



# Alderbury and West Grimstead CE Primary School Reading Round Up - Summer Term 2025

## Wiltshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

[Summer Reading Challenge 2025 -  
Story Garden](#)



The 2025 theme is:

*Story Garden – Adventures in Nature  
and the Great Outdoors!*

The Summer Reading Challenge is for children aged four to 11 to read six books (or the equivalent) over nine weeks of the summer - in return for various prizes. The free challenge will run in Wiltshire libraries from Saturday 5 July to Saturday 6 September. The first two weeks (5 to 19 July) will be for registration only.

From Monday 21 July, children can start to collect stickers (and continue to register). Children must be library members to take part – it's free and easy to join, for more information visit:

[Join the library - Wiltshire Council](#)

## AWGS Summer Reading Challenge

[Best children's books - Summer  
Reads 2025](#)

Who will read in the most unusual place this summer? Send a photo of yourself reading somewhere a little different to:

[admin@alderbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@alderbury.wilts.sch.uk)

Photos will be put on our new reading display and there are prizes to be won!



## Louise Recommends...



Reading  
IS  
dreaming  
WITH  
Open Eyes

## A Reason to Read...

A huge **THANK YOU** to our wonderful Year 5 pupils who wrote **EXCELLENT** letters to their new Year R buddies!



We know our new Owls will be reading these letters over the Summer as they prepare to join us!

## Our Reading Dog



It was with great pleasure that we recently introduced Koko to the AWGS team!

Koko is a 'Pets As Therapy' dog and is working with us each week to listen to children read.

She is absolutely gorgeous and loves to hear stories!

We know that there are a great many benefits to having a school 'reading dog'. Reading aloud to our canine friends enhances children's literacy skills and boosts their confidence. A dog's presence can create a calming environment, allowing children to feel more relaxed about reading. This can lead to increased reading fluency, increased motivation and, most importantly, a greater love of reading.

Welcome Koko!

## Why do we love reading? By Year 4

'Reading makes me happy! I like books with jokes!' - Eshan  
'Reading makes me feel like I am in my own world!' - Poppy H  
Reading gives me lots of good ideas for my writing!' - Alice  
'Reading makes me want to read more and more!' - Lydia  
Reading makes me nice and sleepy!' - Annabelle

'I love to get absorbed in a book!' - Thomas  
'Reading makes me smart!' - William  
'Reading gives me knowledge!' - Charlie  
'Reading makes me feel so relaxed!' - Fraser

'I like reading at night time!' - Poppy A  
'Reading makes me calm!' - Maisie

Here are some wonderful books to read during Summer 2025.  
How many have you read?

