



LIBRARY

NEWS LETTER

October 2025

Welcome

Welcome to the first library newsletter of the year. It has been a busy start to the year, and we are pleased to advise that all children have now once again got the opportunity to visit the library every week with their class. During the sessions we have story time, explore new authors and books, run exciting competitions and introduce Story Quest books.

Story Quest (KS2 only)

We made some positive changes to the long-running and ever popular Story Quest. We hope the children will enjoy the changes and that even more children participate in the quest.

We have selected five chapter books for each year group to read at home during the academic year. The sixth book to read is a 'free choice' and children can follow their interests (e.g. graphic novel or a non-fiction book).

Every time your child finishes a book, they should let the adult in their class know. Your child will then receive a book quiz to make sure that they have understood the story. Once completed, your child will move on to the next book.

As soon as your child has finished reading all six books (5 school choices plus their own free choice), your child will be rewarded with a certificate, their photo goes up on the special Story Quest tree in the library and they will receive a £5 National Book Token to treat themselves to a new book!

We hope you will help your child in completing the Story Quest by encouraging them to embark on the quest. If your child finds a book to tricky to read by themselves, you can either read the book with them or to them.

Book Recommendations

Remember, our **FREE SORA** app has hundreds of audiobooks and eBooks available for the children to download and enjoy!



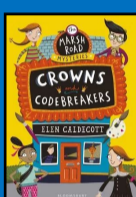
Crack the Code!

For anyone who loves an escape room! This selection has puzzles, mysteries and codes to solve.

Ruby Redfort - Lauren Child

Ruby Redfort: undercover agent, code cracker and 13-year-old genius - you can count on her when you're between a rock and a hard place.

There is a lot to lose sleep over in Twinford: there are the snakes and the bivalves, but they aren't half as poisonous as the rumours. With so many twists and turns, it is hard to know who to trust, particularly when no one trusts you. Will Ruby make it out in one piece?



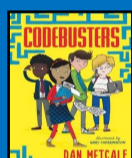
Crowns and Codebreakers - Elen Caldecott

When Minnie's gran comes to stay, all the way from Nigeria, Minnie KNOWS there will be trouble. And straight away Gran notices she has picked up the wrong suitcase at the airport. This one is full of boy's clothes, and she is not at all happy about it! But when their house is burgled and the only thing taken is the suitcase, Minnie realises there will be much more trouble than she bargained for. Can the gang solve the crime or will the mystery of the little lost boy be forever unsolved?

Codebusters - Dan Metcalf

Things are not going well for Jackson Hibert. He wanted to fit in at his new school but now everyone knows he is a maths whizz. Even worse, he has been asked to join a secret (and totally uncool) group of code breakers The Codebusters. Their mission is to solve mysteries and fight crime. So far, they have found a missing hamster.

But now, someone has stolen the school's math prize from the trophy cabinet, and the only clue is a mysterious code.



The Forbidden Atlas - Sam Sedgman

Isaac and Hattie have been invited to a high-profile event at the French National Archives in Paris to finally celebrate their achievement in saving time. But as Isaac prepares to make his speech, the lights go out and a single shot is fired.

The police think it was an assassination attempt on the infamous businessman Balthazar Blaise, but Isaac and Hattie realize that something very different is going on when they discover a boy taking something from the archives before vanishing without a trace. As they investigate, Isaac and Hattie are pulled into an underground world, searching secret and forgotten places for a stolen letter, a missing sister and a map that will unearth a long buried secret.



Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who engaged in the Summer Reading Challenge this year.

We are so excited, that Wellstead has been crowned a winning school at West End library!

We had the highest percentage of finishers compared with our school roll.

Well done, everyone!



Final Leaderboard	% of total school roll	Finishers
Wellstead Primary	1st	44
Saint James' CoE Primary	2nd	25

Library Champions

A very warm welcome our newly recruited Library Champions!

The Library Champions will be responsible for running the library lunch club where children can come to the library and quietly enjoy a book.

The Library Champions will also be running competitions, create displays and book features and help children with their book choices.

Welcome Preston, Ayla, Erin, Ella, Elizabeth and Sophie!