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Turning Pages, Sparking Imaginations: A Whole-School Celebration of Reading!

What a wonderful few weeks we've had celebrating the joy of reading across our school! This week's newsletter is all about the **importance of reading** and the exciting ways we've been bringing books to life in every classroom.

Reading is at the heart of everything we do. We've hosted a buzzing **Book Fair**, enjoyed a magical **Roald Dahl Day**, and watched **Year 6 perform poetry** with flair and creativity. Our **Community Library** continues to grow, offering families a chance to borrow and share books together. Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a love of reading in every child. *Mrs Berry*

Did you know?

Why Reading Matters

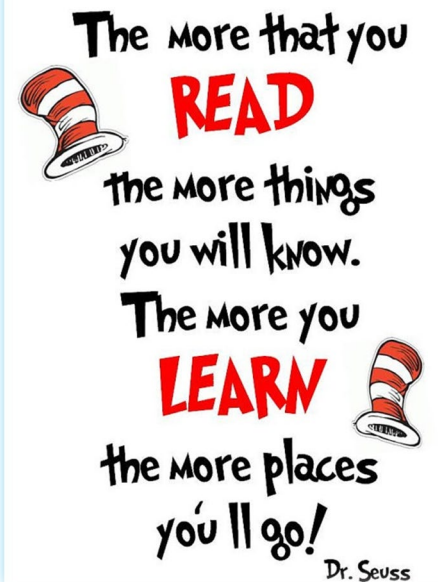
■ Children who read regularly perform better in school across all subjects.

📖 Reading for just 20 minutes a day exposes children to over 1.8 million words a year!

💡 Reading helps develop empathy, creativity, and emotional intelligence.

🎓 Children who enjoy reading are more likely to succeed academically and socially.

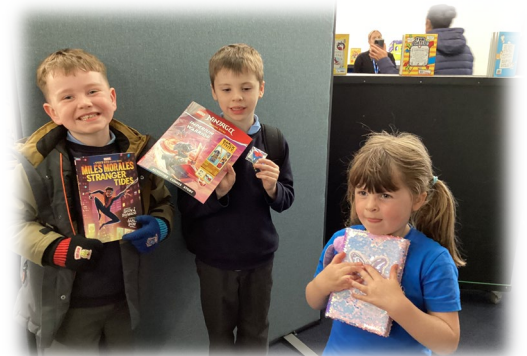
Let's keep encouraging our young readers to explore, imagine, and grow through books!



Book Fair!

We kicked off our reading celebrations with a fantastic **Book Fair** — and what a turnout! It was a delight to see so many families browsing the shelves and children excitedly choosing new books to take home.

Thanks to your support, we earned commission on every book purchased, which will go directly towards **buying new books for our school library**. We can tell you that was £241!!!! Thank you for helping us build a richer reading environment for all our pupils!



Community Library



As part of our ongoing celebration of reading, we'd love to remind families about our **Community Library**, located right at the front of school. It's a simple but powerful way to keep the joy of reading alive at home and in our community.

Children (and grown-ups!) are welcome to **borrow a book**, enjoy it, and **return it** when finished so someone else can discover the story next. It's all about sharing, caring, and growing together through books.

Reading at home is one of the most important ways to support your child's learning. Just 10–15 minutes a day can make a huge difference in vocabulary, imagination, and confidence.

Roald Dahl Day – A Whizzpopping Success!

Our **Roald Dahl-themed day** was a spectacular success and a joyful celebration of the magic of reading!

Children arrived dressed in their comfiest clothes, ready to dive into the imaginative worlds of *Matilda*, *The BFG*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and more. The school was buzzing with excitement as stories were shared, characters came to life, and imaginations soared.

A huge thank you to our wonderful **kitchen team** for the delicious themed lunch — it was a real treat and added a tasty twist to the day! And hats off to our **staff**, who went all out with their costumes. From Willy Wonka to Miss Trunchbull, they looked absolutely fantastic and helped bring the stories to life in the most memorable way. **Don't they look great?**

To top it all off, we held a lively **Children vs Teachers Roald Dahl Quiz** during worship. It was fiercely competitive, full of laughter, and a brilliant way to test our knowledge of Dahl's wonderful world. The children gave the teachers a real run for their money!



You're Invited: Reading Information Session for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Parents!

As part of our ongoing celebration of reading, we're excited to invite parents and carers of children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** to a special **Reading Information Session** to be held on **Thursday 23rd October 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

Reading is one of the most powerful tools in your child's learning journey. Just a few minutes of reading each day can boost vocabulary, imagination, and confidence — and it's even more effective when supported at home. During the session, we'll share:

-  Practical tips for supporting reading at home
-  How we teach reading in school
-  Ways to make reading fun and engaging for your child
-  A chance to explore our **Community Library** and borrow a book together!

We'd love to see you there — come along, enjoy a cuppa, and discover how we can work together to build a lifelong love of reading in every child.

Year 6 Bring Poetry To Life!

Year 6 have been diving deep into the wonderful world of **poetry** — and what a creative journey it's been!

From exploring different poetic styles to writing their own verses, the children have shown incredible imagination and confidence. But the real highlight? They've been **re-enacting poems** in front of their peers, using drama, expression, and movement to bring each piece to life!

Well done, Year 6 — your performances were inspiring, entertaining, and full of heart!



Things To Remember



We have lots of exciting things happening in school, so here are a few reminders...



Staff Training Days:

Remember, school will not be open to pupils on Friday 3rd October & Monday 6th October due to staff training



Y5 Residential:

8th October, Year 5 Pupils head off on their residential to Newby Wisk



Our Door Is Always Open!

At St. Michael's, we believe in strong partnerships with our families. If you ever have a question, concern, or just want to chat, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Our door is always open, and we're here to help.