



# St Thomas Becket

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is fantastic to see the children back in their classrooms, ready and eager to learn amongst their peers and, as teachers, our main aims are to promote reading for pleasure and to develop every child's key reading skills.

Reading is a huge part of your child's everyday learning experience at school across all areas of the curriculum. We actively encourage reading as an enjoyable activity that is beneficial both from a learning and well-being perspective. It is therefore vital that your child is reading for pleasure daily at home with the support of their parents or carers.

As we are unable to run our usual reading and phonic meetings for parents in the hall this year, we have put together a collection of phonic, early reading and Key stage 2 support videos, guidance, top tips and recommended children's book lists which are now available to view on our school website. These have been personalised for our school and we hope that they will provide you with a useful insight into how we teach and promote reading across St Thomas Becket School. The videos and guidance also provide advice on the ways in which you can help your child to develop a love of reading at home.

We hope that your child enjoyed our Masked Reader staff videos ([see school Gsuite/Fun and Games](#)) and their World Book Day Google Meet.

Next week it will be Year 4's opportunity to choose some of their class 'Reading Champions' to talk about their favourite reading books and inspire their peers with their recommended reads.

Please also remember that our school has invested in Bug Club, the online reading resource which helps bring quality ebooks into your home, and features comprehension quiz questions throughout the texts to support your child in developing their core reading skills. Your child's class teacher will be setting new books regularly so please remind them to access this resource at home.

**COMING SOON!**

Our staff will be selecting their favourite children's poems and sharing these with you on our school website. This will provide you with quick and easy access to a great selection of poems to share with your child at home.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you find our online resources helpful.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lee  
School English Leader