

BOOK TALK

May 2026

2026 is the YEAR OF READING!

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Caught You Reading Competition

Where is the strangest place you can read? On a swing, in a tree, in a swimming pool? We would like to see really weird and wonderful places you can read over the half term holiday.

To enter the competition, bring a photo of yourself reading in an interesting place into school on Monday 1st June and there will be a winner selected from every class.

Have fun reading everyone!



CLASS CORNER

Year 2 are currently reading George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. Miss Dodds is loving sharing one of her favourite books with the children.



National Year of
Reading 2026

There are lots of things you can do at home to support reading. Visit this website to give you some Top Tips!
<https://goallin.org.uk/get-involved/families/>

READING DIARY REMINDERS

- All JS children are to read at home a minimum of 3 times a week to practise their developing reading skills.
- Children can read a couple of pages, a chapter or the whole book. As long as they are reading regularly, there is no expectation on how much they read.
- Adults should write a written comment in the diary to reflect on their child's reading - there are prompts in the reading diaries to support you with this.
- Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book twice a week if they have finished their book or are not enjoying it.
- Re-reading books is good! It helps children read more fluently and develop their understanding more.

GRAPHIC NOVELS



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READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Graphic novels and comics are becoming very popular and are a great way to engage all readers. Here are some recommendations...



They're Alligators - and Investigators! InvestiGators written and illustrated by John Patrick Green is the full colour, laugh-out-loud series perfect for emerging readers and fans of Dav Pilkey's Dog Man.

Mango and Brash are the InvestiGators: sewer-loving agents of S.U.I.T. and scourge of supervillains everywhere!

With their Very Exciting Spy Technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case! And on their first mission together, they have not one but two mysteries to solve!

Can Mango and Brash uncover the clues, crack their cases, and corral the crooks? Or will the criminals wriggle out of their grasp?



Ever wondered what donuts get up to when they're not being eaten?

No, because that would be silly! But it turns out, donuts have BIG PLANS FOR WORLD DOMINATION!

Meet Sprinkles, the leader of the Squad; Jammyboi, who spreads stickiness EVERYWHERE; Dadnut and Lil' Timmy, who explain obscure facts and Spronky whos is bizarrely unconventional! But don't mention the arch-nemeses of the donuts ... the bagels, secretly plotting the Donut Squad's doom!