



# ABBNEY READING ROUNDUP

Spring 2025

## Promoting our love of reading at Abbey CE VA Primary School

Welcome to the *first* edition of Reading Roundup!  
We're excited to share our reading adventures with you and help make reading a cherished part of your family's daily routine.

### Coming Up This Term

Book Swap: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3.30-4pm in the school hall  
World Book Week: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Children can wear PJs and bring their favourite bedtime story on 6<sup>th</sup> March  
West End in Schools Workshops YR-6: 14<sup>th</sup> March  
Parent Workshops:  
29<sup>th</sup> January 9am KS1 Reading with your Child  
5<sup>th</sup> February 9am KS2 Unlocking the Magic of Reading

We are proud to introduce...

## Our Librarians

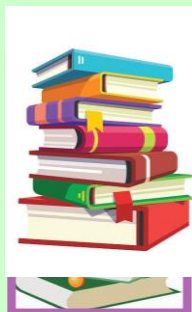
After an application process, we successfully appointed 9 amazing librarians to support the running of our school library and promote reading: Jemima, Elodie, Alexandra, Erda, Anson, Tristan, Elliot, Beck and Giana.

Each week they help to keep the books correctly categorised and neatly stacked on the shelves in the learning hub.

They have made super posters to teach the children about how to use and look after the library which has already been shared in assembly.

Next, they will be creating Author Reviews, reading in another class, running events and book clubs.

Well done team!



## MAKE TIME



At Abbey CE VA Primary School we want to support all families to find time each day to pause and pick up a book.

Reading is important and fun

but families tell us it is so hard to find time—so when can we fit it in?

*Some families read...*

While waiting for a club to start

In the car on the way to the shops

During breakfast

At bedtime

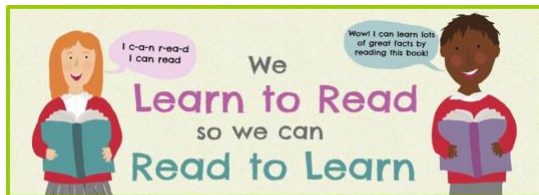
Straight after school

Keep a look out for a poll coming soon.

SHHHHH.....

## HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT MYSTERY READER?

All parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles have been invited to come in and read to your child's class at the end of the day.



Supporting your child to read is the most important thing you can do to assist their schooling!



Three is the magic number!

Help your child to practise the phonics they have been learning in school and develop reading with their ELS book. It is closely matched to the sounds they are



learning in school. Read this book **three times a week** as shown below.

### First read

Work together on **accuracy** of old and new sounds that have been taught.

Talk about the meanings of new words.

Share a first read through and offer loads of praise.

### Second read

Read words with more **speed** as you remember them from read 1.

Share a second read with greater **fluency**

Give loads of praise.

### Third read

Begin to use knowledge of the book for voices or simple expression.

Answer **comprehension** question on the events, characters, feelings etc.

Read through with confidence and enjoy your well-deserved praise.

### Did you know?

Many people stop listening to their child read once they begin chapter books! This can greatly harm their reading development as understanding plot, vocabulary and characterisation can become too difficult without your support.

**Keep reading with your child and commenting in their reading diary.**

## Authors of the term

Pari Thomson

Job: Children's Author

**Amazing Facts:**

Contemporary children's book author

Creates stories that engage young readers

**Books:** The Friendly Postbox



Katie Kirby

Job: Blogger, Author, Illustrator

**Amazing Facts:**

Started with parenting blog 'Hurrah For Gin'

Known for stick figure illustrations

Blog turned into successful books

Over 400,000 social media followers

**Books:** Hurrah for Gin: A book for perfectly imperfect parents

The Daily Struggles of Archie Adams (Aged 2¼)

Hurrah for Gin: The Journal

JRR Tolkien

Birth: 3rd January 1892

Death: 2nd September 1973 (aged 81)

Job: Professor of Anglo-Saxon at Oxford University.

**Author Amazing Facts:**

Created entire languages for his fictional worlds

Drew all original illustrations for The Hobbit

Served in World War I

Part of literary group 'The Inklings' with C.S. Lewis

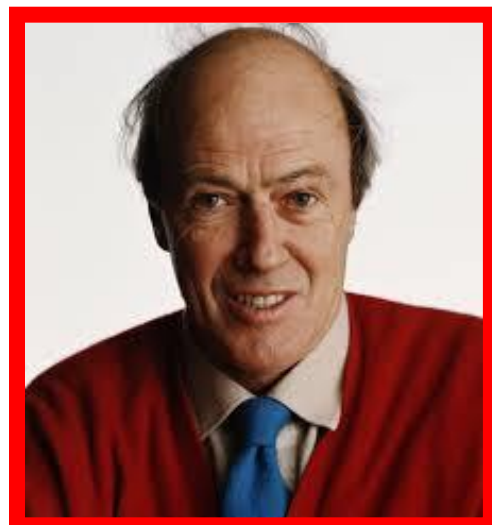
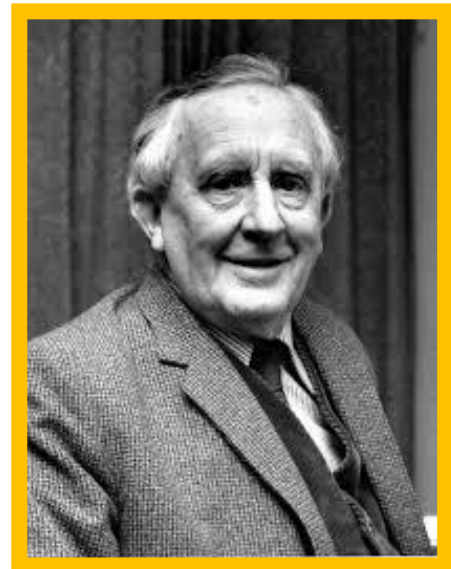
**Books:** The Hobbit (1937)

The Lord of the Rings trilogy (1954-1955)

The Silmarillion (1977)

Tree and Leaf

Farmer Giles of Ham



Roald Dahl

Birth: 13th September 1916

Death: 23rd November 1990 (aged 74)

Job: Fighter pilot (WWII), Intelligence officer.

**Author Amazing Facts:**

Wrote in a small hut in his garden

Was a chocolate taster for Cadbury's as a schoolboy

Invented over 500 new words and character names

**Books:** James and the Giant Peach (1961)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (1964)

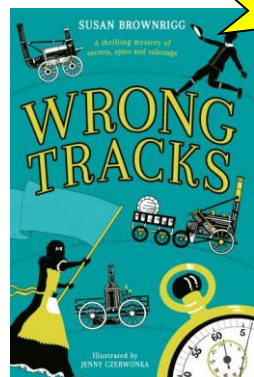
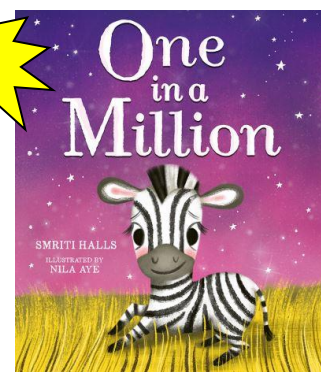
Fantastic Mr Fox (1970)

The BFG (1982)

Matilda (1988)

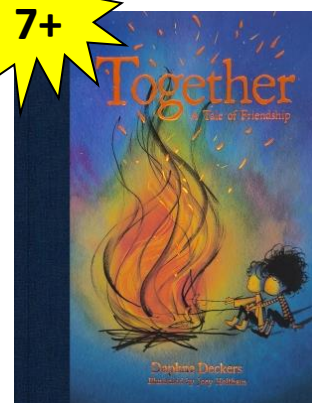
## Book Recommendations

"Debra expands her concept of numbers and learns that she is number one for her Mama."



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"All aboard for a thrilling journey of secrets, lies and locomotive spies based on the 1829 Rainhill Trials race."



"A beautiful, philosophical, child-centred story of friendship, the search for answers to big questions, and the joy of shared experiences."

Coming up Nationally..... <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

A blue promotional banner for World Book Day 2025. On the left is a yellow ribbon with "WORLD BOOK DAY 6 MARCH 2025". In the center, it says "Save the date! World Book Day 6 March 2025". On the right, it says "SPONSORED BY NATIONAL BOOK tokens" and "ILLUSTRATED BY YIMM EDONG". There are illustrations of a child in a bear-shaped chair and two children walking.