

National Year of Reading at Holy Family School



In school we have been working hard to improve reading in our school. Our aim is to create a love of reading with all of our children so our children are excited to read, increase their reading fluency and therefore improve their reading comprehension skills. During this National Year of Reading, our staff have been taking part in lots of training to ensure reading is a high priority in our school.

The National Year of Reading was launched in January 2026. During Spring 1, Our English Lead, Miss Puckey, and our Reading Lead, Mrs Johnson, have been working together to set targets to try and help our children improve their reading fluency and comprehension and to further develop their love of reading.

Spring 1 Target

Our target for the Spring term 1 was to encourage our older children in Years 5 and 6 to read more non-fiction books.



We signed up to a project called Spellbinding. The aim of this project was to encourage our children to read lots of new recommended reads. We purchased new books for them to enjoy including Avalanche by Simon Fox and The Game I Will Never Forget by Onjali Q Rauf. Well done Year 5 and Year 6 for reading so many new books!

Although Spellbinding has now finished, all of the new books are still available for your child to enjoy in their classrooms.

Spring 2 Target

Our target for the Spring term 2 was to show children how books can ignite your imagination.

Miss Puckey and Mrs Johnson planned an amazing World Book Day experience to launch the Year of Reading at Holy Family School. The aim of the day was to demonstrate to our children how amazing it can be to immerse yourself in a book. Dream World was a big hit with all of our classes and the children enjoyed taking home their gift - a new book to read in the comfort of their own home.



All of our children also enjoyed a visit to the Library Book Bus too. Children across the school (Nursery - Year 6) had a great time aboard the bus choosing new books for their class reading areas and some even enjoyed listening to the librarian reading a story.

Summer 1 Reading Target

Our target for this half term was to improve reading fluency in Years 1-3.



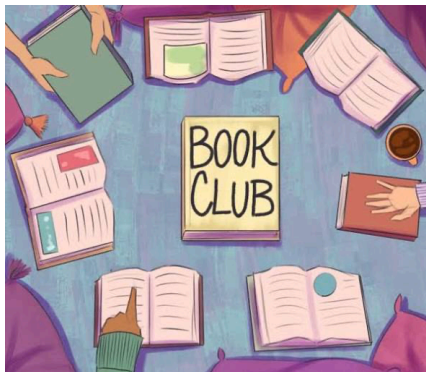
During the Spring term and Summer 1, our Year 1 and Year 2 children have enjoyed their VIP reading tables. The aim of this initiative was to increase the amount of reading that our children do at home which will help our children to become fluent readers. A huge well done to all of our children for working so hard to read more at home and a massive thank you to all of our parents for encouraging your children to read. As we have a new reading initiative that we want to launch after half term (see below for more information about Book Club), our VIP initiative will end this week in Years 1 and 2. However, please continue to keep reading with your children at home as regular reading really helps to improve your child's reading.

Our Reception/Year 1/Year 2 children have been enjoying their new Little Wandle reading books. We are so proud of how well they are all doing with their reading. Your progress is amazing!

Our Year 3 children now have new fluency books to read at home and they are also using a new reading fluency online program called Literacy Gold. We are so pleased that our children are reading their new books and going on Literacy Gold as often as they can! Well done Year 3!

Summer 2 Reading Target

Our target for next half term is for our children to share their love of reading with their friends.



Once a week, each class will have a 'Book Club' session. During this session, your child will be able to show a friend a book that they have enjoyed reading at home and tell them why they think their friend might like it. It might be a book that they have read by themselves or a book that you have read to them. Book Club sessions can happen on any day of the week as the timetable is subject to change. If your child would like to recommend a book, they can keep the book in their bag during the week and when the class teacher chooses to do 'Book Club', any children with a book in their bags can get it out. We can't wait to hear all about the books that you enjoy reading at home! Our staff are also looking forward to recommending books to your children.

Autumn 1 2026 Reading Target

Our target for Autumn 1 (2026/2027) half term is to improve our reading areas in our classrooms. We are excited to see what the new reading areas will look like!

Autumn 2 2026 Reading Target

Our target for Autumn 2 (2026/2027) half term is to invite family members to share their favourite stories with our children. More information to follow.

Thank you for your wonderful support.