



Parish Report from Wroughton Library June 2026

Task Master over May half term

We (and I include Zoe who made some super convincing envelopes) planned a busy half term of Taskmaster activities including "A slow walk race" and "write your name backwards so that it appears correct in a mirror". In fact half term was quite quiet as the sun had finally come out, so we won't waste these, but will use them again over the summer, or if we see anyone who looks like they need to walk slowly.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme is "Read to the Beat". Swindon Libraries haven't sent us any details yet but we are already thinking about craft club activities as it's only a month away. We are really hoping that it will be open to pre school children again as it was last year, as that was great fun and really improved our footfall and membership take-up over the summer holidays (in August 24 we had 1084 visits, in August 2025 we had 1412)

"What's On" posters

We have been displaying "What's On" posters for our customers, although it has been just as useful for us to help us plan the month ahead. We are introducing new themes every two weeks which gives us structure and makes sure we think up fresh ideas. We change window displays and adapt craft club to suit the theme – last month we had dinosaurs out for the children to play with and for June we had a dragon theme followed by "Fun on the Farm". Obviously this is aimed at children up to seven, but we put more challenging activities on the Creation Station.

Weekly visits from Wroughton Pre school

While Tick Tock Pre school continue to bring up to 23 children every Tuesday, we hadn't had a lot of connection with Wroughton Pre-school. However that suddenly changed and starting from 10th June they are bringing ten children per week to hear a story and explore the space. Staff are very on board with the need to enrol children, and are distributing our leaflets and promoting the library for us.

£200 from Duck Race

This was a great surprise as I had hoped for £100 to pay for a rug in the children's corner, so the extra money means we have funds for a spot stain remover and some more magnetic book supports to keep the non-fiction books clearly separated according to subject.

It does sound like we spend all our time thinking about the needs of small children and nobody else, but I'm hoping this approach has a knock on effect so that visits become habit forming, word spreads that we are here and that it's a pleasant experience.

Possible wine tasting evening

I am twisting the arm of Sarah Philips from Magnums Wine Shop to make her solo debut as a wine expert. She hasn't said no, so I'm taking it as a yes. More information will follow on Facebook and Instagram.

Poetry Writing Course

Heather Hawkins ran a Creative Writing Course last year and has kindly offered to run a poetry writing course on Wednesday afternoons within the library from September to October.

Thank you to Tony Moglione for coming into the library on Saturdays, it makes us feel supported. If anyone else is passing do come in and say hello.

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