



**ANSFORD ACADEMY**

LEARNING TOGETHER TO LEAD OUR LIVES

17th December 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

**RE: Reading Books - School Equipment**

All students in all year groups are required to bring a fiction reading book to school each day. As a school community, we are passionate about reading, and encouraging students to read for pleasure at every possible opportunity.

As we approach Christmas, we'd love to suggest adding some new reading books to their wish list. Books make excellent gifts and provide young people with so many positive experiences. The links below will take you to highly recommended books based on age and year group.

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

[Year 10](#)

[Year 11](#)

Research has proven time and time again that reading just 20 minutes each day has a considerable impact on children's reading, vocabulary, spelling and wider communication skills.

Our revamped library is also open during several lunchtimes for students to visit, borrow books and enjoy this quiet space for reading. We'd also like to remind families of our local community libraries which offer thousands of great read too:

[Bruton](#)

[Castle Cary](#)

[Glastonbury](#)

[Mere](#)

[Shepton Mallet](#)

[Wincanton](#)

Finally, we are big advocates for pre-loved books. Many of the popular books which children and young people love to read are often found in local charity shops and online sites such as Vinted.

Thank you all in advance for your support and encouragement helping your child and our school community reading for pleasure.

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