



Children are at the centre of everything we do

Friday 11 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

You may be aware that 2026 is the *National Year of Reading*, and we are delighted to be celebrating at Greenway with two exciting reading events coming up this term!

“Find Your Quiet!” – Autumn Reading Challenge

This week, we introduced our new reading competition to the children in assembly — and they were very excited indeed!

Our challenge is called ‘Find Your Quiet!’ and it is all about finding a calm, cosy and perhaps slightly unusual place to escape with a good book!

We talked in assembly about how busy our lives can be and how important it is to find moments of calm. Reading is a wonderful way to do just that, so we are challenging the children to find their own special quiet place and capture it in a photograph.

And this is where the fun begins...

Children should get creative about where they choose to read. Perhaps they could curl up under the bed, disappear into a den, find a cosy corner in the loft, settle into a hammock or — if it is safe to do so! — find a reading spot up a tree! We are looking for imagination, creativity and, above all, somewhere wonderfully quiet...Think of it as our own Greenway version of an Extreme Reading Challenge — but with the emphasis firmly on finding that peaceful little pocket of the world where a book can take you somewhere else.

How to enter:

- Take a photograph of your child reading in their chosen ‘Find Your Quiet!’ location.
- Please print the photograph and send it into school in your child’s book bag, clearly marked with their name and class.
- Entries should be given to class teachers by Friday 23rd October.

We will then create a whole-school display celebrating all of the wonderful and imaginative places our children have found to read. The most creative entries will also receive prizes!

We would really encourage children to get involved — and parents, you are very welcome to help with the thinking! We cannot wait to see where our children manage to find their quiet... Please remember that safety comes first!

If you are genuinely unable to print a photograph, you can send your child’s entry to their class teacher by email or via Google Classroom. However, where possible, a printed photograph would be greatly appreciated, as this will allow us to create our whole-school display without the additional printing costs.

The Roving Bookshop returns!

Our second exciting event will be the return of The Roving Bookshop, who many of you may remember from their visit to Greenway when Michael Rosen came to school last year.

On Friday 25th September, Roving Books will be returning with a wide and exciting selection of quality children’s books available to purchase should you wish. The bookshop will be on site, set up in the school hall and will be open from 8.30am and close at 4pm. Each class will also have the opportunity to visit the bookshop during the school day.

Roving Books are planning to bring a fantastic range of children's literature to Greenway, with something to tempt even the most reluctant reader. And there is an added bonus: Greenway will receive 20% commission in books if total sales are more than £1800, which will help us to continue developing and enriching our school reading resources. A challenge has been set!

More information about how to purchase books from the Roving Bookshop will be sent out the week beginning Monday 21 September.

We hope both of these events will help us celebrate what we already know: there is nothing quite like getting lost in a good book!

We look forward to seeing lots of wonderfully imaginative Find Your Quiet! photographs — and perhaps discovering some very surprising reading spots along the way!

Warmest wishes,

Regards,

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