

Summer Reading News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another wonderful school year comes to an end, I'd like to thank you for all the support you've given your child's reading journey this year. Whether you've listened to bedtime stories, helped practise phonics or encouraged your child to finish "just one more chapter", every minute spent reading together makes a real difference.

Join the Summer Reading Challenge!

This summer, Hampshire Libraries are inviting children to take part in the Read to the Beat Summer Reading Challenge, running from **Saturday 11th July until Saturday 12th September 2026**.

The challenge celebrates the joy of reading through music, rhythm and creativity, encouraging children to visit their local library, borrow books and enjoy reading throughout the holidays. Taking part is completely free and is a brilliant way to keep reading habits going over the long summer break.

Keep Reading Over the Holidays

At Berrywood, we've worked hard to build a community of enthusiastic readers and we'd love that momentum to continue throughout the summer. Reading little and often is far more valuable than leaving books on the shelf until September! Whether it's a library book, a comic, a magazine, an e-book or sharing a story together, every page counts. Remember, reading online for around **15 minutes** also counts as one of your child's home reading sessions.

Reading at Home

Your child will continue to have access to our online reading platforms over the holidays.

Early Years & Key Stage 1

Children can access their decodable books through Oxford Owl using the login details in their home reading record.

Key Stage 2

Children can continue enjoying thousands of books, comics and magazines using Sora, which they have been using confidently in school.

Looking Ahead

It has been a pleasure welcoming so many families to our reading events this year, including Stories Before Snuggles, phonics workshops and shared reading sessions. We'll be back in the autumn with more opportunities to celebrate reading together, including our Reception ELS Phonics Workshop for new families.

Finally, thank you for everything you do to support reading at home. The confidence, vocabulary and imagination that children develop through reading are gifts that last a lifetime.

I hope you all have a restful summer holiday and find plenty of opportunities to curl up with a great book.

Happy reading—and don't forget to **Read to the Beat!**

Mrs Adams
English Leader

