

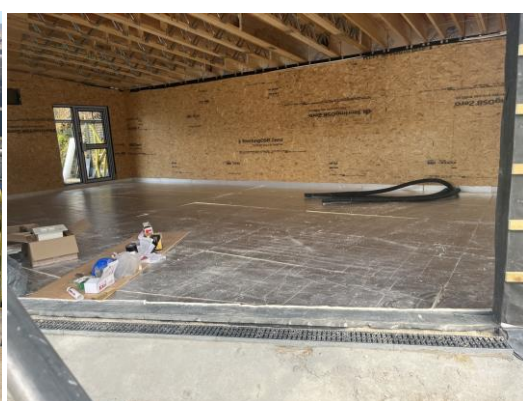


Becontree's Reading Newsletter



Welcome back to the Summer edition of the Becontree's Reading Newsletter! We have lots to share in this issue on books and more.

Ms. Gaughran, Reading Lead



What a busy term it's been! The library has steadily taken shape, and it's been exciting to watch its progress. Soon, the construction team will shift their focus to the interior, where changes may be less visible from the outside. The final handover of the completed building is scheduled for the summer holidays, marking the start of preparations for a September opening.

Naming the Library



A big well done to all the children and families who took part in naming and designing a logo for our new library, which is currently taking shape in the playground. We received so many fantastic entries that the Reading Champions had a tough time narrowing them down to the top three. These final selections were then passed on to Mrs Ziane for the ultimate decision. Below are the top three designs!

Here were the criteria for the logo designs:

- The logo needed to relate to reading or books.
- The chosen name had to be included in the design.
- It had to be bright and colourful.



By Nusrat,
5B



By Aakifa, 5C



By Illarion, 6R,
and Julian, 1L

The Winning Design...



Congratulations to Nusrat in 5B for creating the winning design and name for our new library! Her design will be turned into a sign and proudly displayed on the library building.

It won't be the only new addition - some fluffy friends will also be joining us in the Reading Hub soon!

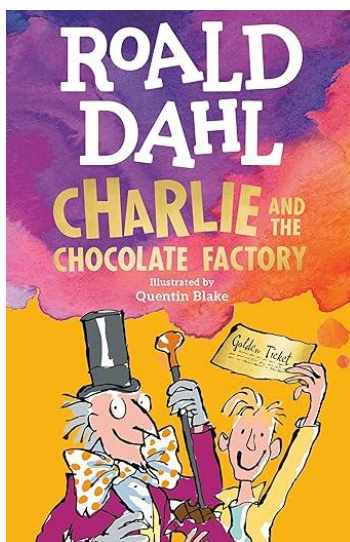


An Interview With Our Reading Champions



The Reading Champions have been hard at work behind the scenes as well as sharing good books in assemblies. Meet another of our team members: Ali!

My favourite book is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. I like the chocolate sweets and enjoy the humour. My favourite character is Augustus Gloop because he is crazy and funny too.

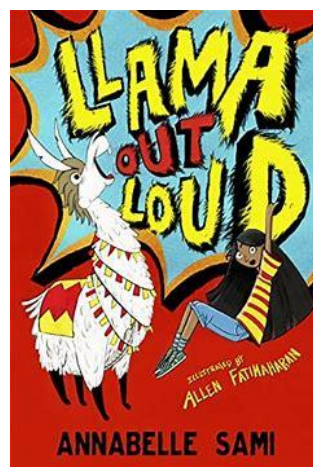


When you read, you are activating your imagination and getting a positive feeling.



My favourite author is Dav Pilkey, who wrote the Dog Man and Captain Underpants book series. These books are graphic novels and I enjoy reading them because I can read the whole series really quickly. I love recommending them to my friends.

I recommend that people read Llama Out Loud by Annabelle Sami. It has lots of cliffhangers and action and we read it in class this year.

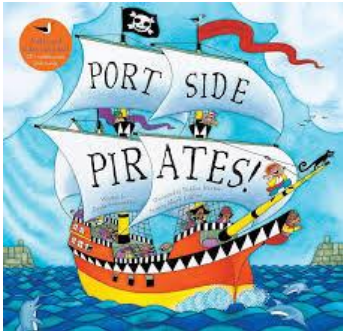


Our Favourite Books This Year!

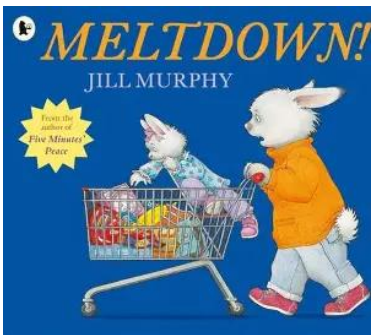


Recently, we asked all classes to vote for their favourite book read in class this year—here are the results.

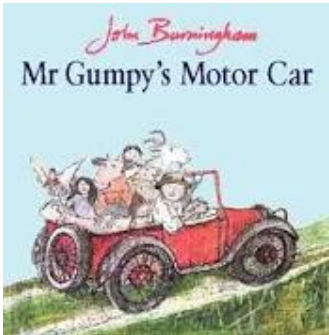
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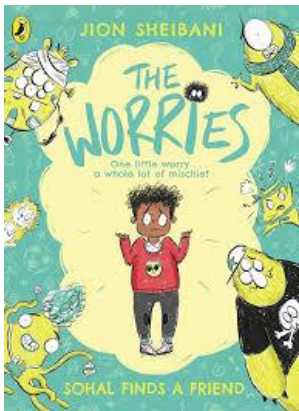
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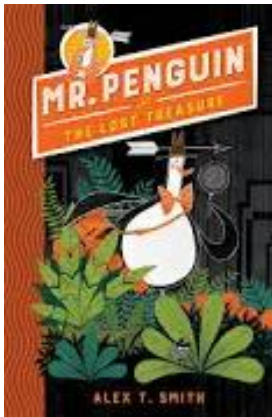
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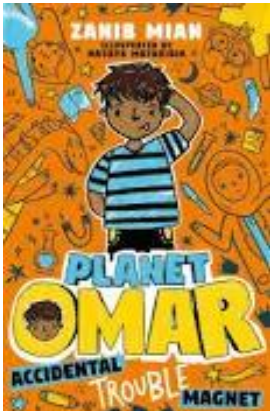
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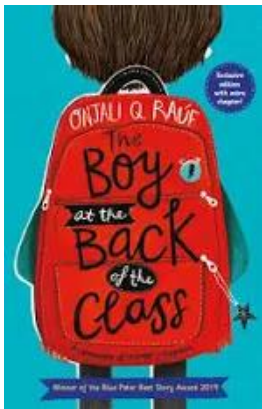
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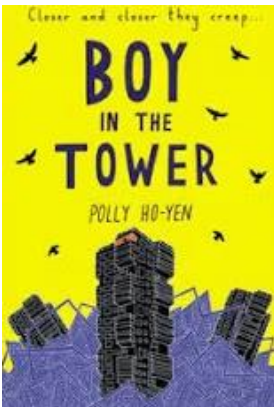
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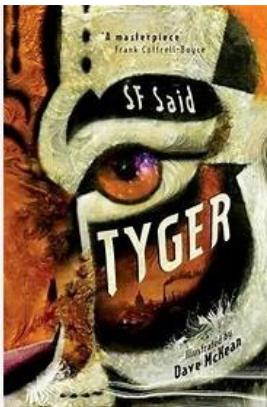
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Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn. Children set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. Children can sign up at their local library or online, and it's **FREE** to take part.

The online challenge begins on Saturday 21st June 2025.

[Join the Summer Reading Challenge online](#) and follow these three simple steps to participate:



1. Sign up
Click 'Join now' to create your account.



2. Read books
Set your own goal and read anything you like. Add your books to your profile, with a review!



3. Earn digital rewards
Unlock special online badges and a certificate when you reach your Challenge goal!*

Libraries will start the challenge on or after Saturday 5th July 2025.

Participating libraries will include Valence Library, and Barking and Dagenham and Havering Libraries in general. Here are the steps to take part at your local library:



1. Sign up
Visit your local library and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



2. Read books
Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



3. Earn rewards
Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books!*



The theme this year is Story Garden. Illustrations were drawn by Dapo Adeola, author of Clean Up! and Rocket Rules!





National Read Aloud Competition



Becontree Primary School

Register your child for FREE at:
<https://readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/XRIH-B8NO-KISB>



- ★ **FREE** for children from July 1st - August 31st
- ★ Safe and easy for every child to **use without supervision**
- ★ Encourages a child's love for reading and helps **maintain and improve** reading skills
- ★ Uses games, competition, leaderboards and prizes as a proven method to further **engage children in a fun and competitive way**
- ★ Encourages **independent** reading, fires up their imagination and **improves** their **reading skills**
- ★ Winning schools get 4 places to a fully-funded day trip to London to the awards event hosted by **Clare Balding CBE** at Amazon HQ.

readaloudchallenge.co.uk
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"Reading is fuel for our imaginations and reading aloud is all about confidence... So let's get reading!"

Clare Balding CBE, National Read-Aloud Challenge & Fonetti Brand Ambassador



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Enrol Now



Starts 1st July 2025

**National
Read-Aloud
Challenge 2025**
Powered by **Fonetti**

"We started the National Read-Aloud Challenge to make reading accessible for every child—especially over the summer, when many fall behind. We offer Fonetti free during the holidays, and by partnering with like-minded businesses to help spread the word, we're sparking a love for reading and driving lasting change."

Kim Antoniou, Founder of Fonetti



Meet Fonetti



Children choose from a library of engaging books and simply read them aloud. Progress and stars achieved are shown to inform and encourage.



When read correctly, the words turn green. If skipped or misread, they turn grey. For children, an audible clue can be accessed by simply double-tapping the word.



Children can effortlessly monitor their progress on a daily, weekly, monthly or overall basis! Parents and carers are kept informed with weekly progress updates.

Introducing the **award-winning** Read-Aloud App for children, the perfect tool to improve literacy, fluency and language skills.

Fonetti is proven to boost oracy, fluency, reading and English language skills.



74%

of students notice an improved reading level in just 3 weeks!



16%

Average accuracy improvement



25

Additional correct words per minute

Measured from a dataset of over 200,000 reading sessions on Fonetti in 2023.

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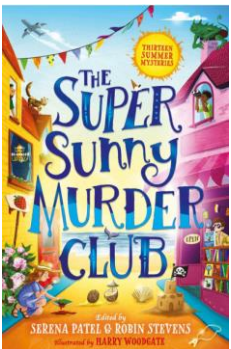
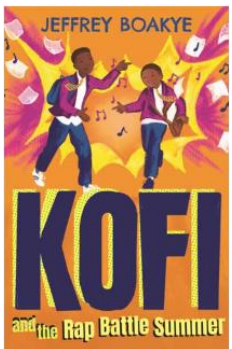
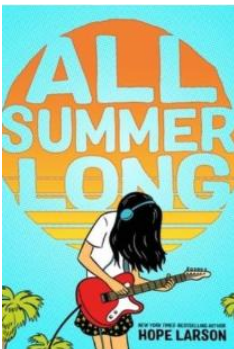
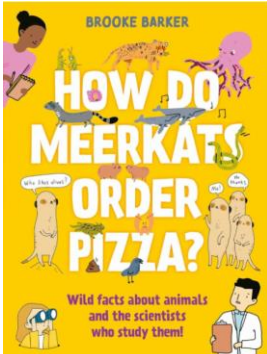
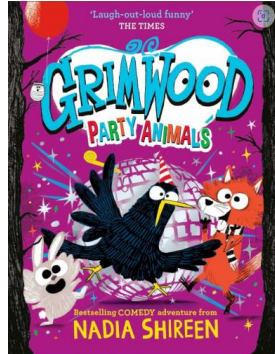
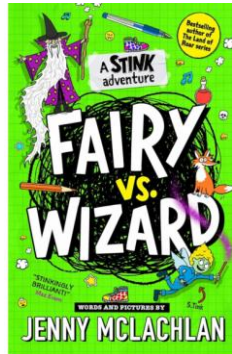
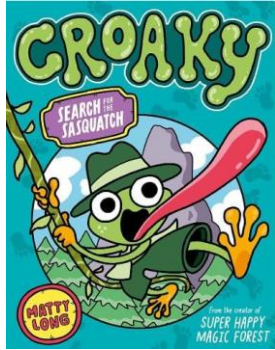
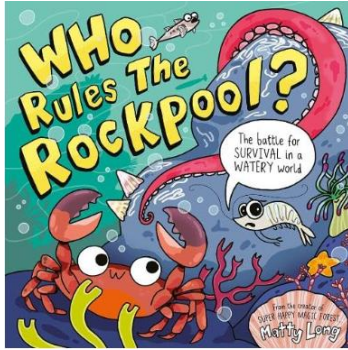
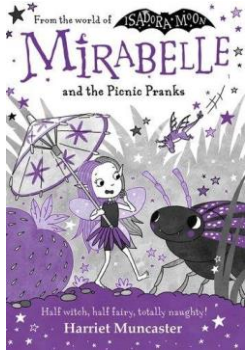
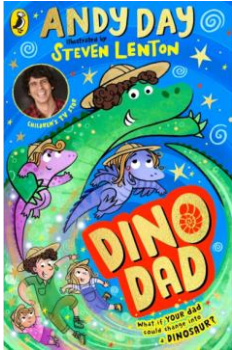
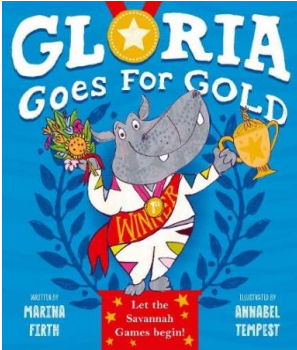
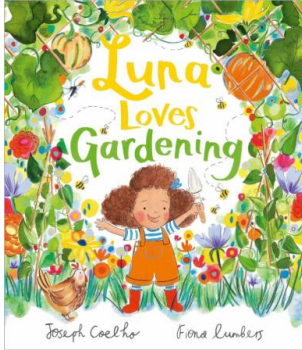
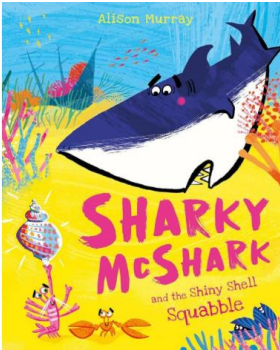
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Seasonal Reads



Looking for some great children’s books to dive into over the summer holidays? Our summer selection is packed with adventurous getaways, deep-sea creatures, seaside escapades, and exciting journeys through the great outdoors.



Next Issue Coming Soon in the New School Year



In this issue, you'll be able to



check out the photos from the library opening in September;



get a spotlight on different sections of the library;



meet our new Reading Champions, and, obtain even more book recommendations;



find out about how we are celebrating and promoting reading in and around the school.

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aren't just made of
WORDS...
they're also filled with
PLACES
to visit and
PEOPLE
to meet.