



Spring 1 Reading Newsletter

Welcome to Christ the King's Reading Newsletter for Spring 1 2026. In this newsletter and those that follow, we would like to share updates with our community about what is going on in school to promote a love of reading for pleasure. At CTK, we aim to open the minds of our children through the power of reading. Using our wide and growing collection of books we want to; inspire and engage children, support their understanding of the wider world including culture and diversity and provide role models for the children through a variety of authors. We hope this newsletter keeps you up to date and provides you with ideas and inspiration to foster a love of a reading at home with your child. If you have any recommended reads, please let us know!

National Year of Reading

You may have heard about the National Year of Reading which the DfE and the National Literacy Trust have launched across the country for 2026. They are encouraging children and adults, schools and local communities to read more as reading for pleasure is at an all-time low. At Christ the King we already foster a reading culture and our children spend time choosing books, reading books and listening to others reading books to them. We would encourage our families and school community to find their love of reading, which can be anything from magazines, information books, recipes or storybooks. Over the year, we will continue to develop our reading for pleasure across school with in-person and online author visits, poetry and storytelling weeks, weekly Book Talk sessions and Reading Cafes.

If you would like to find out more about this, click on the below link which will take you to the 'Go All In' website. <https://goallin.org.uk/about/>



Coming soon...

Book week

This year we are having a book week at CTK to celebrate and promote the 'National Year of Reading'. We **will not** be dressing up on 5th March. Children will wear school uniforms. Over the course of the week, we will have visitors to school for different year groups to read, promote books and share their love of reading. Children will take part in a variety of activities in their classes linking to authors and illustrators.

If you would like to come into school as a 'Mystery Reader' for your child's class that week they would love to have you visit. Speak to your child's teacher via Seesaw or at the end of the school day.

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Reading Cafes

After half term, our school reading cafés will start again. A couple of years ago we invited parents and family members into school to read with their children at a 'reading café'. We would like FS2-Y3 to take part in this again to get children and parents reading together.

On the date of your child's reading café (please see table below for classes and dates) we invite you to the Junior Hall for refreshments **after drop off**. Please enter via the school office and sign in on the form. The class will complete the register and join parents in the hall from 9:00am until 9:30am. If you can't make it don't worry, there will be staff and Y6 Reading Ambassadors who can read with your child.

We hope to see you there!

Reading café dates

Date	Class
27.2.26	3AW
13.3.26	3KH
20.3.26	2HH
27.3.26	2HK
17.4.26	1SS
1.5.26	1AD
8.5.26	FJH
15.5.26	FLT



Book recommendation by Lydia



Title: Dragon girls

Author: Maddy Maa

I would recommend this book to:

FS1/2

KS1

KS2

Because it is a chapter book and it is funny! And if you like dragon magic and getting lost in a magic forest then this is the book for you!

Year 6 Reading Ambassadors

Each morning our Year 6 Reading Ambassadors visit Year 1 or 2 classes to read with the younger children. They are supporting the children with reading their own books and modelling reading fluency for our year 1 and 2's to echo back.

Thank you!

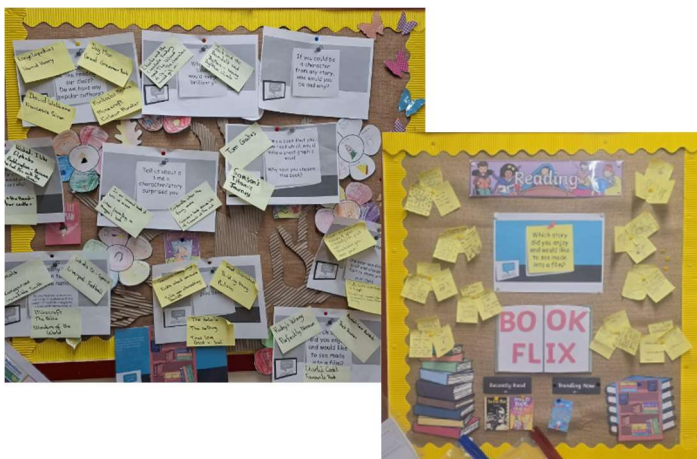
We have had many books donated to school recently and we would like to say thank you! If you are having a sort out at home over half term and have child friendly books that are in a good condition we would be happy to add them to our school library. Please drop them into the school office.



LET'S TALK BOOKS

Book Talk

Each class from EYFS to year 6 continues to take part in a weekly 'Book Talk' session. They spend time talking about their favourite books, sharing book recommendations and this half term watching videos of famous Olympians, TV presenters and actors reading and recommending books to them.



Live author event

This half term, year 5 had an online workshop with author Maise Chan. We were able to gift both classes 2 copies of her books using the money raised at the Scholastic Book Fair before Christmas. 5KR and 5MJ are now enjoying reading 'Danny Cheung does not do maths' and 'Stories From Around the World'.

