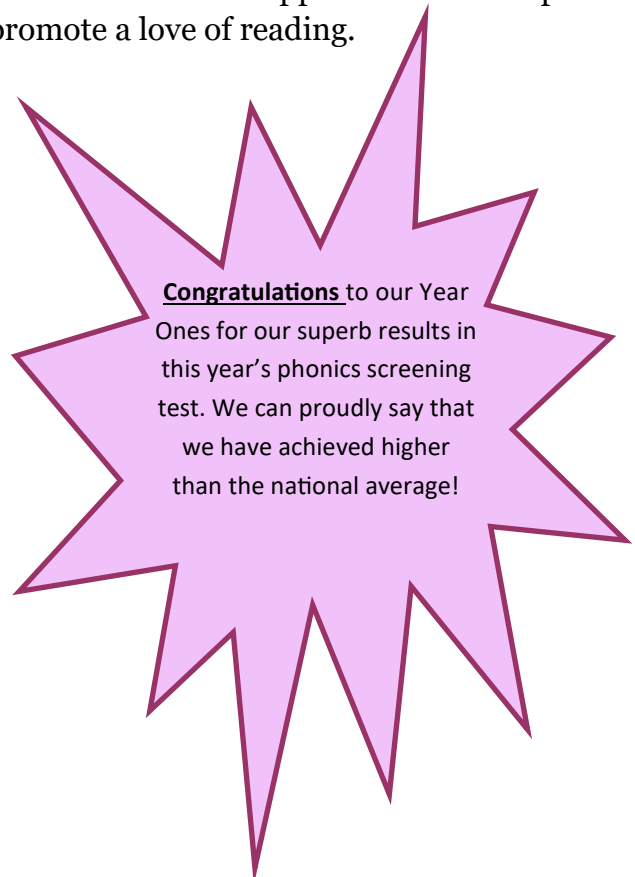




# St Mary's Reading Newsletter Summer 2

Welcome to our summer 2 reading newsletter. We hope to keep you informed about what the children are reading at school, let you know some of the fantastic opportunities we provide for our children and how we are dedicated to promote a love of reading.

**This half term, we ran a Scholastic Book Fair and earned an amazing £337 in books for our school library.**



**Congratulations** to our Year Ones for our superb results in this year's phonics screening test. We can proudly say that we have achieved higher than the national average!

Nursery held a Book Swap at the end of this term so that all the children have a new story to share in the holidays.



**Congratulations** to our Year Sixes for their superb SATs results. We are proud to say that our reading results surpassed the national average!

**Y3 have enjoyed reading with our reading dog (Baloo) this half term.**



### *English Speaking Board*

Well done to our Y5 pupils, who have been assessed for an English Speaking Board qualification, which will stay with them for the rest of their lives! The external assessor was blown away with a particular aspect of the assessment - poetry recital. She was so impressed with how well the children read and learned a poem of their choice and their ability to perform this so well in front of an audience. All of our children passed their speaking and listening exam—we are so proud of them! What an achievement!



## \*\*\* SUMMER READING CHALLENGE \*\*\*

Have you got what it takes to be a reading champion?

This year's summer reading challenge takes place from Saturday 8th July – Monday 11th September 2023. The theme is 'Ready, Set, Read.'

What do you need to do? Read at least 6 books and visit a library on at least 3 different occasions. On your reading journey, you will be presented with a folder of activities and stickers, which introduces the main characters from this year's challenge and those who complete the challenge receive a medal and a certificate too. Ready...Set...Read!



Well done to Jessica, in Year 5, who is this year's reading champion. She has read the most words in the whole school this year, with her word count almost 4,000,000! Well done, Jessica. What an achievement!



Well done to St Teresa, who collectively this year has the highest reading word count. As a class, they have reached over 10,000,000 words! Well done Year 5!



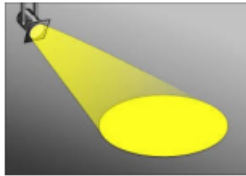
KS2 RECOMMENDED READS...



Gracie, in Y4, says, "I like this story because my third favourite animal is a fox. This story is funny because the girl pretends to talk to the fox but thinks it is a dog!"



Sienna, in Y1, says, "I like The Smartest Giant because he uses his new clothes to help to keep the animals warm. It teaches us all to be kind and caring."



Spotlight on...

Retrieve

Each half term, we will include some questions that you could ask your child, focusing on one area of reading comprehension (VIPERS).

To retrieve means to extract information from a text.

- Find and copy one word meaning \_\_\_\_\_.
- Give two reasons why \_\_\_\_\_.
- Where did \_\_\_\_\_ begin?
- Give two reasons why \_\_\_\_\_.

Reading Vipers

- Vocabulary
- Infer
- Predict
- Explain
- Retrieve
- Sequence or Summarise

KS1 Author of the Month

Oliver Jeffers

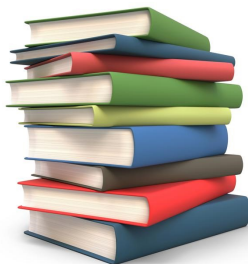


KS2 Current Author of the Week

Zillah Bethall



New Children's Books we love



9+ years



7+ years



9+ years



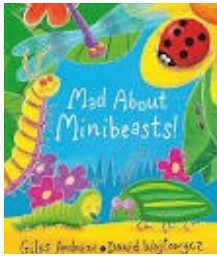
5+ years



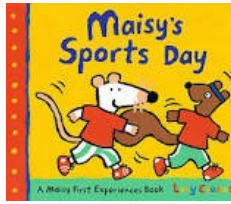
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## What we are currently reading?

### Nursery

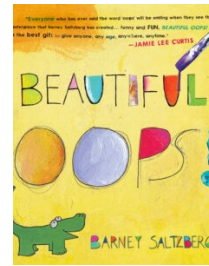


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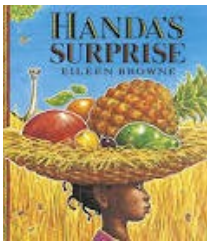


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OF THE MONTH

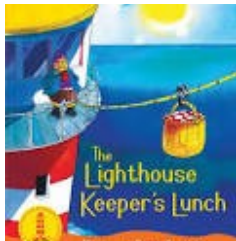
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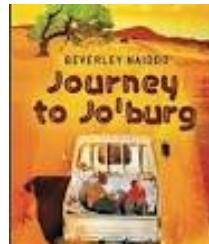
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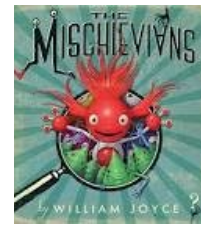
### YEAR 3



### YEAR 4



### YEAR 5



### YEAR 6



## Poetry Corner

### Storytime Online

Why not have a listen to these stories read by their very own authors and illustrators!



## THE OUTDOOR MONTH

by Lenore Hetrick

July is the regular outdoor month.  
He's the king of the calendar, don't you think?  
Bright, blue sky – fresh, strong winds –  
And a golden sun that makes you blink.

A lake where the water steals from the sky  
Its bluest color, its white cloud ships,  
And thick green trees beneath whose shade  
Time doesn't pass but just gently slips.

A swim in the morning with the sun coming up,  
A hike in the scented woods at noon,  
Canoeing in the later hours,  
And another swim beneath the moon.

Living outdoors is so much fun!  
Just living beneath the open sky.  
Clouds in the daytime and stars at night,  
With the whole wide universe drifting by.



3-5 years



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5-7 years



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