

SATYA/ACAD/CIR/2026-27/005

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*"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary."*

Dear Parents,

Namaste!

It gives us immense pleasure to introduce the **Satya Annual Reading Challenge – 2026–27**, an initiative envisioned to cultivate a deep-rooted culture of reading within our academic community. In an era increasingly characterized by transient digital engagement, the habit of sustained reading stands as a cornerstone of intellectual growth, linguistic refinement, and holistic development.

Reading is not merely an academic exercise; it is a transformative pursuit that broadens perspectives, strengthens comprehension, and nurtures empathy. It is, therefore, imperative that our students develop a disciplined and enduring engagement with books. All students from Grades I to XII are expected to participate in this comprehensive reading initiative during the academic session.

### **Mandatory Reading Requirement**

- Every student is required to read a minimum of **five (5) books** during the academic session. The bifurcation of mandatory five books to be read is as follows-

April – June: 2 Books

July – August: 1 Book

October – December: 1 Book

January – February: 1 Book

- Students are encouraged to explore a variety of genres to enhance comprehension and vocabulary.
- A **Reading Log** in the almanac must be maintained and verified periodically.
- Structured opportunities for reflection and discussion will be incorporated during library periods.
- Continuous monitoring will ensure authenticity and sustained engagement.

### **DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read)**

To strengthen reading habits **across the board**, a **30-minute DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) period** has been implemented for students. During this time, students engage in uninterrupted reading to build fluency, comprehension, and reading stamina. This dedicated reading slot will ensure consistent exposure to books and promote independent reading habits.

### **Primary School Reading Programme**

For **Primary School students**, the **Collins Reading Programme** will be followed to enhance foundational reading skills. The programme will be **effectively guided by teachers**, ensuring:

- Structured and levelled reading progression
- Focus on fluency and comprehension
- Vocabulary enrichment
- Guided reading support
- Regular monitoring of student progress

## Recognition and Accreditation

Students' consistent effort will be acknowledged and celebrated through the following distinctions:

- **Green Badge (Reading Star):** Up to 5 books (including 1 Hindi book)
- **Purple Badge (Reading Ambassador):** 5–10 books (including 2 Hindi books)
- **Orange Badge (Reading Leader):** 15 books (including 4 Hindi books)
- **Blue Badge & Certificate (Reading Maestro):** 20 or more books (including 5 Hindi books)

Books should be age appropriate. Successful participants will be awarded a **Certificate of Achievement** along with the prestigious **Maestro Badge**.

Parents are requested to actively support this initiative by encouraging regular reading habits at home and fostering meaningful discussions around books. Your involvement is vital in shaping disciplined and thoughtful readers.

**"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."**

Warm regards,



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