



Reading Newsletter

Term 6 2024/25

As we draw to the end of *St Mary's Big Year of Reading*, we are really proud of the wonderful things we have achieved this year. I have received many lovely messages from parents, recognising the reading culture we have established and feeling grateful for the improvement in their children's attitude towards reading. Ofsted also recognised that 'reading is a top priority' at St Mary's. So, before I outline some of the exciting things that have happened in this last term, I want to whole-heartedly thank you for joining us on this journey and supporting reading in our school.



Infants Library Trips - our three Infants classes enjoyed their walking trips down to Maidenhead library and were blessed with the weather. Many children received their first library membership card and all children borrowed a book!

Reading Campsite – what started with a tent, grew to a campsite and took over the back corner of our school field - St Mary's first ever Reading Campsite! Every child visited with their classmates for a reading session.



This was a lot of fun and came about as a result of some children's suggestions after Book Week.



Book Fair – The Travelling Book Fair was hugely successful with all children enjoying a browsing session in school and sales over the week totalling a whopping **£1234.80!** Thanks to your support, St Mary's is able to purchase **£679.24 worth of books** in the new academic year!

Library lunchtime opening – our school library has continued to be open to pupils over lunchtime with some lovely Year 6 children manning it. A huge thank you to them.

Summer Reading Challenge – This challenge is now open and runs until 13th September. It was introduced to the children in assembly. All you have to do is visit your local library, sign up and then encourage your children to read 6 books over the summer holidays. Best of all, it's free to join! We communicate closely with Maidenhead Library and will celebrate the children's achievements when they are back in school in September.

Have a wonderful Summer, see you in September!

