



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School Library Newsletter

Author Visit – Michael Mann

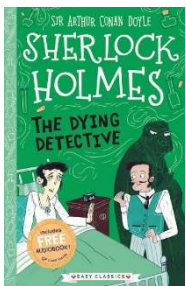


We were fortunate enough to receive a visit from award winning author, Michael Mann on Thursday 4th June. Michael spent time with both key stages, presenting exciting assemblies and writing workshops. I'm sure everybody would agree with me that Michael's visit was a highlight of our school year and he got us all thinking about the relationship between reading and writing. The message was clear, 'Read, read, read!' We hope your children enjoyed this fun packed, thought-provoking day.

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Year 6 Leavers' Legacy Books



This is a donation scheme that we run each year as a school. It gives parents and carers the opportunity to purchase books in their child's name which leaves a wonderful legacy for the future children of St Thomas of Canterbury C of E Primary School. This year we have decided to offer Book Club books, based on feedback from our Year 6 children. I surveyed all of the Year 6 children, asking them what books they would have liked to see available for their book clubs and after reviewing the comments and suggestions, a number of titles are now available to purchase via ParentPay. Be sure to ask your child which books they voted for!



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End of Academic Year – Book Returns

The end of the academic year is upon us, and the library will be closing for the end of year on Friday 10th July. All library books need to be returned to the library by this date. Week commencing Monday 6th July, there will be a box at the entrance to the library to make it easy for the children to return their books. Please ensure that your child has checked at home for any outstanding library books.

Read to the Beat - Summer Reading Challenge 2026

This year's Summer Reading Challenge will inspire the children to explore the connection between stories and songs. The challenge runs from Saturday 18th July to Saturday 5th September in all Essex libraries.



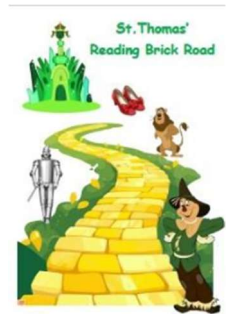
There are 6 stickers for the children to collect which they receive by telling library staff about the books that they have read or doing related activities. We will be providing your child with more information on the Summer Reading Challenge, before the end of term.

It would be fantastic to have as many of our children as possible, take part in this fun and exciting summer reading initiative.

St Thomas' Bookopoly and Reading Brick Road Reading Awards



We are now at the end of our academic year and we are so proud of all our children! Each week, we have been presenting reading awards and we thank all our children for their dedication to achieving their awards. In KS2, we have awarded 214 Bronze awards, 102 Silver awards, 70 Gold awards and 31 Platinum awards.



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Some of our Reading Royalty have even gone on to our special KS2 reading award and have achieved their DIAMOND Award! This award is only accomplished by submitting book reviews for an additional 15 books – a huge congratulations to the 4 pupils who managed this!

In KS1, we have awarded 189 Bronze Scarecrow Awards, 123 Silver Tinman Awards, 74 Gold Lion Awards, 54 Ruby Slippers Awards and 31 Emerald City Awards. Well done to everybody who has received an award!

And finally...

As we come to the end of this academic year and my first as school librarian, I would like to thank all the children, especially the Year 6 librarians who have shown passion and commitment to our library and reading. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the excitement and interest shown by our children and the strong reading culture that we have here at St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School.

I also would like to wish our Year 6 children all the best at their new secondary schools in September. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they embark on the next step of their education journey.

Now it's time to rest and make memories, I wish you all a wonderful summer break, full of love, laughter and Reading!



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