

Early Birds KS2

As the name suggests these are early morning, pre-school sessions for which children in year 6 are nominated and invited to attend.

The focus is on literacy, in particular enriching children's vocabulary and command of English, through sharing high quality, more challenging texts.

Children attend **Wednesdays and Thursdays**, starting work promptly at **8.00 am** and finishing at **8.45 am**, in time to enjoy a VIP breakfast, courtesy of Mrs Newall.

Often the text we read explore difficult subjects and the children get a great deal from discussing these in the security of one group setting – for example, one study of the bestseller, *A Street Cat named Bob* by James Bowen helped us to explore homelessness on a very human level.

I have run these sessions for the past five years and it is gratifying to see how over that time, early morning study has become the norm for so many of our year 6 children and their hugely supportive parents and carers.

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