



# St. Michael's Church of England Primary School

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Our school values: Respect • Kindness • Challenge • Forgiveness • Perseverance



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## BOOK BUDDY

Dear Parents,

Within school today we launched our 'book buddy' time with our Year 1 and our Year 5 pupils. Using the picture books our children have picked from the school library bus, our Year 1 and Year 5 pupils have paired up with a book buddy to select a book they would both like to read/share at home.

The Year 5 pupils will take it home on Monday and Tuesday night to read/share and return it to school on Wednesday.

The Year 1 pupils will take the same book home on Wednesday and Thursday night, before returning it to school on Friday.

On Friday our book buddies will meet to have a chat about the story – what they liked, their favourite character, how it made them feel, the plot etc.

This book buddy experience is to promote reading for pleasure at home and at school. All pupils who are 'book buddies' in school will wear a badge that week. This means that members of staff or other pupils are able to ask them about the book they are reading and if they would recommend it. Promoting talk about books has been proven to help engage children as active life-long readers.

When all pupils have accessed the book buddy experience, we hope to run it as an optional lunch time reading club.

I hope our pupils enjoy reading and sharing the story books and being a book buddy.

Kind regards,

*Lorna Smith*

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