

# READING FOR PLEASURE



## newsletter

July 2025

Dear Springfield families,

Thank you so much for supporting your child's reading journey throughout the year. The Reading Challenges have been a great success, with many children enjoying choosing treats from the menu and sharing their excitement for books. It's been wonderful to see so many young readers engaged and enthusiastic, and I have loved hearing about their reading adventures. Over the course of this year, an amazing total of 6,712 books were borrowed! The positive response has inspired us, and in the future we look forward to planning more events to support reading for pleasure, both at home and at school. Included in this newsletter, you'll find information about the Suffolk Community Library Reading Quest taking place this summer.

Happy reading!

Mrs Hardy and the Springfield team

### Springfield Booknic

At the beginning of June, we hosted our first Booknic reading event, supported by our Junior Librarians and members of the Ipswich Children's Book Group. The theme was "Saving the World One Book at a Time." The Junior Librarians opened the event by performing a poem to introduce the theme. It was wonderful to see so many families taking part in the various art activities and sharing stories together under the canopy. Many were also lucky enough to win reading prizes in the free raffle. We're looking forward to planning more events like this in the future!



A HUGE thank you for supporting our annual book fair!

We're excited to purchase new books for the school library, taking the children's wishes into account.

## Congratulations!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO ATTENDED OUR  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.

Together we have raised...£410.....  
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

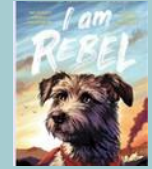
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In order to tidy and organise the library ready for September, please return all library books to school by the end of **Wednesday, 16th July**.

All library books have a barcode on the first page inside the front cover. They can be returned to the box in your child's classroom..





The Book Club members, along with children in Years 3 and 4, voted for their favourite book from the top ten in the Children's Book Award. The results were announced at the start of June. For the fifth year running, our votes matched the nation's! Copies of the top ten books that made the final are available to borrow from the school library.

*I really enjoyed I am Rebel because it is about a dog that helps his owner and the book is written from the dog's perspective. Jinny Year 4*

*My favourite book was I am rebel as it was very different from most books. Lily Year 6*

*I really enjoyed how Ross (the author) made Rebel (the dog) the narrator. Rebecca Year 5.*



A graphic for the Summer Reading Challenge. At the top left is a white seagull. In the center, the word 'SUMMER' is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters with a sun and beach items around it. Below that, the word 'READING' is written in large, bold, black letters inside a white banner with a black border. At the bottom, the word 'Challenge' is written in a large, green, cursive font with a white outline, and a slice of watermelon is positioned below it.

On 19th July, **The Suffolk Reading Quest** will launch. This is a summer reading programme run by Suffolk Community Libraries to encourage children to read for pleasure.

Each week during the summer holidays, library staff and volunteers will be on hand to chat with children about the activities they've completed and the exciting books they've read. While visiting the library, children can collect a weekly reward and pick up a new stack of books to enjoy at home.

Visit any local library to collect your free map and start your quest! The nearest library to the school is Broomhill Library on Sherrington Road.

We look forward to celebrating with the pupils who complete the quest in September.

### Suffolk Community Libraries

Suffolk Community Libraries have a new website where families can easily search the library catalogue to find books and resources tailored to their child's interests, and discover all you need to know about the 45 libraries and mobile library services across Suffolk.

### How can I help my child choose a suitable book?



This website contains lists of recommended books for each year group. You can also search for books by favourite topics and genres, and it even offers ideas for magazine subscriptions. There's so much choice!



Here, you'll find the best reads, reviews and recommendations of children's books for children, families, teachers and schools to browse.



This is a wonderful account that celebrates picture books covering a range of themes.

# Inspiring Reading

Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. How can you be their inspiration?

## Tempt

- Talk about their interests. Find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together. Explore by going on a reading treasure hunt!
- Find regular opportunities to visit your local or school library.
- Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts.
- Empower your child to read a wide range of texts - magazines, comics, graphic novels and reading that reflects different realities.

## Share

- Make reading time relaxed and interactive - chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
- Find regular time to read aloud and share texts together.
- Invite others into the reading space - welcome siblings, grandparents and other family members to share and talk about top reads together.

## Support

- Be a reading role model - share what you like to read in your own time.
- Ensure that reading and book chat are part of the everyday family routine. Think about when and how this could best fit into your day.
- Join in with opportunities to build a home-school reading connection.

