



**“My three children loved the reading challenge. I think it is a fantastic idea and gets kids reading through the summer.” (Parent, Hanham Library)**

**To all Parish and Town Councillors,**

Last year, more than 6,700 children in South Gloucestershire took part in the Summer Reading Challenge, giving us the highest participation rate in the South West and a key element in the *Time4Reading* project. There is no other free reading activity that involves so many children, introduces families to their library, encourages children to choose books freely and independently and is endorsed by parents, teachers and the Department of Education.

Organised by Libraries and The Reading Agency since 1999, the Summer Reading Challenge combines FREE access to books with fun, creative activities in the library during the summer holidays. Children’s reading can ‘dip’ during the long summer holidays, but taking part in the Challenge helps children maintain their reading levels and therefore supports the literacy standards in South Gloucestershire.

This year, we are celebrating 100 years of the world’s favourite storyteller, Roald Dahl, with *The BIG Friendly Read*.

#### **How the Challenge works**

- It’s free to take part - children sign up at their local South Gloucestershire library
- Children get special Roald Dahl collector cards and incentives as they read six library books of their choice
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to provide guidance and encouragement and run family friendly activities
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a medal and certificate

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed to have maximum child appeal and is highly motivating. It is not a competition but a personal challenge which offers reading inspiration and incentives to encourage children into libraries, including science and writing workshops and craft activities.

**If you would like to see how South Gloucestershire uses the Summer Reading Challenge, I list below the activities taking place in the authority, if you do have time it would be great if you could drop in. Can you phone the library beforehand to let them know as the sessions can get very busy.**

I hope you are able to visit and see what goes on both in the Summer Reading Challenge and the other services we provide.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Martin Burton, Community Cultural Services Manager, South Gloucestershire Council**



**FREE activity fun in all libraries!**

All activities are drop-in activities most suitable for primary school children unless otherwise stated.

**Crocodiles and other friendly animals**

Create your own snapgoggling creatures from your favourite Roald Dahl stories.

**Dahl's Delicious Delights**

Enjoy a fig-twizzling time at our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory inspired crafts.

**The Big Birthday Bash**

Your library invites you to Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday bash. Fantastical fun and zipp-fizzing games.

**Fizz Pop Science**

Suitable for primary school aged children. Children will get to take home their own sherbet made in the workshop. Limited number of places available - book yours at [www.southglosevents.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.southglosevents.eventbrite.co.uk)!

**Explore Learning: creative writing inspired by the BFG**

Enter the imaginative dream world of the BFG and unlock your own creativity in these fantastic free workshops from Explore Learning. Most suitable for children aged 7 – 9. Contact your library to book a place or call 01454 626764.

<p><b>Saturday 16 July</b></p> <p><b>Join the Big Friendly Read at any library during opening hours</b></p> <p><b>Launch activities, puzzles &amp; quizzes</b>          Cadbury Heath 10am – 4pm          Downend 10am – 2pm          Emersons Green 10am – 2pm          Filton 10am – 2pm          Staple Hill 10am – 4pm          Thornbury 10am – 1pm          Winterbourne 10am – 2pm</p> <p><b>The Big Birthday Bash</b>          Hanham 10am - 12          Thornbury 2 – 3:30pm</p>	<p><b>Monday 25 July</b></p> <p><b>Big Birthday Bash</b>          Filton 2 – 4pm</p> <p><b>Fizz Pop Science</b>          Thornbury 10:30 – 11:30am</p> <p><b>Explore Learning</b>          Cadbury Heath 11am - 12</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 26 July</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b>          Emersons Green 2 – 4pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 27 July</b></p> <p><b>Fizz Pop Science</b>          Bradley Stoke 10:30 – 11:30am          Kingswood 2 – 3pm</p>



<p><b>Fizz Pop Science</b> Patchway 10:30 – 11:30am Yate 2 – 3pm</p> <p><b>Explore Learning</b> Patchway 3- 4pm</p>	
<p><b>Thursday 28 July</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b> Hanham 2- 3pm</p> <p><b>Fizz Pop Science</b> Downend 10:30 – 11:30am</p>	<p><b>Friday 29 July</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b> Chipping Sodbury 10:30am – 12</p>
<p><b>Monday 1 August</b></p> <p><b>Fizz Pop Science</b> Cadbury Heath 10:30 – 11:30am Filton 2 – 3pm</p> <p><b>Explore Learning</b> Bradley Stoke 4 – 5pm</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 2 August</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b> Patchway 10 – 11:30am</p> <p><b>Fizz Pop Science</b> Chipping Sodbury 10:30 – 11:30am Winterbourne 2 – 3pm</p> <p><b>Explore Learning</b> Kingswood 11am - 12 Staple Hill 2 – 3pm</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 3 August</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b> Kingswood 2:15 – 3:15pm</p> <p><b>Fizz Pop Science</b> Hanham 10:30 – 11:30am Staple Hill 2 – 3pm</p>	<p><b>Thursday 4 August</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b> Bradley Stoke 10:30 – 12</p> <p><b>Dahl's Delicious Delights</b> Hanham 2 – 3pm</p> <p><b>Fizz Pop Science</b> Emersons Green 2 – 3pm</p>
<p><b>Monday 8 August</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b> Cadbury Heath 10:30 – 11:30am Filton 10 – 11:30am Thornbury 10:30am – 12</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 9 August</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b> Yate 10:30am – 12</p> <p><b>Dahl's Delicious Delights</b> Patchway 10 – 11:30am</p>



	<p>Staple Hill 10:30am – 12</p> <p><b>Explore Learning</b> Hanham 11am – 12</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 10 August</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b> Winterbourne 10 – 11:30am</p> <p><b>Dahl's Delicious Delights</b> Chipping Sodbury 10:30am – 12 Kingswood 2:15 – 3:15pm</p>	<p><b>Thursday 11 August</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b> Downend 10 – 11:30am</p> <p><b>Explore Learning</b> Filton 2 – 3pm</p>
<p><b>Monday 15 August</b></p> <p><b>Dahl's Delicious Delights</b> Filton 10 – 11:30am Cadbury Heath 10:30 – 11:30am</p> <p><b>Explore Learning</b> Yate 11am – 12 Downend 2 – 3pm</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 16 August</b></p> <p><b>Crocodiles and other friendly animals</b> Staple Hill 10:30am – 12</p> <p><b>Dahl's Delicious Delights</b> Yate 10:30am – 12</p> <p><b>Explore Learning</b> Thornbury 3 – 4pm</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 17 August</b></p> <p><b>Dahl's Delicious Delights</b> Winterbourne 10 – 11:30am</p> <p><b>The Big Birthday Bash</b> Kingswood 2:15 – 3:15pm</p>	<p><b>Thursday 18 August</b></p> <p><b>Dahl's Delicious Delights</b> Bradley Stoke 10:30am – 12 Downend 10 – 11:30am Emersons Green 2 – 4pm</p>
<p><b>Friday 19 August</b></p> <p><b>The Big Birthday Bash</b> Chipping Sodbury 10:30am – 12</p>	<p><b>Monday 22 August</b></p> <p><b>Dahl's Delicious Delights</b> Thornbury 10:30am - 12 <b>The Big Birthday Bash</b> Cadbury Heath 10:30 – 11:30am</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 23 August</b></p> <p><b>The Big Birthday Bash</b> Patchway 10 – 11:30am Staple Hill 10:30am – 12 Yate 10:30am – 12</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 24 August</b></p> <p><b>The Big Birthday Bash</b> Winterbourne 10 – 11:30am</p>



<p><b>Explore Learning</b> Emersons Green 11am - 12</p>	
<p><b>Thursday 25 August</b></p> <p><b>The Big Birthday Bash</b> Downend 10 – 11:30m</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 31 August</b></p> <p><b>Explore Learning</b> Winterbourne 2 – 3pm</p>
<p><b>Saturday 10 September</b></p> <p><b>The Big Birthday Bash</b> Bradley Stoke 10:30am – 12noon Emersons Green 2 – 4pm</p> <p><b>Finish activities &amp; crafts</b> Downend 10am – 2pm Filton 10am – 2pm Hanham 10am – 2pm Staple Hill 10am – 2pm Thornbury 10am – 1pm Winterbourne 10am – 2pm</p>	