



# St Paul's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

**'Do everything with love'**

first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 16:14

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## Let's Get Reading! Supporting Your Child's Journey to Success

Dear Families,

At St Paul's, we are passionate about ensuring every pupil achieves their very best, not just in academic tests, but in their future lives. To help us achieve this, we are introducing a new focus on monitoring home reading habits across the school. We want to share why we are doing this. It isn't about "checking up" on pupils; it is about gathering the information we need to celebrate their successes and step in with support when they need it.

### Why Reading Matters So Much

Reading for pleasure is one of the most important things a child can do. According to research, children who read regularly are not only better readers, but they also:

- **Perform better across the curriculum**
- **Have better mental wellbeing**
- **Build a richer vocabulary**
- **Have brighter futures**

How We Are Monitoring Progress To ensure we are providing the best possible outcomes, we will be tracking reading through our home reading diaries. This monitoring allows us to:

1. **Identify gaps early:** We can intervene with personalised recommendations.
2. **Challenge advanced readers:** We can ensure readers are stretching themselves with appropriate texts.
3. **Celebrate milestones:** We want to build positivity around books and reading.

How You Can Help We know family life is busy, but your support makes a massive difference. You can help by:

- **Encouraging 10–15 minutes of reading for a minimum of three times per week.**
- **Discussing what they are reading:** Ask questions like, "What do you think will happen next?" or "Which character do you like best?"
- **Modeling reading:** Let them see you reading a book, a magazine, or even a recipe!

Thank you for working with us to spark a life long love of reading in your child. Together, we can open up a world of opportunity for them.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Thomas (St Paul's Reading Lead)

