



16th July 2026

Book Amnesty and Summer Reading

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of the school year, we would be very grateful if you could return any Courthill reading books to school as part of our **Book Amnesty**. This will enable us to check the condition of our books and redistribute them across the school ready for next year. Please have a good look around at home – under beds, behind sofas, on bookshelves and in school bags – for any books that belong to Courthill. Don't worry about how many books you return; no one will be counting! We will just be delighted to have them back. Reading books are expensive to replace and we want to ensure that all our children continue to have access to a wide range of exciting books to borrow and enjoy. **Please can all books be returned to school by Monday 20th July.**

Summer Reading

We would also encourage all children to continue reading regularly over the summer holidays. Just a few minutes of reading each day can make a huge difference to children's ability to remember taught sounds/words, fluency, vocabulary and confidence, helping them to be ready for their new class in September.

Children might like to visit their local library and take part in any summer reading challenges on offer. It would be lovely for them to tell their new teacher about any books they have read and enjoyed during the holidays.

There are also some excellent free online reading resources available:

- **Oxford Owl** offers a large selection of free eBooks suitable for Reception and Key Stage 1 children: [Oxford Owl Free eBook Library](#)
- **Epic! Books** has a collection of free online books for children: [Epic! Free Reading Collection](#)
- **PhonicsPlay** provides free phonics games and activities to help children practise their phonics skills in a fun way: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk>

Alongside reading, please continue to practise your child's phonics set grids if they still need support with these. It would also be beneficial for children to be able to read all the Common Exception Words that are **not highlighted** on the photocopied word list that has been sent home.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you have a wonderful summer filled with lots of reading opportunities!

Many thanks,
Mrs Logan and Mrs Wright