

# King Edwin Primary School



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## Dear Parents and Carers,

At King Edwin, we are incredibly proud of our children and the positive attitudes they show towards their learning each day. One area we are deeply passionate about, and continue to invest heavily in, is **reading**.

Over the past few years, we have invested **over £30,000** in high-quality texts and resources to ensure our children have access to engaging, inspiring books. This includes:

- Our **book vending machine**, which has been a huge success in promoting reading for pleasure
- YOTO audio devices**, giving children access to stories in a different and exciting way
- A continuous **refresh of high-quality books** across school
- The support of our wonderful **reading volunteers**, who give their time to read with children

In school, reading sits at the very heart of everything we do. However, following recent pupil voice surveys, one finding particularly stood out:

- Only 20% of our children said they actually read regularly at home.**

We know that families lead busy lives, and this is not about blame - far from it. Instead, we are reaching out for your support, because together we can make an even bigger difference for our children.

## Why reading at home matters so much

Research and experience consistently show that children who read regularly at home:

- Develop **greater confidence** across all areas of learning*
- Build a **wider vocabulary**, supporting both speaking and writing*
- Achieve **higher outcomes academically**, across the curriculum*
- Experience improved **concentration, imagination and wellbeing***

Perhaps most importantly, reading together creates valuable shared moments - helping children associate reading with enjoyment, comfort and connection.

**How you can help.** We are asking for your support with one simple but powerful goal:

- Encourage your child to read every day**

This could be:

- Reading independently*
- Reading aloud to you*
- Sharing a story together*
- Listening to an audiobook and discussing it*

Even **10–15 minutes a day** can have a significant impact over time.

We are incredibly proud of the provision we offer in school, but we know that the greatest impact comes when **school and home work in partnership**. By building regular reading habits together, we can help our children to grow not only as learners, but as confident, curious individuals who develop a lifelong love of books.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. It makes a real difference.

**Andy Callaghan-Wetton** - Headteacher



\* Don't forget - Our help and support line is always available at [helpandsupport@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk](mailto:helpandsupport@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk)

