

Friars Primary Foundation School



Friday 17th November 2023

Thank you for attending our pupil review day this week. We had a brilliant turn out of parents and children. We hope that you enjoyed talking to your child's class teacher about their progress and learning in school. Children enjoyed choosing some free books and we hope that our 'Importance of Reading' information was useful for you. We would be very grateful if you could complete our parent survey using the link below:

https://bit.ly/ParentSurveyNov23

Our Stars This Week Are:



	Absences	Punctuality	Total Points
Year 1	11	6	350
Year 2	20	13	150
Year 3	22	8	175
Year 4	6	11	250
Year 5	21	7	50
Year 6	15	5	650

Dates for your diary

21.11 - Y4 Parent Workshop at 9am in the hall

24.11 - Reception Parent Workshop at 9am in the hall

23.11 - Y6 Junior Citizenship workshop at Old Kent Road Fire Station

28.11 - Y6 Parent Workshop at 9am in the hall

01.12 - Y2 Parent Workshop at 9am in the hall

05.12 - Y3 trip to Richmond

13.12 - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

1**9.12** - EYs/KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am

20.12 -KS2 Christmas Play 2.00pm

21.12 - Last day of term. All children finish at 2.00pm. No Playcentre.

Newsflash

From Wednesday 1st November, we are accepting <u>card payments</u> in the school office. You will still be able to pay in cash until the end of term. Please note we will not be accepting cash payments from 1st Jan 2024.

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 13/11/2023 is 93.38%

1st Place Attendance: Year 4

1st Place Punctuality: Year 6

Year Two



Year 2 had a fantastic time on our trip to the Monument and Pudding Lane, part of our topic about the Great Fire of London of 1666. We mapped how the fire spread, tried writing with quills and learned about the life of Sir Christopher Wren.





Year Six

Year Six took part in a workshop to learn about the Port of London as part of their topic on Trade and Economics. They learnt about imports, exports and trade routes around the world.







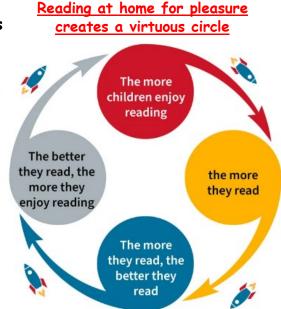


The importance of reading

What are the benefits of reading for pleasure?

- Improves your reading and writing ability
- Improves your comprehension and grammar
- Gives a better understanding of other cultures
- Gives greater self-confidence as a reader





What does the research say about reading for pleasure?

Children who read books often at age 10, and more than once a week at age 16, gain higher results in **maths**, **vocabulary** and **spelling tests** at age 16 than those who read less regularly. Reading for pleasure is associated with higher writing ability, text comprehension, grammar, and general knowledge.

Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success **than their family's socio-economic status**.

It can help to increase empathy, wellbeing, life skills and confidence. Reading can help children to **understand difficult and complex subjects** that may be the source of anxiety or worry.



What can you do at home?

- Children can benefit tremendously from being read to <u>aloud</u>. Studies show that children who are read to aloud are more likely to do better in school both academically and socially.
- Effective reading aloud time is all about creating <u>a positive reading</u> <u>experience</u> to engage children, so you will want to model your <u>enthusiasm</u> for books and reading for them.
- <u>Ask questions</u> about what you have just read or the pictures they have been shown. This will help improve comprehension of the story.
- When choosing books to read aloud, strike a balance between following the children's preferences
 and inviting them to try <u>new types of books</u> to expand their horizons and spark new interests. Say,
 "This looks like a good story. Let's give it a try!"
- Keep reading to and with your children, even once they can read well independently. Who says they're too old for a bedtime story?
- If they do struggle to read alone and are otherwise ready to do a little more, try reading one page and them reading the next this can help bridge the gap.
- As their role models, the more children see you reading, the more they might decide to do the same. Consider holding a weekly 'reading club' as a family - an hour where you turn gadgets off and grab a paperback each.
- Make sure you have a regular slot in which to read every day. This makes sure you don't forget about it and stops everyone forgetting the plot!
- Make sure they're still with you recap what's happened every few pages to make sure your listeners know what's going on (especially important if they are younger).
- Don't turn your backs on picture books too soon these can still be fun for older children.
- Take them to the local <u>library</u> for a cost-free choice of book. There will be no pressure to purchase and they can experiment without risking wasting money.
- Look at film-book tie-ins as an adult, sometimes watching the film before reading the book can
 ruin things but for kids, it might make a book that they would otherwise find too challenging less
 intimidating.
- Do the <u>voices</u>! Try to make sure each character talks differently this makes the story come to life for the listeners.



