4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to begin sending reading books home again and are excited to share this important part of your child's reading journey with you. At Walmley, reading for pleasure is a key priority, and we believe that fostering a love of books from an early age helps children develop confidence, curiosity and a lifelong enjoyment of reading.

Today, your child has brought home a reading book that they have **chosen themselves from our school or class library**. This is a **book to share** with you at home – a wonderful opportunity to sit together, read, and enjoy the story. Please remember that this **may not** be a book matched to your child's reading level; it is one they have chosen because it interests them.

This book should travel between home and school **every day**. During library time, children should have their book with them so they can share what they have been reading with their teacher and peers or exchange it for a new one.

In addition to their chosen book, many children will also bring home a **Little Wandle Fluency Programme book on Monday 7th September**. This book will be carefully matched to your child's reading level and should be read **independently** by your child, with your support and supervision. These books are designed to help children practise and develop their reading fluency. These books should also travel between home and school every day ready for their reading fluency groups.

As a reminder, we use the **PageTicker** app to log children's reading for pleasure at home. Teachers check PageTicker weekly, and it provides a valuable way for us to share and celebrate what children are choosing to read outside of school. We encourage families to use the app regularly to record reading and any comments about books enjoyed at home. For new children who have joined our school, instructions on how to set this up have been given to children today.

We kindly ask that all books are treated with care and returned in good condition so that every child can enjoy them. If a book is lost or damaged beyond repair, there will be a replacement charge of **£10 per book**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a lifelong love of reading in your child.