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READING TOGETHER NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/carers

Welcome to Reading Together Welcome to the final edition of this newsletter for the school year.

All the work in making the St Austell Festival of Children's Literature a success meant we ran out of time to get the June edition published.

This month we're aiming to help you through the summer holidays by highlighting some key celebrations of reading.



THE 10-MINUTE CHALLENGE

Can your family read together for just 10 minutes every day? That's all it takes!

Why 10 minutes?

It fits into the busiest lives

Children look forward to it when it's part of the routine .Over an hour each week adds up!

It shows reading is important AND enjoyable.





Cornwall Reading Challenge 2026: Extraordinary Explorers!

FREE • All ages • 11th July – 12th September 2026

This summer, Cornwall Libraries invite children of all ages to become Extraordinary Explorers! Follow your curiosity and explore the things you love through reading , from sport to science, art to adventure.

Every book is a chance to go deeper and discover more. Choose your challenge: The Reading Quest Read 6 books of your choice in any format. Fiction, non-fiction, poetry, picture books, audiobooks, graphic novels, ebooks or joke books. After every 2 books, pop into your library for stamps and rewards.

The One and All Challenge For children who may find 6 books too much, or who are very young , share books together or complete fun creative activities to collect stamps.

All activities can be done multiple times!

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Free Swim! — Just for signing up

Medal & Certificate — On completion

Treasure Trail! — A code for a local
adventure

Sign up at your local Cornwall library from
Saturday 11th July. It's free to take part and free
to join the library if you're not already a member.



Reading Rocks: Summer Book Boost Keep your child reading all summer. The easy way!

Free for families with children aged 5–11. No planning, no prep, just pop in your email and Reading Rocks will send a weekly burst of book magic straight to your inbox. Everything is library-friendly, so there's no need to buy a thing.



Each week you'll get A fun author or illustrator video to watch together



A juicy snippet from an exciting children's book to read straight away



A chance to listen to the audiobook version. Easy follow-on activities to inspire your child



A library-friendly reading pick, no need to buy!



A child-friendly podcast link. An optional link to grab a signed copy at a special price if your child loves it

Two age groups, tick all that apply when you sign up:

Ages 5–7 Summer Book Boost.

Ages 7–11 Summer Book Boost

Sign up FREE today! Just pop in your email address and choose your age group. Reading Rocks will do the rest! wherereadingrocks.com/lp/summer-book-boost. Don't forget to check your junk folder after signing up!

COMING SOON

As part of the National Year of Reading every Year 6 child across the UK will be gifted a special edition of the bestselling book **Impossible Creatures** by award-winning author **Katherine Rundell** this Christmas.

