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Dear Parents,

At Waveney Valley, we believe that reading is one of the most powerful tools we can give our children. It opens doors to imagination, builds empathy, strengthens vocabulary, and lays the foundation for lifelong learning. More than just a skill, reading is a joy—and developing a love for it can transform a child's world.

When children enjoy reading, they are more likely to read often and widely. This regular exposure not only improves their literacy skills but also boosts their confidence, creativity, and curiosity. Whether it's diving into a magical adventure, exploring the wonders of nature, or learning about different cultures, books help children make sense of the world around them.

#### Reading in school:

Each child is heard reading by staff in school on a regular basis. The more adults that are available the more children can access reading through the week. We encourage parents to join our reading groups in both schools between 8.30 and 8.50 each day. If you would like to become a volunteer and listen to readers, please register your interest with the school office. We will arrange for a DBS to be completed before you can join us.

At the end of each day in each classroom staff read to children. The texts are varied and cover a range of subjects and genres from old and new authors. This terms books include:



THE MORE THAT  
YOU **Read**,  
THE MORE THINGS  
YOU WILL **Know**.  
THE MORE THAT  
YOU **Learn**,  
THE MORE PLACES  
YOU'LL **Go!**  
Dr. Seuss



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### **Reading at home:**

All children are provided with a reading folder to transport their reading books, reading record and homework book between home and school **daily**. Please do not fill the reading folder with anything else.

We ask that children in reception to year 6 read **at least** 3 times per week, daily is even better! When a child has read at home their reading record should be dated, pages logged and signed. For nursery children please write a daily note of stories shared at home in the home learning log.

Reading records will be checked and signed daily by staff in school. When a child has read at home a house point will be awarded in school.

We will be introducing a new certificate to celebration assembly. The Star reader certificate will be awarded to a pupil whom the class teachers has noted putting in extra effort to read at home.

To support your child's reading in school we encourage you to make reading a part of your daily routine at home. Here are a few simple ways to nurture a love for reading:

- **Read together:** Even just 10 minutes a day can make a big difference.
- **Let them choose:** Children are more likely to engage with books they've picked themselves.
- **Be a reading role model:** Let your child see you enjoying a book, magazine, or newspaper.
- **Talk about books:** Ask questions, share your thoughts, and explore stories together.

**Finally:** Through the year there will be a variety of different reward processes and events to encourage everyone to read we will be starting with a 'Get Caught Reading' competition. Please see the attached flyer.

Yours sincerely

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# Where will you get caught reading?

**Up a tree, in bed, under the stairs, on the beach...**

Snap a photo and email it to the school office.

Each photo counts as an entry into our first book competition.  
The most unusual places to read win!  
The winners will be taken on a trip to a book shop to choose their own prize.

The central illustration shows a person in a blue shirt taking a photo of a child sitting on a large rock reading a book. The scene is set against a sunset background with trees and a beach. Four inset photos show various reading locations: a child reading in a library, a child reading on a sofa, a child reading in a tent, and a child reading in a bed.

Last day to enter:  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Winners will be announced in the last assembly of the half term  
Discover the world through reading today!



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