

Alexandra Park Primary School



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Reading Newsletter Summer 2026



As we approach the end of this academic year, we would like to thank you for all of your support towards reading. We continue to work hard to develop a 'love of reading' culture across school and this wouldn't be possible without your help.

We have lots of great things planned around reading for next year and look forward to working alongside you again.



Thank you!



Summer Reading Challenge!



As the summer holidays begin so does the **Summer Reading Challenge**, a reading initiative encouraging children to visit their local libraries. The theme this year is '**Read to the Beat**'. This is a wonderful opportunity for reading over the summer and something that our teachers enjoy discussing with their new classes when they return in September. It is free to join in with and will keep your children in the reading habit while they can't visit our school library.

The children can sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge online (summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) or by simply visiting any local library to collect a starter pack. They can earn online badges, certificates and other rewards, which we would love them to share with their new class teachers in September.

As well as this, we have set the children a **Summer Reading Bingo Challenge**. We have already seen great enthusiasm this week from the children in their attempts to tick off all 15 reading challenges. We can't wait to see how they get on.

Summer Reading ★ BINGO ★		
Name _____		Class _____
Read in an unusual place ★	Visit a library	Make a den and enjoy a book
Read outside	Read with a funny voice	Draw something from a book ☆
☆ Ask someone to read to you	Complete a book review ★	Find out about a new author
Read something funny	Read instructions for a game	Read a book set in a different country
Read a book whilst eating a snack ★	Read something from a magazine or comic	★ Read in the dark with a torch

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Summer Reading Challenge 2026

READ to the **BEAT**

Join FREE at your library and earn rewards for reading!



Reading in the Community

Intergenerational Workshop

This term, our fantastic Reading Ambassadors visited Plane Tree Court – a local care home within the community. During the session, the children had the opportunity to buddy up with different residents, share stories, magazines and other texts plus discuss all things reading! They also talked to the residents about school life in general and asked them questions to help them reminisce from the past, too. It was a fantastic afternoon and we are looking forward to going back again for further reading for pleasure activities.



Reese Jaxon – Y5 Book Project

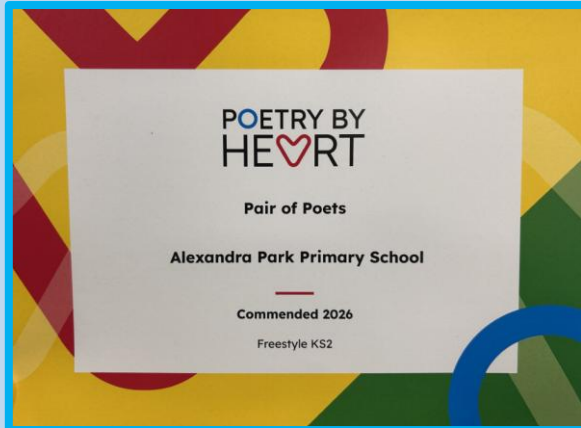
Year 5 are currently working with Sarah McCarthy (pen name REESE JAXON) on **'The County Project'**. They are working collaboratively to illustrate one of her new books based on Stockport County FC, which will be published and sold for charity later on in the year (Stockport County Community Trust). The children have engaged incredibly well with the first few workshops, asking thoughtful questions and contributing to the production of this book. It's also been rewarding for children to see the full process of making a book, from initial design, text editing and publication. We can't wait to share more about this exciting opportunity soon!



Local Author



Poetry by Heart



We have loved being part of the Poetry by Heart national competition this year. The children thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the texts, working alongside our performing arts specialist and performing with confidence on their own, in small groups and as a school. Unfortunately, this time around, we were not selected to perform in the grand final at the Shakespeare Globe in London. However, the enthusiasm from all was inspiring and we will be back again next year to try again! Well done, Alex Park.

We want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our Reading Ambassadors this year. Their enthusiasm and hard work has helped to promote a love of reading across the school. Below are just some of the things they have helped with:

- Reading with members of the local community to strengthen school links
- Restocking the school library matched to their class interests
- Organising and supporting with author visits and workshops
- Sharing ideas in half-termly reading council meetings
- Recommending books to their peers, following visits to the local library
- Organising 'Reading Buddies' events
 - Supporting with assemblies

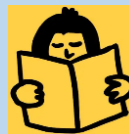
Keep up the amazing reading!

Reading Council!



Summer Activities

WHAT'S ON



Create A Comic

Tuesday 11 August at 11:00am



Create Your Own Story

Saturday 22 August at 11:00am



Create Your Own Story

Sunday 23 August at 11:00am



Make a Bookworm

Tuesday 25 August at 11:00am



Summer Scrapbooks

Wednesday 26 August at 11:00am



Puppet Making

Sunday 30 August at 11:00am

STOCKROOM

Families in Stockport can participate in the National Year of Reading and the Summer Reading Challenge at Stockroom, Stockport's community hub in the Merseyway Shopping Centre. The venue hosts daily **free family crafts** and **Storytime sessions** throughout the summer.

Key Summer Reading Activities & Events

Wednesday Morning Storytimes: Interactive storytelling and songs for children under 5, **every Wednesday** at 11:00 am.

Summer Scrapbooks (August 26): Drop-in sessions from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm to create scrapbooks of summer memories.

Make a Bookworm (August 25): Create bookworm friends to accompany your summer reading, starting at 11:00 am.

Library Reminder

As the school year comes to an end we would be very grateful if all library books could be returned to school this week so that they can be scanned in and ready for the new academic year. We understand that books do occasionally get lost but we would appreciate you having a good look at home to check for any that need returning. Thank you.

