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WHITEKNIGHTS READING CHARTER

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Gold Award: Transformational Reading Culture

Our Reading Charter recognises schools that build strong reading cultures, deliver excellent classroom practice and ensure no child is left behind.

Schools working towards the Gold Award are leading models of reading excellence, where reading is central to identity, aspiration and achievement.

School's Name: _____ Reading Champion: _____

Validating School 1: _____ School 1 Reading Champion: _____

Validating School 2: _____ School 2 Reading Champion: _____

Reading is prioritised and celebrated in our school				
Evidence to achieve the Gold Award could include:	**Embedded**	**Developing**	**Area of Focus**	Evidence / Action Points
Strategic Leadership				
Reading drives school vision and improvement culture				
Governors/trustees receive regular reading impact reports				
School supports others through outreach or collaboration				
Expert Practice				
Evidence-informed pedagogy consistently strong in all phases				
Fluency, vocabulary and comprehension is expertly sequenced				
Staff subject knowledge is highly developed				
Exceptional Reading Culture				
Reading is visible in every space and every phase				
Pupil-led reading campaigns drive participation				
Festivals, themed weeks, competitions and community reading projects are embedded				
Reading is celebrated beyond the English Curriculum				

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Equity and Inclusion				
Narrowing gaps for disadvantaged pupils				
Personalised support ensures every child succeeds				
High engagement among reluctant readers				
Wider Influence				
Partnership with libraries, hubs, authors, trusts or universities				
School shares practice through visits / webinars				
Pupil leadership influences local reading culture				
Reading ambassadors promote books at a termly assembly				
Sustained Impact				
Strong attainment outcomes				
High reading motivation and pupils identify themselves as readers				
Long-term systems that survive staffing change				

Gold Evidence Examples

- External recognition / partnership work
- Case studies
- Reading culture portfolio
- Gap narrowing evidence
- Staff development model

Schools Own Impact Statement:

(Successes/ Data/ what you are proud of/ (Case Studies)

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In the academic year 2026/27, our school will:

- Continue to embed work on the Reading Pledge Gold Award