

# ST MARK & ALL SAINTS READING NEWSLETTER



At SMAS, we are passionate about reading and want children to enjoy and love books as much as we do. Our aim is to continue to create a whole school culture of a love for reading and to develop independent readers.

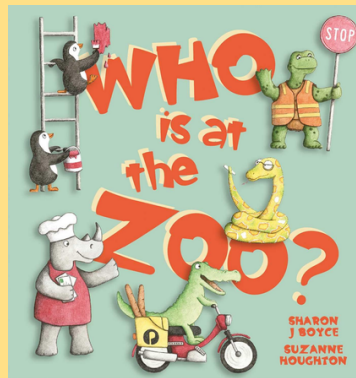
2026 is the NATIONAL YEAR OF READING so we are looking forward to launching some new events in the coming months.

Next half term is our annual BOOK WEEK - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We have chosen a focus book for the week and will hold a special exhibition of our work on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at the end of the day.



## EYFS

We had lots of fun in Hazel class last year during Book Week, reading books that our classmates had brought in from home. One particular favourite that stood out was **"Who is At the Zoo?"** by **Sharon Boyce**. We loved the rhyming and the silly ideas throughout!



Hedgehogs have loved the rhyming fun when listening to **Oi Dog!** It is part of a series of books, each one very funny to read aloud!

## Book Recommendations

### KS2



Y3 have really enjoyed **THE WILD ROBOT** by Peter Brown this year.

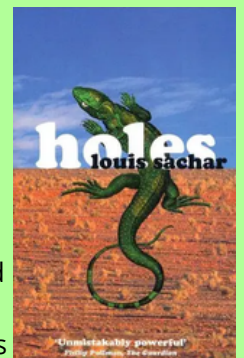


Y4 have loved **LAND OF ROAR** by Jenny McLachlan this year!

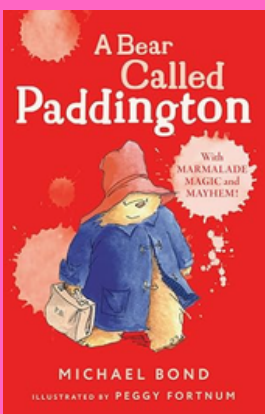
Y5 are currently enjoying **'WHO LET THE GODS OUT'** by Maz Evans



Y6 have just finished **HOLES** and have **LOVED** it. 5\* reviews all round!



### KS1



Over the years, Beech class have loved reading about the popular bear, Paddington this year! **A Bear Called Paddington** by **Michael Bond**

# BOOK WEEK COMPETITION

We are launching our annual Book Week competition before half term to give children plenty of time to create this year's entries.



**Create a DIORAMA based on a favourite book and bring in to school during Book Week for our exhibition.**



Entries can be brought to school from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**Your creations will be judged on  
WORLD BOOK DAY: Thursday 5th March 2026**



[BooksForTopics.co.uk/reading-for-pleasure.com](http://BooksForTopics.co.uk/reading-for-pleasure.com)

Take a look at this fantastic website for book inspiration. There are inspiring lists of recommended books you might like to look for in the local library over the half term break.



## AN INTERVIEW WITH....MISS ANDREW

### What is your favourite children's book and why?

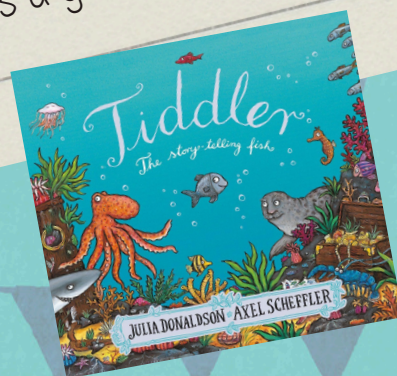
My favourite book when I was a child was The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis. My parents had lots of books all over our house and I read most of them, there were some really old copies of the Narnia books which had my Mum's name in from when she was young and I read them all many times. When my children were young, I loved reading them Tiddler by Julia Donaldson, I loved the rhyming and all the fish because I also love scuba diving.

### When and where do you like to read?

I love reading, I read every day and it makes me happy, I read at bedtime and I read in the bath! My kindle app tells me I'm on a 494 week reading streak

### What are you currently reading?

The book I am reading right now is The Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss, its not my first time reading it but its a great book so I go back to it every now and then.







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# BOOK WEEK AT SMAS

2ND-6TH MARCH 2026

Reading buddies

Book Week competition



Class reading cafe

Storytelling workshops with Sam Finch

Exhibition

Secret storytellers

