

Backwell School Library and Reading Lessons

Guide for Year 7

Parents and Carers



"Children who read for pleasure are likely to do better in Maths and English than those who rarely read in their free time,"

Dr Alice Sullivan
Institute of Education
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Library opening hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs

8am—4.30pm

Tues

8am-5pm

Fri

8am—4pm

Staff: Mrs Gibson (Librarian) Mrs Vaux Mrs Rundle

Email: librarystaff@backwellschool.net

Library Blog: www.booksatbackwell.wordpress.com

Twitter: [@booksatbackwell](https://twitter.com/booksatbackwell)

Reading Lessons and homework

Year 7 students have a fortnightly **Reading Lesson** where we encourage them to “get lost” in a book of their choosing (from the Library or home) in our Reading Room.



Backwell School recognises that reading develops the mind, imagination and language skills. Reading is key to discovering new things and to mastering the essential skill of comprehension. Reading is also fundamental in developing creativity, self-confidence and independence.

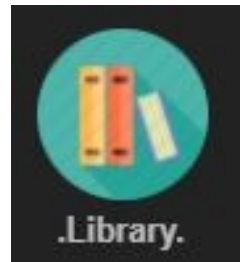
Library staff help students find suitable titles and encourage them to share what they enjoy, making recommendations to each other during lessons.

Reading Journals are used in class to note books read and to reflect upon reading.

Home learning challenges will be stored here—set in Term 2, Term 3 and Term 5.

We reward dedicated reading with merits and certificates.

*Much more information available on the
Library frog page*



Read every day

Reading regularly should not be a chore, and we recommend all students read for at least 2 hours a week as part of their homework.

This can be

- 20 minutes a day
- 40 minutes every other day
- or a long read at the weekend!



10 great ways for you to encourage reading

1. *Leave reading material lying about—books, magazines, cookery books newspapers, comics, and e-readers if you have them!*
2. *Encourage a regular time for reading—when they get home, before ‘lights out’, during a weekend lie-in...*
3. *Continue reading with your children—you may be surprised that they still love this! Books you could enjoy together are The house with chicken legs by Sophie Anderson , Harry Potter or the Northern Lights series. Read books you can all talk about, making it light-hearted, not testing!*
4. *Have an “unplugged” night at home—switch off the wifi and put games controllers and phones away after supper!*
5. *Hunt for things your child might like to read based on hobbies and interests .*
6. *Let your child see **you** reading regularly.*
7. *Encourage them to read to younger siblings.*
8. *Phone or email the library staff for more ideas:*

Librarystaff@backwellschool.net

“Reading a book is a direct injection of inspiration.

Reading shapes brilliant minds. It gets your brain throbbing and your heart racing. It can bring you a thousand years of experience in a few pages.

Reading means bigger laughs, deeper feelings, a peek at the secrets of life.

We understand the world through stories.”



THE LIBRARY ON FROG



Check out our Frog Page with plenty of reading list suggestions for all interests which can be printed out.

Our blog is at <https://booksatbackwell.wordpress.com/> with news about all our events, and challenges.



WEBSITES TO HELP WITH SUGGESTIONS:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

An absolute *Go-To* for information, suggestions, reviews and videos,

<https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/>

Working with the best writers in the business, Barrington Stoke publish books to engage young readers with dyslexia or those reluctant to try.

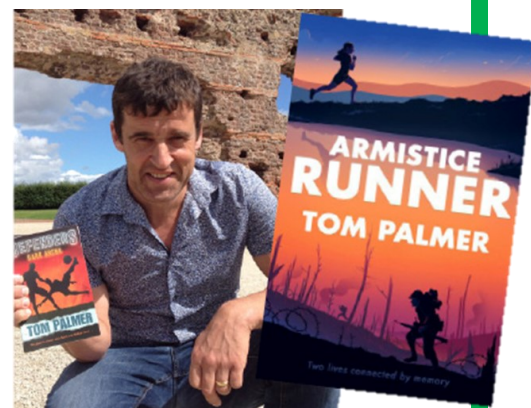
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

The UK's largest children's reading charity, reaching 3.9 million children across the UK with books, resources and support.

COMING SOON.....

YR 7 LIBRARY EVENTS

Author visit: We have booked author Tom Palmer, to speak to all Y7 in February. Tom combines sport and history in his fast paced stories. He is also keen to encourage young people to read, and works closely with Barrington Stoke who publish books for dyslexic and reluctant readers, but can be enjoyed by all. Check him out before the visit <https://tompalmer.co.uk/>



Y7 Christmas Quiz

Battle of the Book-a-trons

A very popular event where students compete in teams, testing their knowledge of well known books.

