

FREE READING AT BASLOW ST ANNE'S

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Free Reading at Our School

At our school, we encourage all children to develop a love of reading. One of the ways we support this is through Free Reading, which allows children to choose and read books more independently once they are ready.

When can children start Free Reading?

Children may begin Free Reading from Year 2, but most pupils start in Year 4. Before this, children follow our structured reading scheme to help them build the key skills needed to become confident readers.

Progressing through the reading stages

Before moving on to Free Reading, children must successfully work through all stages of the reading scheme, including the fluency stage. These stages ensure that children develop strong decoding, understanding, and reading fluency.

How is a child moved to Free Reading?

A teacher will assess each child carefully to decide when they are ready. Once a child is ready to become a Free Reader, the teacher will work with them to help choose books that are appropriate and challenging, so that their reading continues to develop.

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Expectations for Free Readers

Even after becoming a Free Reader, children still need regular support with reading at home.

We ask that Free Readers:

- Read to an adult at least three times a week
- Record each reading session in their reading diary

This helps us keep track of reading at home and ensures children continue to develop their skills.

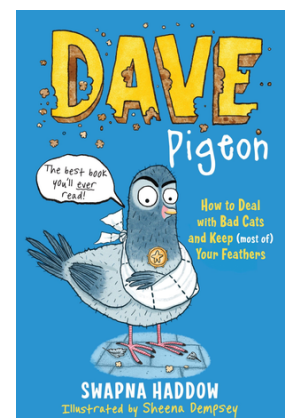
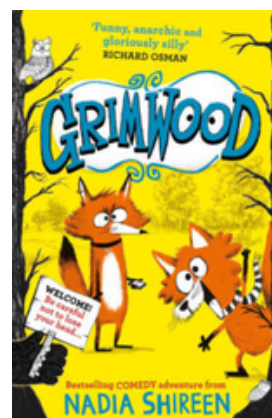
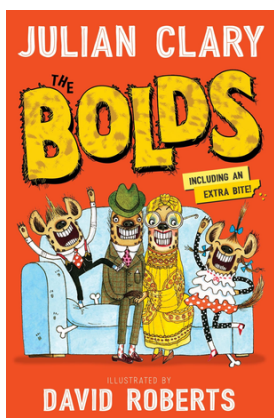
Supporting your child at home

You can support your child by:

- Listening to them read regularly
- Asking questions about the book
- Encouraging them to talk about what they have read

Reading regularly helps children build confidence, improve comprehension, and develop a lifelong love of books.

Some book suggestions perfect for bridging the gap between reading stages and free reading



If you have any questions about your child's reading progress, please speak to your child's teacher.