

BookMark

SUMMER TERM 2025 Primary Library Newsletter

Librarian's Message:

As we begin the summer term and approach the end of the school year, it's time to remind students that all library books must be returned to me by Friday 13th June 2025 to facilitate our annual library inventory check. Compliance with this deadline is particularly important this year as we will dedicate the rest of the term to packing and securing our entire Senior school collection in preparation for our library makeover.

It has been a pleasure working on the design and furnishing of the renovated space with multiple internal and external stakeholders over the past months. Our sincere gratitude goes to all the generous donors who contributed to the library renovation project through our annual giving campaign so far. We trust that the transformed library, which will be unveiled in September, will serve our students' and teachers' needs, both esthetically and functionally, without compromising the school's historical legacy.

But before that, we hope to welcome many of you to our annual Sant Jordi Book Fair and Fundraiser on Saturday 19th April 2025, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, on the school basketball court. This event, inspired by a Catalan tradition, is the library's contribution to WA's International Day celebrations. This also provides parents with an opportunity to select a birthday book for their child before the end of the school year. Please read on for further information.

Mrs. Wolffe School Librarian

Book Week 2025

We are pleased to announce the theme of our 2025 Primary Book Week.

"Tales Told Aloud: "a celebration of oral storytelling"

(June 17th-19th)



This theme was selected to provide students with an opportunity to develop their oral communication skills and to foster their creativity and imagination while exploring cultural oral storytelling traditions (Viking sagas; African griots; Native American circles, etc.).

The possibilities are endless but please find below some of the activities which we hope to explore with students.

- 1. **Story Circle**: organize a story circle where students can share their favourite stories or create their own.
- 2. Story-Songs: introduce students to story-songs that combine music and narrative.
- 3. Wordless Picture Books: utilize wordless picture books in your classrooms. Have students create their own narratives based on the illustrations.
- 4. **Story Games**: incorporate interactive storytelling games that encourage participation and collaboration among students, such as "Pass the Story," where each student adds a sentence to create a collective tale.

Further details will be shared with parents closer to the start of Book Week.









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WHAT'S NEW!

This new tool on **Sora**, our Library digital book platform, encourages students to take charge of their reading growth and stay motivated by setting their own reading goals:

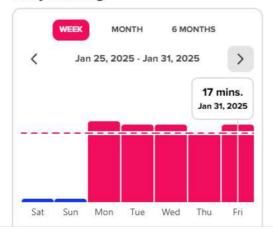
Daily goals: students can set a daily reading goal from five to 60 minutes and track their progress visually.

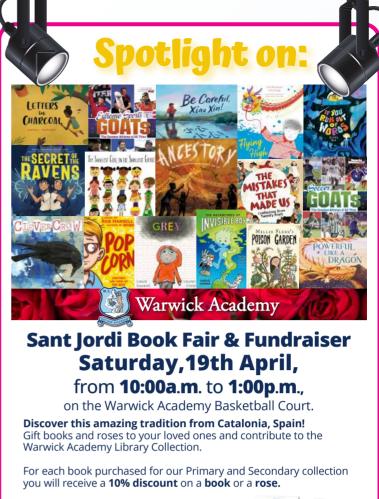
Real-time data: students and teachers can view reading history and progress, making it easy to celebrate successes and identify areas for improvement.

Milestones: students earn rewards for meeting their goals, positive encouragement to continue reading. **Please watch video** for further instructions.



Daily Reading





All book donations will be acknowledged with a bookplate of your choice. (Birthday Book, Teacher Appreciation or Commemoration of a Loved One).







For each book purchased for our Primary and Secondary collection you will receive a **10% discount** on a **book** or a **rose**.

Just for Fun:

