

10th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Wraysbury Primary School, we know how important regular reading is for children's progress and the enjoyment of books. To encourage this, we ask that an adult listens to their child read at least **three times per week** and records this in their **Reading Record**. **Reading Record checks will begin from Monday 15th September 2025 for Years 1–6**. For children in **EYFS**, reading will begin the week of **Monday 22nd September 2025**.

The **Reading Records** are an extremely useful tool to support children with their reading at home. They not only provide space to log your child's reading but also contain valuable guidance:

- **Years 1 & 2:** Top tips for helping your child read, a phonics mat for vowels and consonants, guidance on checking for understanding, lists of common exception words and high-frequency words, and advice on how to pronounce some sounds.
- **Years 3 & 4:** Suggested questions to ask about books, lists of prefixes, exception words, homophones and near-homophones, ideas for building sentences using key grammatical terms, and the national curriculum spelling list for Years 3 and 4.
- **Years 5 & 6:** Deeper questions to ask about books, tricky spellings, explanations of figurative language, homophones and commonly confused words, a punctuation pyramid, sentence-building guidance, and the national curriculum spelling list for Years 5 and 6.

To celebrate and reward regular reading, we will be running a **Reading Raffle**:

- Each week, children who have evidence of reading in their Reading Record at least three times will receive a raffle ticket.
- Tickets will be kept safely by the class teacher.
- At the end of each half term, a raffle will be drawn in assembly for each class, and the winning ticket will receive a **free book** as a prize.

We are also excited to be relaunching '**Booked for the Weekend**' from **Friday 19th September 2025**. This initiative is designed to encourage children's love of reading. Each week, one child who has at least three pieces of reading evidence in their Reading Record will be chosen to take home the *Booked for the Weekend* bag. Inside the bag, they will find:

- A book to enjoy at home
- A class notebook to write a short review of the book
- A bookmark
- A sachet of hot chocolate to enjoy while reading

If you have any concerns or difficulties with reading at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to support and advise. Thank you for being a positive part of your child's learning journey.

Kind regards,

Mr Darbon,

Assistant Head Teacher & Reading Leader