Dear Parent/ Carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year’s [**Summer Reading Challenge**](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in)**.** Sign up for FREE at your local library!

**What is the Summer Reading Challenge?**

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It’s completely **FREE** to take part. It is an amazing way to boost children’s confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.1

**Why should my child sign up?**

* They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
* The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group.**
* Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children’s **confidence and self-esteem.**
* The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
* Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](https://readingagency.org.uk/) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/library-zone).

**How can my child take part? (Library OR online)**

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

* Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
* Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/)

* Sign up on the [official Challenge website](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/).
* Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
* Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

**When?**

The Challenge will launch 13th July and takes place throughout the summer holidays until 14th september.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact

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Yours faithfully,
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