Bridgewater Primary

Together rain or shine

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We were delighted to welcome Sandy from Berkhamsted Library to our celebration assembly, where she spoke to the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge: **Read to the Beat.**

The challenge encourages children to keep reading throughout the summer holidays and rewards them for reading for pleasure. Children can sign up for free at any Hertfordshire Library from 4 July 2026. The challenge runs until Saturday 5 September 2026.

This year, the challenge will also form part of our **House Competition**. For every child who completes the Summer Reading Challenge, their house will be awarded between **5 - 10 house points**. We hope this will encourage as many children as possible to take part and develop a love of reading over the summer holidays.

Children are challenged to read **six books** over the summer holidays. This can include:

- Reading independently
- Reading with parents or carers
- Listening to e-audiobooks

Every type of reading counts!

Library Challenge for 10 House Points!

As part of **Read to the Beat,** children can also complete a range of reading and library-related challenges. These are included in the challenge pack they receive when they sign up, and completing them earns reward stickers.

Children are invited to visit their local library each time they have:

- Read 2 books
- Completed 2 challenges
- Read 1 book and completed 1 challenge

They can tell library staff or volunteers about their reading and collect stickers for their pack.

Once they complete the challenge, children will receive:

- A personalised certificate
- A medal (while stocks last)
- An entry into a prize draw to win a place at a book-themed musical workshop with Gareth P. Jones

Home Challenge for 5 House Points!

We understand that it may not be possible for everyone to visit their local library, so the challenge can also be completed at home.

Children will still be encouraged to read six books over the course of the challenge. This can include:

- Reading independently
- Reading with parents or carers
- Listening to e-audiobooks

Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to enjoy reading.

Once your child has completed the challenge, please complete the form using the link below to let us know so that we can award the house points.

For more information and access to online reading resources, please visit the Summer Reading Challenge website.

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