



Greentrees Primary School Reading Round Up Infant edition— July 2025



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Reading Shed



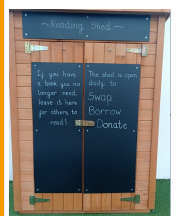
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Pupil Voice:

'I love it when there are history books in there. I got a good castle book from the shed once' Isaac



'It would be good if it could be open during the day too as sometimes I need to rush at the end of the day and don't have time to look' Jake

'My favourite book from the Reading Shed was a

Minecraft one' Dexter

'I'd like some more Julia Donaldson books in there' Lily

I liked it when the Reading Shed was decorated at Christmas and at Easter and there were books in there about that' Harrison

I got a Santa's sleigh book' Amalie

Mr Smith (Governor), and George in Lemurs, recommend...

We have been reading The BFG by Roald Dahl it is a magical and heart-warming story which takes you as the reader on a giant-sized adventure! It follows a brave little girl named Sophie who meets the BFG, a kind giant who catches dreams and speaks in funny, mixed-up way with his words, like 'whizzpopping', 'human-beans' and 'snozzcucumbers' to name a few! Together they both go on a mission to stop the bad giants who gobble up children in the night, they even visit the Queen at her palace in London. We really enjoyed reading this book as it shows the power of kindness and friendship and determination with all the excitement of a giant adventure. We think the BFG is a must-read for all children to help them



Phonics Focus

As part of our daily phonics lesson, Phonics Joe and his friends in the Phonics Shed garden help us learn our phonics.

We start by learning the Chapter 2 phonemes which is all of the single letter phonemes which includes 's', 'a', 't', 'p' and 'i' before moving on to Chapter 3 digraphs (two letters making one sound) and tri-graphs (three letters making one sound) like 'ch' and 'igh'.

Chapter 4a focuses on the alternative phonemes like 'oe' and 'aw'. Chapter 4c continues to teach us more alternative phonemes.

In Chapter 3 we learn the digraph 'ai':

See – Gail the snail

Sound – /ai/

Name – 'ay' and 'eye'

Action – Fist on top of flat hand, wiggle flat hand – like a snail.

Phonics Shed Set 2

Goal the snail



4 - Round Andy's head and move it to the side.
1 - Open Andy's mouth wide for the tail and wiggle the tail.

Salisbury Library

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The children were encouraged to pop into the library to share their reading and complete a paper to leaf to add to the branches of the trees on display.

At the Infants, FS2 and Year 1 were in joint 2nd place but the winners were Year 2 who added the most leaves to the trees!

Naomi presented Year 2 with a sparkly trophy to celebrate their achievements! Well done to you all and keep reading!



Thank you for visiting our school library this year!



We would like to say a **huge** thank you to all our visitors to our school library this year! It is so lovely to see you sharing books with your children early in the morning or after school!

From September the Infant library will continue to be open on **Wednesdays** before and after school and we plan to run some reading events and workshops too—see you there?!





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At the Juniors the runners up were year 3 but the winners were Year 6 who added the most leaves to the trees!

Naomi presented Year 6 with a sparkling trophy to celebrate their achievements!

Well done to you all and... keep reading!



Story Adventurers' Club

Looking for an extra reading challenge?
Call in to Salisbury Library to start your reading adventure today!



Mr Wilson (Governor), and Emilia in Scorpions, recommend...



I'd recommend reading **Scarlett and Ivy: The Curse in the Candlelight** for several reasons, especially if you enjoy mystery, boarding school drama, and a touch of the supernatural. Set in the eerie halls of Rookwood School, the story introduces a new girl, **Ebony**, who seems to cast a spell over the younger students. When a Halloween prank goes terribly wrong, suspicion falls on her—but twins Scarlett and Ivy suspect there's more to the story. The suspense builds with ghostly rumors, secret parties, and hidden motives. Scarlett and Ivy are relatable and well-developed characters. Scarlett is bold and outspoken, while Ivy is more cautious and thoughtful. Their dynamic adds depth to the story, and their loyalty to each other is heart-warming. It's not just about unravelling a mystery—it's about protecting your friends, making hard choices, and facing fears head-on.



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Pupil Voice:

'A great concept' Poppy
'A lovely idea to encourage other children to read more' Muhammed

'I really like the fantasy books because they make my imagination shine' Jasmine

'I love the adventure books because they get me in a nice mood' Edith

'I like the murder mystery books in there' Maria

'I took a good fact book from the reading shed recently about plants' Freya



Some highlights of Reading at Greentrees 2024-2025



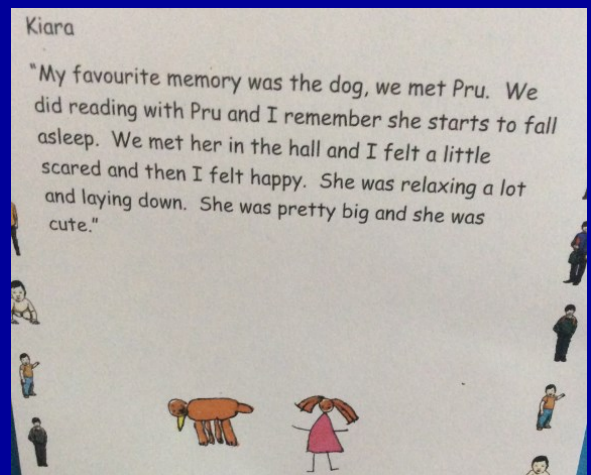
"A great year for Greentrees! For Salisbury, your school was top in Starters, Finishers AND percentage of children on roll who completed their challenge. Very well done indeed! . " Naomi Children's Librarian Salisbury Library.

Mr Lawrence interviewed us about our favourite Christmas stories and played our interviews on Radio Odstock over the Christmas holidays!



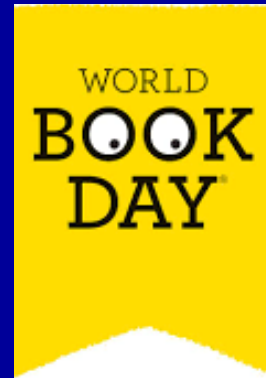
Pru, our TDN dog has visited us and listened to us read. Pru will be back next year so don't worry if you haven't had your turn yet!

The authors Will HD and Laurie Newman visited the Infants.



Reading at Greentrees 2024-2025 continued

The authors Julie Edwards and Francesca Tyer visited the Juniors.



We celebrated World Book Day on March 6th by dressing up as a word to highlight the importance of vocabulary.

Extreme Reading



Salisbury Library Reading Challenge



Please share with us any of your reading achievements, news or book reviews and here's to even more reading next year!