

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up at your local library!

### What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.<sup>1</sup>

### Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

### How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**OR**

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

### When?

Throughout the **summer holidays**. Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact Tina Barber by email, [tina.barber@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:tina.barber@sheffield.gov.uk)

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[1] The Reading Agency (2022) [Summer Reading Challenge 2022: Annual Report](#)