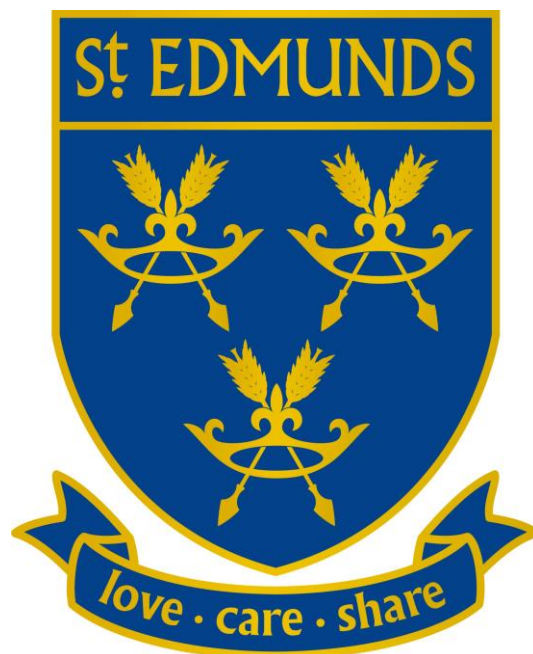


# **St Edmund's Catholic Primary School**



## **Year 4 Recommended Reading List**

## What can you do to help reading at home?

- 1. Make books a part of family life** – Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it's only for ten minutes.
- 2. Join your local library** – Get your child a library card. They'll be able to get their hands on hundreds of fantastic books. Let them choose what they want to read to help them develop their own interests.
- 3. Read about something they're interested in** – Help your child find the right book for them. It doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
- 4. All reading is good** – Don't rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines, newspapers or leaflets. Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile.
- 5. Get comfortable** - Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. Somewhere comfy to read will make a big difference.
- 6. Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'
- 7. Read whenever you get the chance** – Have a book or magazine with you for any time your child has to wait, like at the doctors or the dentist.
- 8. Read your favourites again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.
- 9. Enjoy bedtime stories** – Read with your kids at bedtime as often as you can. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with them.
- 10. Make the most of rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems with rhymes and repeated words or phrases are great for getting your kids to join in and remember the words.

Book title	Author	Front cover	Description
The Butterfly Lion	Micheal Morpurgo		<p>The story of a young boy who rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African bush. They remain inseparable until Bertie has to go away to boarding school and the lion is sold to a circus. Years later they are reunited.</p>
The Great Elephant Chase	Gillian Cross		<p>When the elephant came to town, Tad and Cissie went to the show like everyone else. Little did they know it would change their lives forever. Because of the elephant, they get involved in a chase across America, by train, by flatboat, and steamboat.</p>
The Way To Sattin Shore	Phillipa Pearce		<p>Kate never knew her dad, but that doesn't stop her missing him. She often secretly visits the gravestone with his name on it. But when the gravestone disappears Kate has a mystery on her hands. She has to find out what happened and as she delves deeper into her family's past, she realizes that there are many secrets to uncover and that all the clues point to one place. As Kate races to Sattin Shore her mind is a whirl of emotions: what she finds there will change the shape of her life forever.</p>
Just William	Richard Crompton		<p>Whether it's trying to arrange a marriage for his sister or taking a job as a boot boy as step one in his grand plan to run away, Just William manages to cause chaos wherever he goes.</p>
The Spiderwick Chronicles	Tony Diterlizzi		<p>It all started with a letter left for the authors at a tiny bookstore. Its closing lines: "We want people to know about this. The stuff that has happened to us could happen to anyone." Little could they imagine the adventure that awaited them as they followed Jared, Simon, and Mallory Grace and a strange old book into a world filled with elves, goblins, dwarves, trolls, and other fantastic creatures.</p>

<p>Operation Gadgetman</p>	<p>Malorie Blackman</p>		<p>Beans calls her dad 'Gadgetman' because of the weird and wonderful gadgets he comes up with - everything from exploding biscuits to Spy Kits. But when Gadgetman accidentally invents a device that could be used to steal millions of pounds, the wrong people find out and Gadgetman is kidnapped! With the help of her friends - and her special Gadgetman Spy Kit - Beans is determined to track down the kidnapers and rescue her dad. But can she find Gadgetman before he is forced to hand over the details of his invention...?</p>
<p>Beaver Towers</p>	<p>Nigel Hinton</p>		<p>The evil witch Oyin has returned to Beaver Towers with one aim, revenge. She has tried to destroy Philip with earth, air and fire. Now she uses her last and most dangerous means of attack, water. Philip must head for the sea as his friend is in danger. He has dared to defy Oyin once but this time she is waiting for him.</p>
<p>War Game</p>	<p>Michael Foreman</p>		<p>In 1914, four British boys dream of competing for the national soccer team, but join the English infantry instead. On Christmas day, after months of fighting, war becomes a game when German and British soldiers break all the rules to play soccer and exchange presents...</p>
<p>The Invisible Boy</p>	<p>Sally Gardner</p>		<p>When his parents are lost in space, Sam is left, heartbroken, in the care of the horrible Hilda Hardbottom. Then he finds a tiny spaceship in the cabbage patch and meets a little alien called Splodge. How Splodge makes him invisible, and how Sam uses his new talent in his darkest hour, makes a touching and extremely funny story with lovely memorable characters.</p>

<p>Demon dentist</p>	<p>David Walliams</p>		<p>Darkness had come to the town. Strange things were happening in the dead of night. Children would put a tooth under their pillow for the tooth fairy, but in the morning they would wake up to find... a dead slug; a live spider; hundreds of earwigs creeping and crawling beneath their pillow.</p> <p>Evil was at work. But who or what was behind it...?</p>
<p>Ice palace</p>	<p>Robert Swindells</p>		<p>Ivan lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjik, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold to find him.</p>
<p>The Chronicles of Narnia series</p>	<p>C.S Lewis</p>		<p>There are a thousand stories in the land of Narnia all packed with Journeys to the end of the world, fantastic creatures, and epic battles between good and evil.</p>
<p>Charlie And The Chocolate Factory</p>	<p>Roald Dahl</p>		<p>Charlie Bucket's wonderful adventure begins when he finds one of Mr. Willy Wonka's precious Golden Tickets and wins a whole day inside the mysterious chocolate factory. Little does he know the surprises that are in store for him!</p>
<p>The Children Of Green Knowe</p>	<p>Lucy M. Boston</p>		<p>Children: Toby, who rides the majestic horse Feste; his mischievous little sister, Linnet; and their brother, Alexander, who plays the flute. The children welcome Tolly to Green Knowe... even though they've been dead for centuries. But that's how everything is at Green Knowe. The ancient manor hides as many stories as it does dusty old rooms and the master of the house is great-grandmother Oldknow, whose storytelling mixes present and past with the oldest magic in the world.</p>







<p>Carrie's War</p>	<p>Nina Bawden</p>		<p>Albert, Carrie and young Nick are war-time evacuees whose lives get so tangled up with the people they've come to live among that the war and their real families seem to belong to another world. Carrie and Nick are billeted in Wales with old Mr Evans, who is so mean and cold, and his timid mouse of a sister, Lou, who suddenly starts having secrets.</p>
<p>The Falcon's Malteser</p>	<p>Anthony Horowitz</p>		<p>When the vertically-challenged Johnny Naples entrusts Tim Diamond with a package worth over three million pounds, he's making a big mistake. Tim Diamond is the worst detective in the world. Next day, Johnny's dead, Tim feels the heat, and his smart younger brother, Nick, gets the package and every crook in town on his back!</p>
<p>The Legend Of Captain Crow's Teeth</p>	<p>Eoin Colfer</p>		<p>Will's brother Marty is always playing practical jokes. But when he tells the bloodcurdling story of the cutthroat pirate Captain Crow, Will is <i>terrified</i>. Is it another one of Marty's tricks, or could Captain Crow's ghost really be out to get him?</p>
<p>The Snow Spider</p>	<p>Jenny Nimmo</p>		<p>On Gwyn's 9th birthday, his grandmother tells him he may be a magician, like his Welsh ancestors. She gives him five gifts to help him--a brooch, a piece of dried seaweed, a tin whistle, a scarf, and a broken toy horse.</p>
<p>Desirable</p>	<p>Frank Cottrell Boyce</p>		<p>George is a self-confessed social reject who spends more time with his Warhammer figures than actual people - but when he's given a bottle of aftershave called Desirable, women can't resist him! How will he cope with his new-found popularity? And what will happen when the magic wears off?</p>

## Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words

<b>Aa</b>	breath	continue	exercise	guard	<b>Kk</b>	naughty	position	recent	<b>Tt</b>
accident	build	<b>Dd</b>	experience	guide	Knowledge	notice	possess	regular	therefore
accidentally	busy	decide	extreme	<b>Hh</b>	<b>Ll</b>	<b>Oo</b>	possession	reign	though
actual	business	describe	<b>Ff</b>	heard	learn	occasion	possible	remember	thought
actually	<b>Cc</b>	different	famous	heart	length	occasionally	potatoes	<b>Ss</b>	through
address	calendar	difficult	favourite	height	library	often	pressure	sentence	<b>Vv</b>
although	caught	disappear	February	history	<b>Mm</b>	opposite	probably	separate	various
answer	centre	<b>Ee</b>	forward	<b>Ii</b>	material	ordinary	promise	special	<b>Ww</b>
appear	century	early	forwards	imagine	medicine	<b>Pp</b>	purpose	straight	weight
arrive	certain	earth	fruit	increase	mention	particular	<b>Qq</b>	strange	woman
<b>Bb</b>	circle	eight	<b>Gg</b>	important	minute	peculiar	quarter	strength	women
believe	complete	eighth	grammar	interest	<b>Nn</b>	perhaps	question	suppose	
bicycle	consider	enough	group	island	natural	popular	<b>Rr</b>	surprise	



### Questions you could ask your child

<b>Vocabulary</b> 	<b>Infer</b> 	<b>Predict</b> 	<b>Explain</b> 	<b>Retrieve</b> 	<b>Sequence</b> 
<p>Draw upon knowledge of vocabulary in order to understand the text.</p>	<p>Make inferences from the text.</p>	<p>Predict what you think will happen based on the information that you have been given.</p>	<p>Explain your preferences, thoughts and opinions about the text.</p>	<p>Identify and explain the key features of fiction and non-fiction texts such as: characters, events, titles and information.</p>	<p>Sequence the key events in the story.</p>
<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the word ..... mean in this sentence?</li> <li>• Find and copy a word, which means .....</li> <li>• What does this word or phrase tell you about.....?</li> <li>• Which word in this section do you think is the most important? Why?</li> <li>• Which of the words best describes the character/setting/ mood etc?</li> <li>• Can you think of any other words the author could have used to describe this?</li> <li>• Why do you think ..... is repeated in this section?</li> </ul>	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why was..... feeling.....?</li> <li>• Why did ..... happen?</li> <li>• Why did ..... say .....</li> <li>• Can you explain why.....?</li> <li>• What do you think the author intended when they said.....?</li> <li>• How does ..... make you feel?</li> </ul>	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at the book cover/blurb - what do you think this book will be about?</li> <li>• What do you think will happen next? What makes you think this?</li> <li>• How does the choice of character or setting affect what will happen next?</li> <li>• What is happening? What do you think happened before? What do you think will happen after?</li> <li>• What do you think the last paragraph suggests will happen next?</li> </ul>	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is your favourite character? Why?</li> <li>• Why do you think all the main characters are girls in this book?</li> <li>• Would you like to live in this setting? Why/why not?</li> <li>• Is there anything you would change about this story?</li> <li>• Do you like this text? What do you like about it?</li> </ul>	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What kind of text is this?</li> <li>• Who did.....?</li> <li>• Where did.....?</li> <li>• When did.....?</li> <li>• What happened when.....?</li> <li>• Why did ..... happen?</li> <li>• How did .....?</li> <li>• How many.....?</li> <li>• What happened to.....?</li> </ul>	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened?</li> <li>• What happened after .....</li> <li>• What was the first thing that happened in the story?</li> <li>• Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/middle/end of the story?</li> <li>• In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?</li> </ul>

