



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

"Lord be thy word my rule."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to introduce our new Reading Record, which will help support your child's reading journey both in school and at home. Reading regularly with your child plays a vital role in developing their confidence, fluency, comprehension, and love of books—and your support makes all the difference.

How it works:

Your child will bring home their Reading Record each night. Each page spread is designed to cover one full week of reading practice. (Please refer to the accompanying photograph here as a reference of how the diary is to be used). Phonic sounds, tricky words and spellings are all included in the diary for your child to refer to.

Our Expectations:

EYFS and KS1 - We kindly ask that you read with your child at least three times a week at home. Note any phonics practice or tricky words you've worked on. When reading, this can be reading together, your child reading aloud, or sharing a story and discussing what you've read. Please record each session in the log. Your comments help us to build a full picture of your child's progress and to support them more effectively in school.

KS2 – We kindly ask that your children read their books every day either independently or aloud where you can hear them. Either you or your child/ren are expected to write in their reading log with the date, page read from and to and write a short comment on what they have read three times a week.

Week commencing: 15/09/2015

Date, book and page number	Comments
<i>Monday</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i>	
<i>wednesday</i>	
<i>Thursday</i>	
<i>Friday</i>	
<i>saturday</i>	
<i>Sunday</i>	

Tricky words, or words with unusual spellings, e.g. school			

Why it matters:

Children who read regularly at home:

- *Develop stronger language and literacy skills
- *Build better focus and concentration
- *Grow in confidence and imagination
- *Make greater progress across the curriculum
- *Reading is not just about decoding words—it's about building understanding, vocabulary, and a lifelong love of learning. Just 10–15 minutes a few times a week makes a huge impact.

If you have any questions or would like help with how to support reading (or phonics at home for EYFS and KS1), please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards

Miss Weston and Mrs James