



Reading Newsletter

Term 1 2024/25

Wow – what a half term and what a fantastic start to St Mary's Big Year of Reading.

We began our term celebrating the children who completed the **Summer Reading Challenge** through RMWM Libraries. Those children were:



Reception - Matilda

Infants – Olivia, Freya, Jarrah, Grace, Oliver, Yahira, Heidi, Matthew

Lower Juniors – Milena, Henry, Cuthbert, Meredith, Annabelle, Zaina, Diego, Lucja,

Upper Juniors – Elisa, Henry, Annabel, Sienna, Ellen, Mia, Megan, Norin

Well done to these children and the families supporting them to achieve this.



In our first two days, we enjoyed the FOSM funded **author visits** from Helen Peters and Simon Mole, accompanied by the **book seller**, Bookwagon, who will visit us again later in the year. We also hosted the fantastic **Book Swap Book Shop** which was a great success; hopefully your children enjoyed their new book.



During October, we have used reading as part of our **Black History Month** celebrations. We invested in a range of wonderful literature by black authors for teachers to share and enjoy with their classes. In addition, many Juniors children have participated with the **BBC 500 Words** story-writing competition.

Whilst these events have offered wonderful enrichment, the nitty gritty of **everyday reading** here at St Mary's has been top priority. We are thrilled to see how many parents are engaging with the daily use of reading records and here at the school, our staff are dedicated to providing as many reading opportunities as possible. A reading culture has really been created here at St Mary's with the help of the whole school community!

