

Celebrating ENGLISH

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

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English at St Philip's

English is the subject that unlocks and opens vast learning opportunities in learning and life.

With acquiring the skills needed to read, retrieve and learn knowledge, English equips children from a young age with the necessary skills to apply them in all subjects and contexts across the curriculum.

Here at St Philip's, we believe in making the connections with English across the curriculum to enhance meaning in learning and allow children to become more independent in researching, gathering knowledge themselves and allowing them to have rich opportunities to express their learning in creative writing.

We believe that reading for pleasure is key to success. We encourage all children to develop a love of reading a wide variety of materials. This love of reading is shared by all our staff, and reading opportunities are promoted through all curriculum subjects. We are also celebrating the National Year of Reading.



Our World Book Day
assembly where we
focused on making reading
fun and accessible.



Reading Ambassadors

Our Reading Ambassadors share their passion for reading with the rest of the school.

This year they have read with Reception children and acted out some traditional tales for Storytelling Week! They also led an assembly for World Book Day, and are currently working on a brand new reading display down our KS1 corridor - watch this space!



What do our children think?

"English teaches us skills like **reading**, **writing** and **speaking well** which helps us in all our lessons and when we grow up."

Reading is like breathing in, writing is like breathing out.

"I like all of our books we do in lessons, they are **interesting** and **teach us about the world** as well as being **fun**."

"My **handwriting** and **spelling** have got **better** since we started the new ELS lessons."



These rich seams are the basis of our curriculum from Reception to Year 6.

Author Visit

Jude Lennon, who is a local author, visited us to share her stories in an exciting, interactive assembly. She will also be visiting us for World Book Day 2027!

Mrs Wright is the English Subject Leader at St Philip's!



Oxford Owl

- We use ELS (Essential Letters and Sounds) from Oxford Owl to teach our phonics in EYFS and Year 1, and Essential Spelling from Years 2-6.
- We are in the process of phasing in new decodeable books to match week by week the sounds taught in phonics.
- We also now use the Nelson Handwriting scheme from Oxford Owl.



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