

Let's celebrate 2026 – Year of Reading

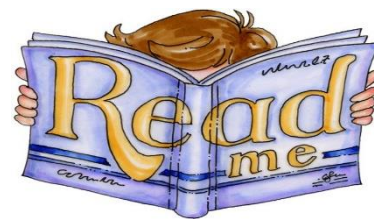


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## St Oswald's Reading Newsletter Spring 2026



Welcome to this special Spring edition of our Reading Newsletter. Every term we find out about the wonderful reading happening here in school and at home. You will also find more information about the many benefits of reading and the ways in which we can help the children with their reading outside of school.



Reading is..... being so excited about your new book that you must start reading before even finishing your lunch!



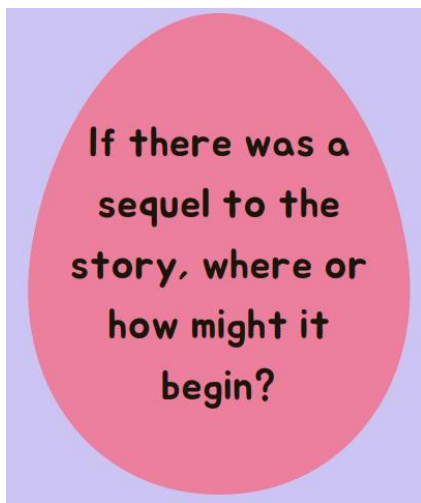
If you get any good photographs of you enjoying some reading during the holidays, please share them with us - send them in and we will feature a few in our next newsletter. Send your photographs to:



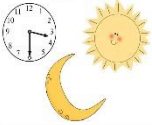



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## Book Talk

Book Talk It's important to talk to children about the books they read. These chats can happen at any time but will really help to develop the children's vocabularies, while also helping them to get excited about books, creating a lifelong love of reading!

In the 'Book Talk' section of each Reading Newsletter, we will offer some ideas of sentence starters and questions for these discussions:



<b>Who</b> is a person 	<b>What</b> is a thing or an action 	<b>When</b> is a time 
<b>Where</b> is a place 	<b>Why</b> is the reason something happened 	<b>How</b> is a number, or the way something is done 

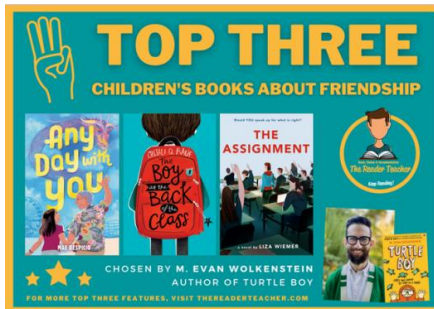
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## Benefits of Reading

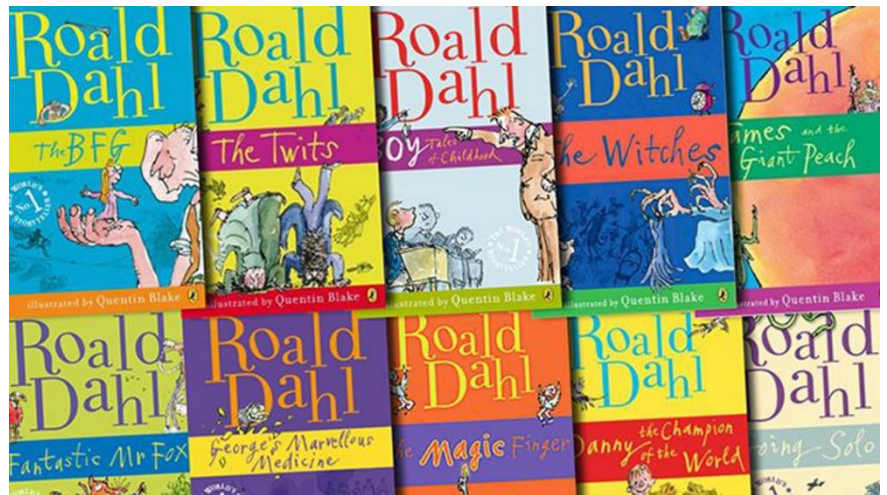
As well as being a lovely way to spend some quality time with the children, there are so many benefits to reading and sharing stories with them.

We would like to share some 'Recommended Reads' from The Reader Teacher, a fantastic website dedicated to children's books with reviews and booklists for each year group. These titles are taken from the 'Top Three' section, which shares recommendations from children's authors on different themes such as friendship and rainforests.



For fans of David Baddiel or Roald Dahl, here are some super book suggestions.

Also a selection of other great fun authors...



**#BOOKMATCH**  
 Books for fans of David Baddiel

**IF YOU LIKE DAVID BADDIEL, READ THESE**  
 For more #BookMatch & similar suggested reads, visit [TheReaderTeacher.com](http://TheReaderTeacher.com)

Why not pick one and let us know what you think?

St Oswald's Spring Writing competition....

Every picture tells a story...



What is happening? Think about how to describe what you can see, hear, smell, feel.

How do you want to share your ideas?

Use your imagination to write a description, a story, a poem or a newspaper report. Use your best handwriting!

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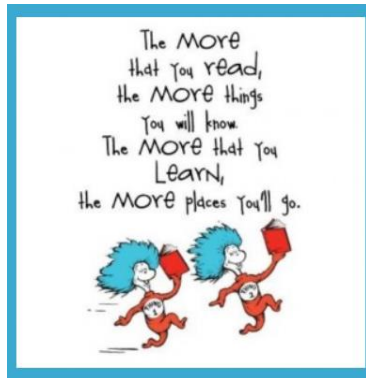
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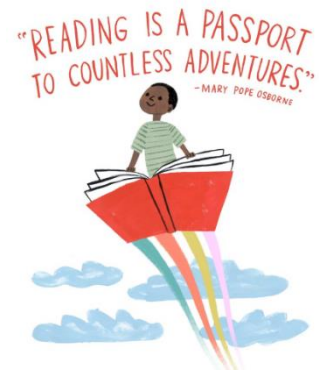
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## Reading for pleasure



If you can encourage your child to read for pleasure, they will really reap the benefits. It might not seem like a particularly important task, but actually, research shows that reading for pleasure can be directly linked to children's success throughout their time at school and even into adulthood.

Reading for pleasure opens new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Interestingly, reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy. It helps them to understand their own identity and gives them an insight into the world and the views of others.

## Happy Reading!!

