



Dear Parents/Carers,

From September we will be focusing on developing greater opportunities for reading for pleasure across the school. There will be lots of exciting opportunities for you and your children to take part in a range of activities aimed at promoting a love of reading. The first of these activities will be our summer holiday challenge.

During the holidays we are launching a reading competition for everyone to take part in; whatever your age!

'Reading Here, There and Everywhere!' Children (and family members too!) need to have a photograph taken of them reading a book in an unusual place; for example- on the beach, in a forest, on a farm, under the bed! All photographs can be emailed to the school's email address: stpatricksprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk or printed out and brought in to school by **Friday September 8th**. Prizes will be awarded for the most exciting photographs!

Opportunities to win a prize or certificate will also be awarded to children who:

- draw a picture or write about their favourite book character,
- write a book review of their favourite book,
- take part in the libraries' Summer Reading Challenge (see details on the back of this letter).

We are looking forward to celebrating another Roald Dahl Week, beginning the week commencing **Monday 11th September**. The week will see all classes reading different Roald Dahl stories and learning about the author's life. On **Wednesday 13th September** all children and staff are invited to take part in our 'Dahlicious Dress-Up Day' to raise money for specialist nurses caring for terminally ill children. Children should make a £1.00 donation to come to school dressed as a character from a Roald Dahl story or they can wear yellow, Roald Dahl's favourite colour.

There will be many more developments in the school's 'Reading for Pleasure' curriculum across the year and we look forward to seeing all of our children and their families participating in these throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs E Orgill

EYFS Phase Leader and English Lead

There are also lots of activities taking place at libraries throughout Wolverhampton during the holidays, including the reading challenge.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge has now begun – with young bookworms encouraged to read six or more library books over the next six weeks. The theme for this year's challenge, organised by the Reading Agency, is Animal Agents, and participants can collect rewards as they go along. Children aged up to 12 can take the challenge at libraries across Wolverhampton, with more than 30 events – many of them animal-themed – also being held over the summer holidays to help them on their way.

Participants must read any six books of their choice from their local library during the holidays, and will collect rewards, stickers and finally a medal to celebrate their success.

Summer activities at Wolverhampton's libraries are as follows:

- *Tuesday 25 July, We're Going on a Bear Hunt (under 7s), Warstones Library, 2.30-3.30pm*
- *Wednesday 26 July, Summer Six story and Craft session (under 10s), Bilston Library, 11am-noon*
- *Thursday 27 July, Tom Palmer, football author, quiz and penalty shootout (7+), Central Children's Library, 11.30am-12.30pm*
- *Monday 31 July, Animal story computer workshop (8-12 years), Central Children's Library, 2-4pm*
- *Tuesday 1 August, Wolves Tales story and craft session (4+), Spring Vale Library, 11-noon, and Low Hill Library, 2.30-3.30pm*
- *Tuesday 1 August, The Animal Man (5+), Central Children's Library, 1.30-2.30pm, and Warstones Library, 3.30-4.30pm*
- *Wednesday 2 August, Summer Six story and craft session (under 10s), Bilston Library, 11am-noon*
- *Thursday 3 August, Jungle Jamboree story and craft session (5+), Central Children's Library, 2-3.30pm*
- *Saturday 5 August, Wolves Tales story and craft session (4+), Penn Library, 2.30-3.30pm*
- *Monday 7 August, Dogs Trust Story Session (4+), East Park Library 11-noon, Wednesfield Library, 1-2pm and Ashmore Park Library, 2.30-3.30pm.*
- *Monday 7 August, Animal story computer workshop (8-12 years), Central Children's Library, 2-4pm*
- *Tuesday 8 August, Wolves Tales story and craft session (4+), Finchfield Library, 10.30-11.30am*
- *Tuesday 8 August, Farmyard Fun story and craft session (5+), Central Children's Library, 2-3.30pm*
- *Wednesday 9 August, Summer Six story and craft session (under 10s), Bilston Library, 11am-noon*
- *Monday 14 August, Dogs Trust Story Session (4+), Tettenhall Library, 10.30-11.30am, Pendeford Library, 12.15-1.15pm and Whitmore Reans Library, 2-3pm.*
- *Monday 14 August, Animal story computer workshop (8-12 years), Central Children's Library, 2-4pm*
- *Tuesday 15 August, Baby Booktime Summer Special (under 3s), Central Children's Library, 10.30-11.30am*
- *Tuesday 15 August, Jungle Jive story and craft session (under 7s), 2.30-3pm*
- *Wednesday 16 August, Summer Six story and craft session (under 10s), Bilston Library, 11am-noon*
- *Wednesday 16 August, Pet's Parade story and craft session (5+), Central Children's Library, 2-3.30pm*
- *Monday 21 August, Animal story computer workshop (8-12 years), Central Children's Library, 2-4pm*
- *Tuesday 22 August, Wolves Tales story and craft session (4+), Blakenhall Library at Bob Jones Community Hub, 11am-noon*
- *Tuesday 22 August, Wolves Tales story and craft session (4+), Long Knowle Library, 2-3pm*
- *Tuesday 22 August, Animal Aliens story and craft session (under 7s), Warstones Library, 2.30-3pm*
- *Wednesday 23 August, Summer Six story and craft session (under 10s), Bilston Library, 11am-noon*
- *Thursday 24 August, Birds of Paradise story and craft session (5+), Central Children's Library, 2-3.30pm*
- *Wednesday 30 August, Summer Six story and craft session (under 10s), Bilston Library, 11am-noon*
- *Wednesday 30 August, Animals of the Night story and craft session (5+), Central Children's Library, 2-3.30pm.*

Please note, all the events are free but places are limited and so places should be reserved in advance for many of them. For more information, please visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/libraries or call 01902 552025.

