



# All Saints' C.E. Primary School

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### Staff Covid Testing

Staff will be taking part in Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly beginning next week.

If staff receive a positive result, their bubble will immediately close and you will receive a text notifying you of the closure. The tests will be carried out at home, before school and give results within half an hour. Please be aware that a positive test could mean a bubble closure with very little notice. Class bubbles may reopen if the staff member subsequently receives a negative PCR test.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Lockdown Art Competition

Please see Showbie pages for further information.

### The PTFA

The PTFA have kindly funded extra resources to be used by children during lunchtimes. The children will no doubt really enjoy using them. Thank you.



## How can I support and encourage reading at home?

### Top tips for reading with your child

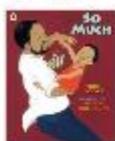
Not all children love reading (you would think you were suggesting torture to my son!) Here are some top tips to help - even if you have an unwilling reader on your hands.

1. **Make reading part of daily life** - Children copy the adults in their lives so set an example by treating yourself to quick read when you get a quiet moment (if you can remember what these are?) It is worth looking at where the reading material is in your home. Can books be stored - or displayed - in places where your family relaxes? Have books on the coffee or kitchen table. Bedtime is a traditional reading time, but if it doesn't work for you think about other slots.
2. **It all counts** - Research shows that reading and attainment go hand-in-hand. So let them read what they enjoy. It doesn't have to be a novel. It doesn't have to be fiction. Cereal packets, joke books and Top Trumps all count for beginners. For more advanced readers, consider non-fiction, comics and graphic novels. Books that seem too young can be comforting; conversely, books that seem too old are fine, too. The novelty factor of an e-reader (ie a Kindle) could jump-start an interest in reading.
3. **Integrate Interests** - A book about football might grab the attention of someone who prefers pitches to pages - or a cartoon universe encyclopaedia could tempt a TV fan.  
**Magazine recommendations:**  
Magazines for children and teenagers: our top picks ([schoolreadinglist.co.uk](https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk))
4. **What a treat** - combine reading with a drink and a biscuit - and cuddle on the sofa.

The schools reading list (<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk>) is a brilliant website for recommending reads. It also includes a large section recommending magazines for all ages - and interests. If you are struggling for reading material at home, please ask your child's class teacher or email [rmccarthy@allsaints-alrewas.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:rmccarthy@allsaints-alrewas.staffs.sch.uk)

Here is a brief list of books suggested by published authors, grouped by age:

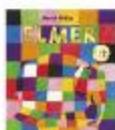
### 0-5



**Dapo Adeola**, co-creator and illustrator of *Clean Up!* (Puffin), recommends *So Much* by Trish Cooke, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury (Walker Books).



**Nathan Bryon**, co-creator and author of *Clean Up!* (Puffin), recommends *Julian at the Wedding* by Jessica Love (Walker Books).



**Steve Antony**, author and illustrator of *Amazing* (Hodder Children's Books), recommends *Elmer* by David McKee (Andersen Press).

## 6-10



**Bali Rai**, author of *Mohinder's War* (Bloomsbury Children's Books), recommends *Asha & the Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan (Chicken House Books).



**Sophie Dahl**, author of *Madame Badobedah*, illustrated by Lauren O'Hara (Walker Books), recommends *Zombierella: Fairy Tales Gone Bad* by Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Freya Hartas (Walker Books).

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**Konnie Huq**, author of *Fearless Fairytales*, illustrated by James Kay (Piccadilly Press), recommends *Superfudge* by Judy Blume (Macmillan Children's Books).



**Kevin Tsang**, co-author of *Dragon Mountain* (with Katie Tsang) (Simon & Schuster), recommends *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell (Orion Children's Books).