

“Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world.”.

Napoleon Bonaparte.



Our intent, for your child, whilst at High Green Primary School, is to nurture a love of reading and become enthusiastic, confident and motivated lifelong readers.

What a wonderful first Autumn term we have had! As ever, reading has been high profile and a huge priority at High Green Primary School. This term has seen many children achieve lots of success with their phonics and reading from learning to blend new words, moving up to a new colour band reading book, becoming a free reader, graduating from our phonics scheme, Little Wandle or having their raffle ticket drawn in our half termly reading assembly, enabling them to choose a book from our book vending machine. We are very proud of all our children and are confident their achievements will continue in the Spring term.

In September, we enjoyed meeting our new F2 parents, holding a Little Wandle information evening to introduce our scheme and expectations. We look forward to sending out information in the new year inviting them to a follow up meeting.

In our Summer newsletter, we communicated our plans to run the Little Wandle Fluency and Spelling programme in KS2. In September, it was successfully implemented, and we are already seeing vast improvements with pupils' fluency skills and application of spelling patterns.

We have continued to deliver Rapid Catch-Up sessions for many pupils in KS2 and we are delighted and very proud of their progress and understanding. Many have graduated from the scheme which has been down to their sheer hard work and determination.



We are delighted to share exactly what Ofsted said about our Early Reading & Phonics Curriculum during a deep dive into the subject as part of our two day inspection in November. The lead inspector, who was a National English Specialist, couldn't speak highly enough about the reading diet our children receive at HGPS.

Pupils learn to read well. The school makes reading a priority from the start. Pupils begin by learning sounds to help them read words. Staff are experts at delivering phonics. They check progress regularly to address any gaps quickly. Pupils learn to read using the books that contain the sounds they know. They build confidence and fluency through regular reading practice.

Older pupils continue daily reading to deepen their fluency and understanding. Pupils enjoy developing their reading expression. The school goes beyond teaching reading skills to build a culture of reading. Pupils bring books from home and select books from the library. They read these books regularly for the weekly 'Reading Miles' challenge.

The book vending machine acts as a fun reward system. Visits to Chapelton Library in early years further enhance children's reading experience. Special events like World Book Day workshops bring books to life through music and drama. Pupils improve their reading abilities and develop a lasting enjoyment of books.



Our Reading Champions have continued to do a fabulous job, keeping book areas tidy, ensuring our class books link to current topics, encouraging other children to read, recommending books and some have even spent time reading to our F2 and Y1 pupils.

Read & Share

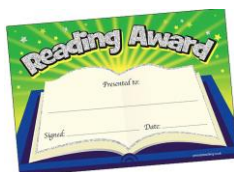


As part of our mission to continue to develop a culture of reading across school and build our partnership with parents and families, this term we have continued with our 'Read & Share' event for upper key stage two.

The event was, once again, a great success. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend. Please see below information of our reading events in the New Year. *Please save the date!*

- Monday 13th /Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th January – Years 1 & 2.*
- Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd January - Years 1 & 2.*
- Monday 27th January – Years 3 & 4.*
- Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th January – Years 1 & 2.*
- Monday 3rd February – Year 3 & 4.*
- Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th February - Year 1 & 2.*
- Monday 10th February – Years 3 & 4.*
- Monday 24th February - Years 3 & 4.*
- Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th March – F2.*
- Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12 March – F2.*
- Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th March – F2.*

Please look out for Seesaw and weekly reminder bulletins for more information. Thank you.



When asked how we can further improve communication of pupil progress, via our summer survey to parents, a few suggestions included giving the children reward certificates when children move onto a new book level or become a free reader. We promised to implement this in the Autumn term, and we did!

Here are a few children, this term, who have received a well-deserved 'Reading Award certificate'. Well done children!



Story Bags



From January 2025, our F2 pupils will have the opportunity to take home our story bags. Each story bag contains a couple of books, one fiction and non-fiction, props, and a game for the children to enjoy with parents and carers at home.

We hope you all have a truly magical Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2025!

The English Team.