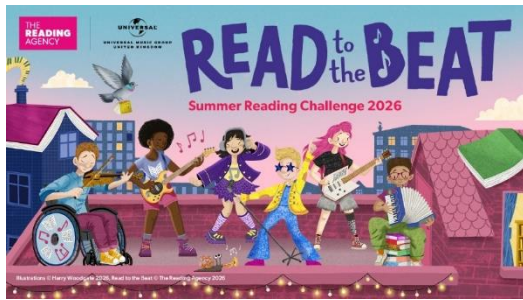




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Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to invite your child to take part in ***Read to the Beat***, this year's Summer Reading Challenge, which launches in all Portsmouth Libraries from **Saturday 4 July**.

Please encourage your child to visit the library and see the difference the Challenge makes to their reading and confidence. It is also a really fun way to spend time together during the holidays as all our libraries will be offering lots of activities during the summer.

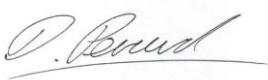
It is **FREE** to join the library and take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and there are **NO FINES** or reservation charges for books borrowed by children or adults!

Children can also register online: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Every child taking part in the Challenge will receive stickers and other incentives to encourage them to reach their reading target. When they complete the Challenge, they will be given a special certificate and invited to the very popular celebration event to receive a medal and take part in lots of fun activities. This will take place at **Southsea Castle** on **Sunday 27 September**.

Our staff look forward to welcoming you and your child to your local library this summer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Percival'.

David Percival
Library and Archive Services Manager