

Thursday 3rd July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We're excited to invite your child to take part in this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up for **FREE** at your local library! The Challenge will launch on **5th July**, but children can start at any time over the summer holidays.

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, **free** way to encourage children to stay motivated and keep reading during the school summer holidays. Children set their own reading goal and can read anything they enjoy- **all books count!**

Why should my child sign up?

- Amazing way to **boost confidence** and **self-esteem**.
- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.

How can my child take part? (Library or online)

At the library:

- Visit your local library and sign up.
- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks, and audiobooks.
- Receive a **special sticker booklet** and collect rewards for reading.

All Southampton libraries are running the Summer Reading Challenge:

Opening hours and locations for libraries are here:
<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/libraries/find-library/>





Online: Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the **official Challenge website**.
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

Want to know more?

- Visit **the official Summer Reading Challenge website** for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SummerReadingChallengeUK).

Kind regards,

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