

# NEWSLETTER

JUNE  
2025



## A MESSAGE FROM MISS CARR

This half term always flies by, and it doesn't seem two minutes since we came back after Easter. As always, we are very busy both in and out of the school day with lots of amazing learning in and out of the classroom. At the start of the month, I joined Year 6 on their annual residential to Robin Hoods Bay. We had an amazing time, and the weather was kind to us, we got many comments from villagers and the staff at The Old School House, about how polite and considerate our pupils were. This was lovely feedback to hear. We get many positive comments when we are out and about and this is a true reflection of the values we are teaching them in school and you are out of school so well done to everyone.

Sports day returned to the park this year and it was wonderful to be in there and watching the children compete with enthusiasm and good cheer with the many races and challenges they participated in. A big thanks to Miss Hooban for organising this and also to FOBE for their hard work helping with the races and serving refreshments. The juicy watermelon was a real treat.

As we approach the last few weeks of term we look forward to ending our term with a few more events and this Wednesday sees our annual carnival return to the park. I am looking forward to it and it will be a wonderful celebration to participate in. Please do come and join us if you can

*Best wishes*

**Miss Carr**

Headteacher



FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Carnival (Potternewton Park)

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Performance at 1:45pm

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Performance at 10am

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Leavers Disco

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - School closes for summer at 12pm



**SAVE THE  
DATE**

School closes for  
summer on Friday  
18<sup>th</sup> July at 12pm



This year's Year 6 end-of-year performance will be Aladdin! Our children are currently auditioning with great enthusiasm, showing the same dedication and excitement they've demonstrated throughout the year.

Performances are:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 1:45pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 10am

Tickets are £2 each and available to buy on ParentPay



# CARNIVAL



Carnival will take place on Wednesday 2nd July in the morning in Potternewton Park. We are asking for donations of material, paper or other craft bits we can use to make our banners.



We're proud to announce that our school has officially earned the external Healthy School Validation! This recognition highlights our commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and health-focused environment where students can thrive both academically and personally. From promoting nutritious meals and physical activity to fostering mental well-being and inclusive practices, this achievement reflects the hard work of our staff, students, and families.

## GUINEA PIG UPDATE

Ronaldo and Messi have been having some time off from school due to illness.

They are happily living with Mrs Lunn's daughter and are doing well. They have taken the difficult decision to retire from Bracken Edge and enjoy their twilight years eating hay, greens and having pedicures.

We would like to thank everyone who has looked after them during the school holidays and built adventure parks for them, collected dandelions and spoilt them.



## Win £1,000 / €1,000 for your school's library

Nominate your school to #rebuildthelibrary and you could win a £100/€120 National Book Token for yourself!



[Click here](#) to nominate Bracken Edge to win £1000 for our school library!

If you cannot click the link please search 'National Book Tokens win £1000'

HELP

## PARENT POWER PLEA

Do you have a water butt that you could donate to school or signpost us to somewhere that might be able help?





# TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES



## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

The children had a fantastic time on Residential, we explored the area, did lots of activities and played on the beach. They made some great memories.





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## JUNIOR WARRIOR

Every year the children absolutely love taking part in Junior Warrior. It's 3Km of obstacles and muddy ponds to wade through. Well done to everyone who completed the course!

**JUNIOR  
WARRIOR**  
ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE...



# TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES



## SPORTS DAY

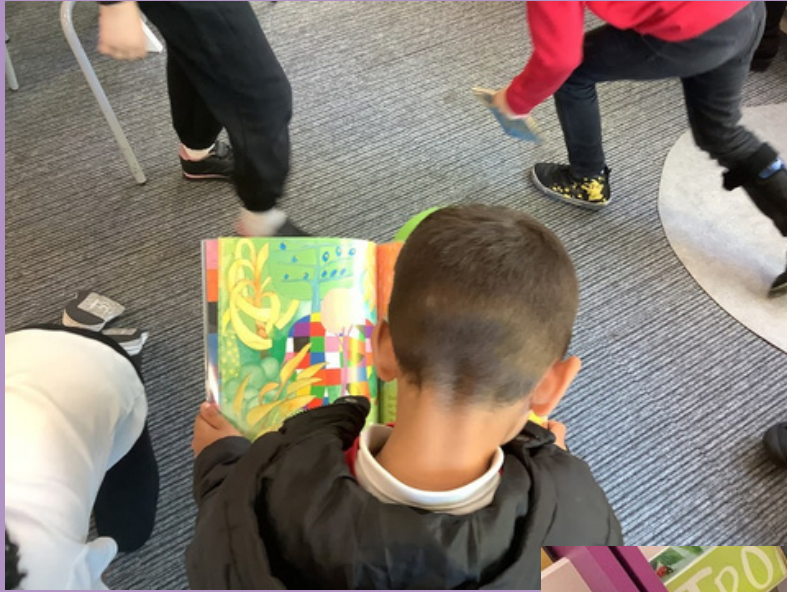
Thank you to everyone who came to support the children for Sports Day. We had some fantastic races and the children had a great time.



Poppy class had an excellent time exploring the wildlife in our pond and woodland area with bushcraft John.



# TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES



Bluebell had a brilliant visit to The Reginald Centre library this afternoon! They got to read some books and choose some to bring back to school.



This morning, Squirrel class found that our ladybirds had hatched out of their pupa stage. We released 7 tiny and very hungry ladybirds onto our garden, "to go and lay some eggs"



# TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES



What an incredible day Year 2 have had at Cayton Bay! The children were fantastic and had fun making sandcastles, paddling in the sea and eating ice creams!





# PARKING



You may have noticed we had some traffic officers outside school recently. They were issuing fines to anyone parked or stopped on the zig zag lines outside school. From the Police.UK website – Local councils can issue motorists with penalty charge notices (PCN) for waiting, stopping, or parking on yellow zigzags if restrictions are in place. Please do not park or wait here, you are risking a fine.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

There will be a charge of £2.00 per session from September. If you sign your child up for a club they will be on the register for the duration of the half term. No refunds can be given for missed sessions.

Clubs will need to be paid in full for the half term to book a space for your child. Details on the clubs will be sent out in the last week before the Summer holidays.

## SCHOOL MEALS

From September the price of School Meals will go up to £2.90 due to the rising cost of goods.

## NURSERY SESSIONS

From September the price of Nursery Sessions will also be increasing. We will let you know as soon as we have a final price.



## YEAR 2 PARENTS - SCHOOL MEALS

A reminder that Universal Free School Meals finish at the end of Year 2. Once your child is in Year 3 they can either have a paid school meal or bring a packed lunch.

School meals cost £2.90 a day.

Children may be eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers receive any of the following benefits:

- income support
- income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- income based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190
- the guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with an annual income of less than £7,400

You can apply on the Leeds.Gov site if you think you are eligible – <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

or ask for a form at the school office.



### MEDICINE/INHALERS



If your child has any medicine, inhalers or epipens in school these will need to be collected on the last day of term.

Please ensure that all medication is brought back after summer on the first day of term and is labelled and in-date.



# PACKED LUNCHES

We have noticed some children are bringing crisps, sweets and chocolate in their packed lunches. We would like to remind parents/carers of our policy around packed lunches following the guidance from Leeds Healthy Schools. Eating a healthy packed lunch or school meal is important to help children stay healthy, feel good and improve their ability to learn. Below is details our expectations around school packed lunches.

**Red foods**  
These foods are not allowed in school lunch boxes.

- Chocolate bars or sweets
- Crisps
- Cereal bars (these can be high in fat and sugar).
- Chocolate biscuits and cake bars
- Processed fruit products such as winders (these can be high in sugar).
- Sugary drinks such as Caprisun, Ribena, squash, fizzy drinks and energy drinks.

**Amber foods**  
These types of foods could be included occasionally as part of a balanced packed lunch.

- High salt or fat snacks such as crisps, snack-a-jacks, crackers, bread sticks.
- Small plain or fruit cakes such as scones, tea cakes or malt loaf.
- Plain biscuits, flapjacks or fig rolls
- Processed meat products such as sausage rolls, pies, corned beef, pasties, pepperami or sausages.

**Green foods**  
You can put these in lunch boxes everyday or as often as you like.

- 1 portion of fruit and 1 portion of vegetables. This could include fresh, tinned or dried.
- A type of starchy food such as bread, pasta, pitta, bagels, wraps etc. Try to include wholegrain varieties.
- Meat, fish or other sources of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, quorn, chickpeas, houmous, eggs).
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais.
- Oily fish such as salmon or sardines at least once every three weeks (tinned tuna doesn't count).
- Only water as we provide all pupils with free fresh drinking water throughout the day and at lunchtimes.

## Love your packed lunch!

Create a healthier packed lunch by choosing foods from the 5 main food groups below:

### 1 Starchy Carbohydrates

to re-fuel your body  
Base your lunchbox on starchy carbohydrates.  
**CHOOSE ONE EVERY DAY from:**

- Bread, rolls, bagels, wraps, pitta or baguettes
- Pasta
- Couscous
- Noodles
- Potatoes

### 2 Fruit and Vegetables

to keep you healthy  
Pack one portion of fruit and one portion of veg every day  
**CHOOSE TWO EVERY DAY from:**

- Apple, banana, pear, orange, plums
- Small pot of mixed berries or grapes
- Prepared melon or mango
- Chopped vegetable sticks: carrots, cucumber, pepper, celery, mange tout, mini corn
- Salad vegetables
- Vegetable Soup

### 3 Dairy and Alternatives

for healthy teeth and bones  
Don't forget the dairy!  
**CHOOSE ONE EVERY DAY from:**

- Milk
- Cheese - hard cheese, soft cheese, cheese spread
- Yoghurt or Fromage Frais
- Custard

### 4 Protein Foods

for growth and repair  
Pack a protein punch!  
**CHOOSE ONE EVERY DAY from:**

- Meat
- Fish
- Eggs
- Non-dairy protein e.g. lentils, chick peas, beans

### 5 Drinks

to rehydrate your body

- A large glass of water
- Semi skimmed milk - or skimmed milk for children over 5 years.
- 150ml of fresh unsweetened fruit juice/smoothie

**Occasionally!**

Meat products such as sausage rolls, pies, sausages

Plain cakes/sponges and biscuits of appropriate portion sizes

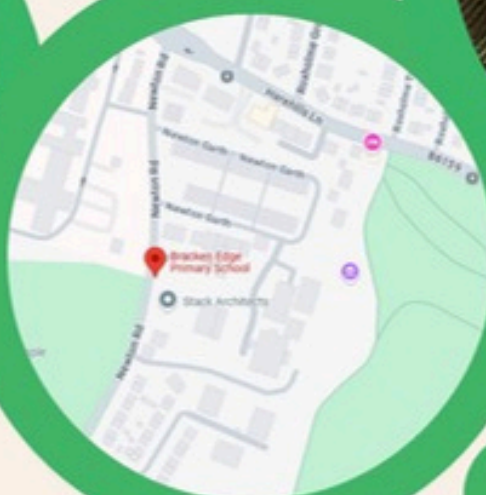
For more healthy packed lunch ideas and recipes visit [www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes](http://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes)



You may see some familiar sights out in the community. We are spreading the BEPS word all around so please recommend us to anyone with children who maybe new to the area and feel free to share our poster.

# Bracken Edge Primary School

A wonderfully diverse Primary School in the heart of Chapeltown.



Wraparound care available

3 and 4 year old  
Nursery provision (15  
and 30 hours) available

**“Lovely, welcoming and inclusive environment;  
great, committed and hard-working staff” -**

**Bracken Edge Parent, 2025**



**BRACKEN EDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWTON ROAD. LEEDS, LS7 4HE - 0113 2623335**

# ROCK STEADY

We have recently had a visit from Rock Steady and they are now offering weekly music lessons for our children. These are booked directly with Rock Steady, please contact them or the school office for more information.

## Rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady

Did you know, we partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at Bracken Edge! These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun.

It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills.

### Here's what else you need to know:

- *There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.*
- *Watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing just how far they have come.*
- *Children learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills, whilst playing songs they love.*
- *Children can achieve an Ofqual-regulated Music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam.*
- *You'll receive regular progress updates, including photos and videos.*

There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis.

Sign your child up for band lessons online at [rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents](https://rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents)

If you have any questions about Rocksteady, call 0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate) or email [info@rocksteadymusicschool.com](mailto:info@rocksteadymusicschool.com).

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We just want to remind families that the local library is open during the summer holidays.

And that children can join the Summer reading challenge for free.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>







# SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

WE ARE CURRENTLY FUNDRAISING FOR THE  
SCHOOL  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE PLEASE SCAN  
THE QR CODE BELOW



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATES, WE  
APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS WORKSHOPS,  
ENRICHMENT, FUN ACTIVITIES AND REWARDS  
FOR THE PUPILS



# ICE LOLLIES FOR SALE

**EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL  
OUTSIDE THE MAIN OFFICE**



**50P ICE POPS  
£1.00 ICE LOLLIES**

**CASH AND CARD  
ACCEPTED**





## PUPIL PUNCTUALITY AND LATE COLLECTION

School gates open 8.45 and close at 8.55 we expect children to be in school ready to learn between these times. Late arrivals are monitored and you may receive a letter.

Late pick ups - if children are collected late 3 times in a half term there will be a charge of £10 per child due to the childcare costs involved for the provision they will be accessing. Please see our website for the full policy.

Arriving late for school will affect a child's attendance rating. Can we please remind parents and guardians that children should arrive in school before 8.55am. After 9am the registers will already be underway in class, therefore arrival after 9am will be marked as late and children will need to sign in at the main office.

## Nursery Places

Expression of interest forms for nursery places are available at the office for the new 25-26 academic year (3-4 year olds).

We have a waiting list if your child is not yet 3.

## Reception Places

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, they should be in Reception class now.

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, they will need to be in Reception class from September 2025.

# GOVERNOR NEWS

Governors have continued to be busy in school and John Bywater has met with the attendance team (Mrs Lunn and Ms Ahmad) and looked at the data for our school. They have discussed strategies to ensure all of our children have good or better attendance. Sue Monypenny has met with our maths lead Miss Potter and has discussed our strategy for teaching this subject in school. Several Governors have volunteered to attend school trips, sports day and the summer fair which allow them to see the culture of school in full operation.

A big thank you to our Governors for their hard work as volunteers within school to support leadership and ensure school is providing good value for money.

Governors are working towards writing an evaluation of all their work over the last year which will be available for you to view on the website towards the end of term.



A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school premises, except for service dogs and Betty, our school dog.



You can follow us on X for updates of what we get up to in school.

Add us here -  
<https://x.com/brackenedge>



As we are so lucky to be situated right next to Potternewton Park, we do understand that sometimes there can be dog mess on the paths near school.

If you alert school to this we will always report it to the council. You can also report it directly on the Leeds City Council website -  
<https://www.gov.uk/report-dog-fouling>



# ATTENDANCE



**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE IS 91.5%**



The expected attendance percentage for all children is 96%

If you would like to know more about your child's attendance please contact Miss Ahmad.

Attendance is closely monitored for all children. The Attendance Team will contact you if there is a concern.

If your child is too poorly to attend school, please ensure to call the attendance line or the main office. Otherwise, the absence will be marked as unauthorised. Unauthorised absences can lead to penalty notices; therefore, it is important to keep the school informed.

## Punctuality

Arriving late for school will affect a child's attendance rating. Can we please remind parents and guardians that children should arrive in school before 8.55am. It is vital children are in class at the start of the school day. After 9am the registers will already be underway in class, therefore arrival after 9am will be marked as late and children will need to sign in at the main office. If your child is persistently late, you will be informed in writing.

## Holidays during term time

For your child to make progress in school it is important that they attend school every day.

Regulations state that a leave of absence during term time is not granted unless it is due to exceptional circumstances. Any requests for leave in term time will only be considered if parents make a request to the school on the appropriate form which is available from the main office. Your request will be reviewed followed by an email or letter notifying you if it has been authorised or not. If the leave of absence has not been authorised, you are at risk of receiving a penalty notice.

Thank you for your support!

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## Celebration



We have been raising attendance awareness recently throughout the school by introducing rewards for achievements in attendance. We will continue to celebrate attendance during the next academic year. Every week we will select an Attendance Star of the Week and the winner will receive a certificate.

All the names of children with an attendance level between 96 - 99% will be entered into a prize draw which will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Winners will be chosen at random - two children from Early Years, three children from KS1 and three children from KS2 - and will receive a prize.

## Attendance figures each class from September to June:

Group	% Attend
Fox	90
Hedgehog	89
Daffodil	88
Poppy	92
Foxglove	92.5
Bluebell	92
Wren	92
Sparrow	91.5
Dove	90.5
Robin	90
Kingfisher	88.5
Kestrel	92.5
Nightingale	92
Nightjar	93
Whole School	91.5%



# PASTORAL AND SAFEGUARDING NEWS

## Free school meals

You may be able to claim for free school meals for any child who normally lives with you and who is classed as being under your parental care. Children may be eligible for free school meals if you receive benefits such as:

- Universal credit (and your net combined household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax)
- Income support, pension guarantee credit, income-based job seekers allowance, income-related employment support allowance

To check the full eligibility criteria or complete the free school meals claim form, please scan the QR code below or visit:



<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

If a child receives free school meals, they will continue to get them, even if their parent's income changes. This will remain in place until Universal Credit is fully rolled out across the UK and will only end when they move from primary to secondary school.

For ideas, help and information on

Cooking on a budget: <https://www.bda.uk.com/food-health/lets-get-cooking/cooking-at-home/cooking-on-a-budget.html>

## Cost of Living

The Together Leeds website has lots of help advice to support people with the cost of living. [www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/cost-of-living](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/campaign/cost-of-living)

## Community Hubs

There are 26 council community hubs across Leeds, where you can find free, confidential, and tailored support and information under one roof. Community Hubs offer a mixture of library services, housing services, customer services, job searching and other help and advice. For further details including opening times and contact information please

visit <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/community-hubs>

## FAMILY FOOD & WELL-BEING

WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Emergency food provision  
Local Welfare Support Scheme



Leeds City Council runs a Local Welfare Support Scheme to help people who meet the scheme eligibility criteria, if they are experiencing an emergency or crisis. If you cannot afford to pay for essentials such as food, gas

and electric, and meet the criteria call the Leeds Well-fare Support Team on 0113 376 0330. For more information and details of the eligibility criteria, please go to: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/benefits/help-with-food-and-bills>.

## Food banks

Local food banks can offer support by providing emergency food to people in crisis. To find details of foodbanks and other food providers, along with further information regarding what services they offer please visit the Leeds Food Aid Network website where you will find the food aid provision map: <https://leedsfoodaidnetwork.co.uk/find-emergency-food>

Some foodbanks are open to all, and some require a referral, this information is provided on the Food Aid Provision Map. If you need a foodbank referral, contact your support worker, if you have one.



## Healthy Holidays

Over the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays, some community groups, schools and community hubs are running free schemes providing fun activities and healthy meals for eligible school aged children and young people. For more information please visit this page: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/children-and-families/healthy-holidays>



## Leeds Money Information Centre (Leeds MIC)

The Leeds MIC website provides details of agencies that offer free, independent and confidential advice and support in Leeds. Help is available on a range of matters such as food, debt, energy bills, benefits and emergency support. [www.leedsmic.org.uk](http://www.leedsmic.org.uk)



## Children's Centres

If you have a child under 5 you can access your nearest children's centre for a range of support services <https://familyinformation.leeds.gov.uk/childrens-centres>



## Leeds School Uniform Exchange

Zero Waste Leeds have a school uniform reuse network across Leeds, offering great quality second hand uniforms and helping to reduce waste and make school uniform more affordable and accessible across the city.

For more information, including how to find the closest school uniform exchange in your area, visit <https://leedsuniformexchange.org.uk>

The website also has information for anyone wanting to set up a scheme in their local area. You can also find out more information about the Leeds uniform exchange by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/zerowasteleeds>



## Healthy Start information

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk.

If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in any retailer that accepts debit cards. The benefit is added onto this card every 4 weeks.

You can use your card to buy:

- cow's milk
- fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables
- infant formula milk
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses

This can make a big difference to your family.

You can also get free Healthy Start vitamins. You'll get:

- £4.25 each week of your pregnancy
- £8.50 each week for children from 1 and 4 years old
- £4.25 each week for children between 1 and 4 years old

If you would like some recipe inspiration, why not visit the Food Wise online recipe hub: [www.foodwiselleeds.org](http://www.foodwiselleeds.org) For more advice on Food Budgeting please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/20-tips-to-eat-well-for-less>



How to apply – Get help to buy food and milk (Healthy Start)

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply>

Email: [healthy.start@nhs.uk](mailto:healthy.start@nhs.uk) Call: 0300 330 7010

If you need help with the application process please contact Digital Health Hubs – 100% Digital Leeds [www.digitalinclusionleeds.com](http://www.digitalinclusionleeds.com)



# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Creating a buzz for **BUZZ LIKE A BEE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**



A unique 6 week club to learn all about our precious pollinators and looking after the environment. Includes crafts and activities and some hands-on action delving into a real live honeybee hive at our BIEE Experience Apiary



- ✂️ SUITABLE FOR AGES 8-17
- ✂️ CLUBS STARTING 25 MARCH, 4 JUNE OR 9 SEPTEMBER
- ✂️ 6 WEEKLY SESSIONS, 4:30-5:30PM
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- ✂️ £36 (DISCOUNTED RATES FOR FSM FAMILIES)
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# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

The year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is Story Garden and is all about the outdoors, which is full of enchanting words, all kinds of creatures and plants, and fascinating facts - get ready for a book-borrowing adventure! Children will be able to find new reads linked to nature, and access activities at the library - and best of all, it is completely FREE!

It starts Saturday 5th July and children can read anything they like – stories, poetry, fact books, graphic novels or listen to audiobooks – it's up to them! The books (physical or digital) can be borrowed from the library and we recommend reading at least six books over the summer, with Story Garden rewards on offer throughout the challenge. Once they have read their sixth book they complete the challenge and will be awarded a certificate and medal.

