



Birdsedge

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Birdsedge 'Love to Read' Week 2025

We will be loving all things books and reading during Week Beginning Monday 22nd September. Check out what we have going on in school and join us for the family events if you can!

Reading Cafe
Friday 26th 2:30pm
Macmillan Coffee Reading Café before assembly – enjoy a book (and some cake!) with your child in the school hall.

Reading Reward Scheme Launch
Friday 26th
We will be launching and sending home our ongoing reading reward scheme to keep reading going.

Family Reading Session Launch
Thursday 25th 3:15pm
Starting this week Thursday sessions will now be set up for families to come in and read with their child individually.

Book Fair
Tuesday 23rd
We have a Book Fair arriving on Tuesday 23rd September and staying in school until Friday 26th.

Reading Competition
Monday 22nd onwards
Send in a picture of reading in an interesting place this week. Winners announced in assembly.

Dear Families

As part of our 'Subject Spotlight' this month on English, week beginning 22nd September will be Reading Week in school. Where we put reading on a pedestal and plan in some additional activities to build a love of books and reading and launch some ongoing reading initiatives.

The image above hopefully captures the key things and dates you need to be aware of and below and over the page is more detailed information.

Reading Competition

For a bit of fun, we are asking children to find an interesting place to do some reading during the week. Photographs of this should then be sent in to dbarker@themast.co.uk and prizes will be given to winning photographs in our usual Friday Assembly. When emailing in photographs please include consent or not for these to be shared on our social media pages.



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Book Fair



The book fair will be in school from Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th and children are able to browse the fair during school time. Children may purchase a book in school at this time using cash they bring in or a voucher (see below for more details on vouchers) or they can browse, fill in a wish list (with help from adults in school if needed!) and then bring this home for you to check and order online (again see below for how you do this). The fair will also be open for families to browse with children after family reading time on the Thursday and after Celebration assembly on the Friday if you would rather do it together.

Vouchers

Use the link below to find out more about vouchers to avoid having to send money in with children if you prefer:

[Book Fair Gift Vouchers - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

Book Fair Gift Vouchers are the simple, secure way to ensure your child gets the books they want when the Book Fair arrives and are perfect if you can't make it to the Book Fair

Once a purchase has been made, **you will receive the voucher in an email** which can be printed and given to your child – much safer to carry than cash!

Vouchers can be purchased up **until midnight on the day before the collection of the Book Fair** (1st October)

Paying online

Once your child brings their wish list home use the QR code or type in the web address underneath to order and pay online. You will need to school post code HD8 8XR. Once payment is complete, wish lists with confirmation of payment must be returned to school and children can then collect their books from the fair. Additional copies of any books that sell out will be ordered and arrive in school at the end of the book fair.



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

Family Reading Session

Starting on Thursday 25th family story time at 3:15pm will be set up so that parents and carers can come into classes to read with their child for ten minutes, finishing with a short story time all together for the last 5 minutes.

Reading Reward Scheme

Look out for details coming home during this week about our new Reading Reward Scheme we will be using this year. This will be linked to a Bronze, Silver, Gold Reward system as well as a weekly raffle to win a book – drawn in Friday assemblies.

Macmillan Reading Café

We will be holding a Reading Café on Friday afternoon at 2:30pm before assembly. Here you can come and enjoy a book and some cake with your child, with all proceeds going to Macmillan. Any donations for the coffee morning would be gratefully received prior to the Friday.

We hope the week will build some excitement and engagement in reading – something that is so important for children and we thank you in advance for your support.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Kindest Regards

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