

The Bookshelf

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St Lawrence's Reading Newsletter!



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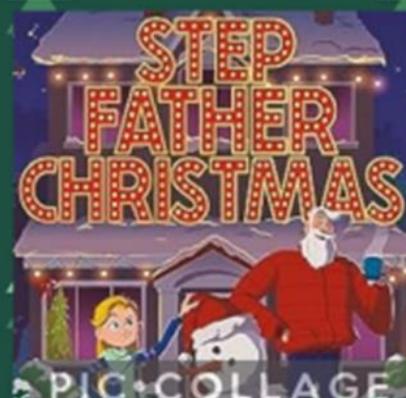
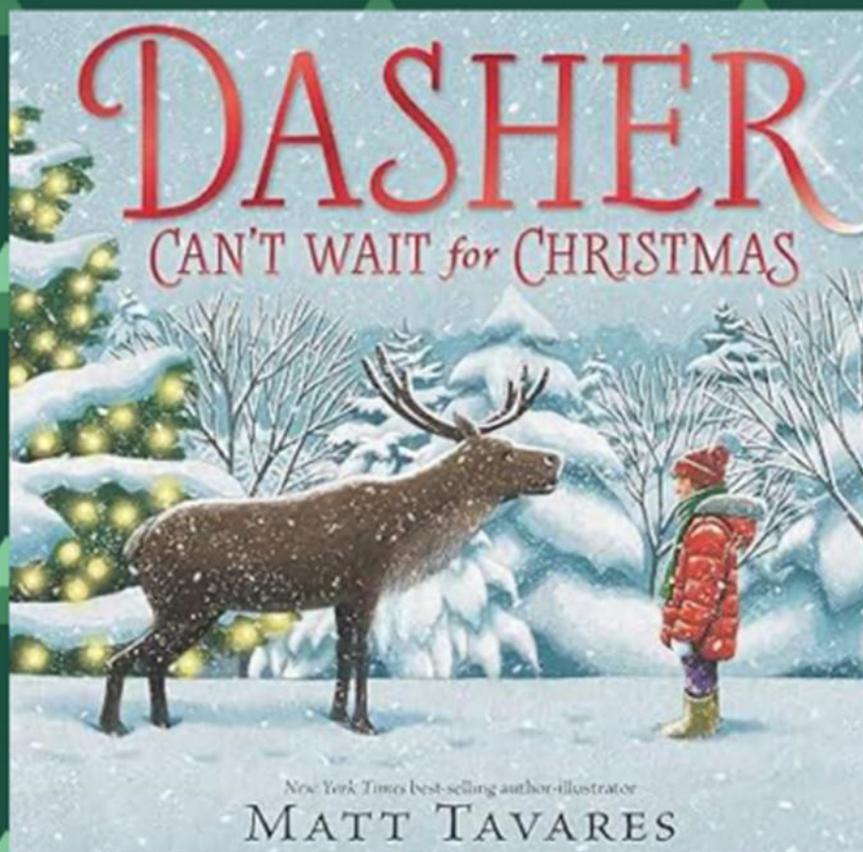
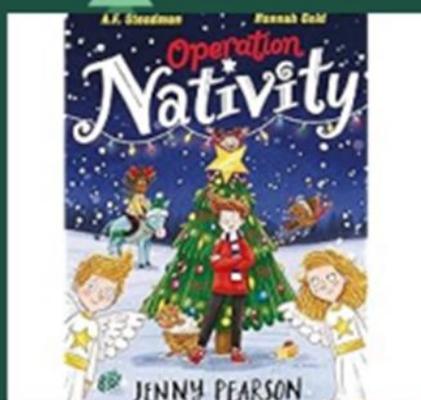
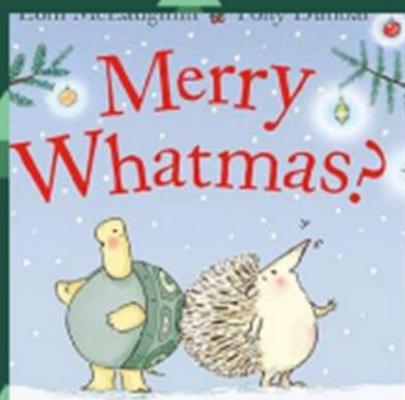
Welcome to the first edition of St Lawrence's very own reading newsletter! We hope that you enjoy it. As we reach the end of a very busy term and while Father Christmas is busy reading your lists, I wonder what you will be reading? It is so lovely to snuggle up with a good book when it is cold outside. Send us some photos of your favourite winter reads, there are some suggestions on the next page.

Happy Christmas reading!



Fresh Festive Fiction!

Why not try one of these Christmas titles.



Supporting Readers at Home



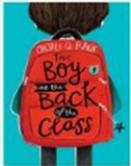
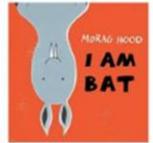
Open University research suggests there are three important ways to support readers and a love of reading.



Reading aloud to your children shows them reading is a pleasure, not a chore. Older children can read to younger ones too.



Making time to read alongside one another helps develop children's reading stamina and interest. Let them choose what to read and relax together.



Children who read, and are supported as readers, develop strong reading skills and do better at school.



Book Chats encourage readers. Invite them to make connections and share their views. Join in with your thoughts too!



For more ideas see the OU website: www.ourfp.org

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them

Will have better general knowledge

Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year

Will improve critical thinking skills

Will improve their communication skills

Will have a broad vocabulary

Will have reduced stress levels

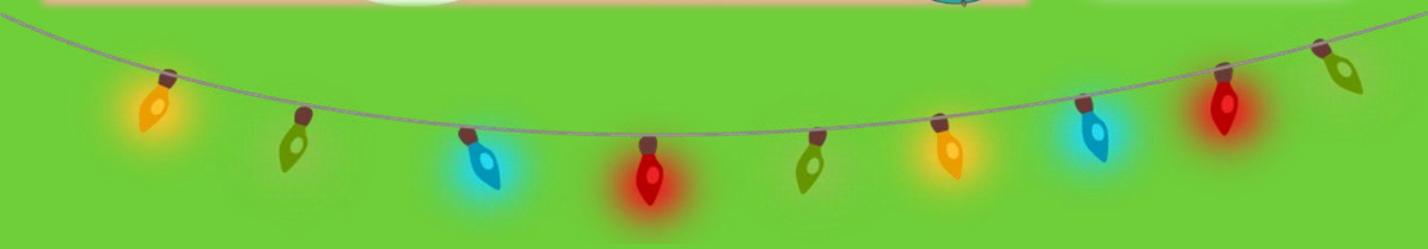
Will learn how to develop empathy

Will improve their test results



Supporting your child at home...

Reading at home is so important. Children are never too old to read aloud to you, or to be read to!





My St Lawrence Reading Advent Calendar!

Name: _____



Tick off each day you have completed the advent challenge! Encourage your family to join in too!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24

 	1. Read a rhyming story.	2. Read your favourite story.	3. Read with a cup of hot chocolate!	4. Read a story with a grown up at home.
	5. Read a story about an animal.	6. Read a non-fiction book.	7. Read a poem.	8. Find a funny place to read a story.
	9. Read a fairy tale.	10. Read a story about Santa!	11. Read a joke and tell your family to make them laugh!	12. Read in your pyjamas.
	13. Read a Christmas recipe.	14. Read a Christmas story.	15. Read a story chosen by someone else in your family.	16. Read your letter to Santa to your family.
	17. Read to someone on the phone or video call.	18. Read a poster.	19. Read upside down!	20. Read a story about winter.
	21. Read a story with snow on the cover.	22. Read in front of the Christmas tree.	23. Read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'.	24. Read about the birth of Jesus.

Have you been taking part in our Christmas Advent Challenge? Send us any photos you have of you enjoying some festive reading! Here is some more reading fun. Can you work out the titles of the 20 famous books below?

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What's on?

Visit your local library to take part in some of the brilliant children's activities and workshops they offer!

<https://library.warwickshire.gov.uk/iguana/www.main.cls?p=ec959c66-8eae-11e1-8539-1c0cc229eddc&v=670cf984-fb79-11ec-bd2a-002481df80e4>

Events for Children

Regular and special events for children of all ages and their parents / carers.



Find Out What's Happening at Your Library

Follow your local Warwickshire library on Eventbrite - use:

Online and County Wide | Alcester | Atherstone | Polesworth | Rugby | Shipston | Southam | Stoc | Wolston



Rhyme Time
For babies from birth & 0 to 2-year-olds



Story Stomp
For 2 to 4-year-olds



Book Magic
For children of all ages



Code Club
For 9 to 11-year-olds



Lego Club
For primary school aged children



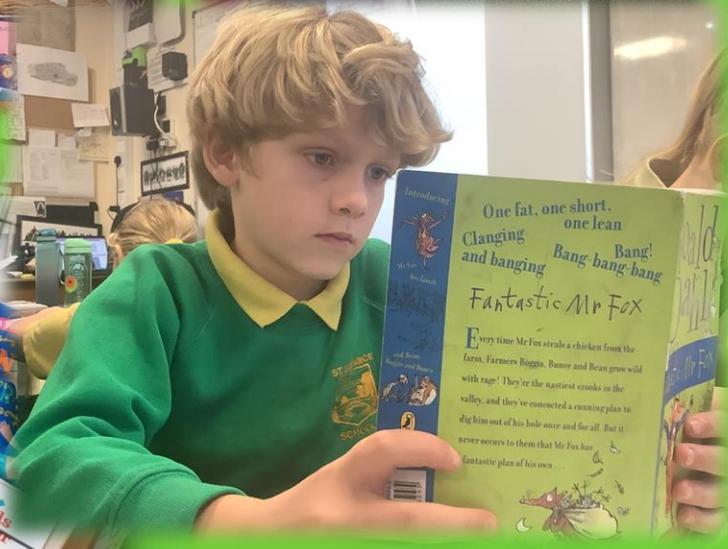
Duplo Play
For pre-school children



Warwickshire County Council

Reading Gallery

Take a look at our children enjoying just a few of the wonderful reading opportunities we have at St Lawrence. We love reading!



**THAT'S WHAT I DO
I READ BOOKS**



**I DRINK COCOA
AND I KNOW THINGS**

