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Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: SORA**

Good news! To support the National Year of Reading 2026, the Academy will soon be launching **SORA**, a **free digital reading app** for students in Key Stages 3–5.

SORA allows students to borrow and enjoy e-books and audiobooks instantly, including graphic novels, comics and read-along books.

Students in **Key Stages 4 and 5** may also benefit from the **Libby app**, which is mainly aimed at adults. More information about Libby will be shared separately.

SORA offers a large, carefully selected range of age-appropriate books that can be accessed on mobile phones, tablets and computers. It also includes learning support features such as dyslexia-friendly fonts and highlighting tools.

**Key benefits include:**

- Adjustable audio speed, high-contrast mode, and customisable font size and style
- Secure access using school login details
- Access to local public library collections for a wider choice of books
- The ability to track reading time, achievements and notes

**How to access SORA:**

- Visit **www.soraapp.com** and search for *St Mark's Church of England Academy*
- Log in using your child's **school email address and password** (e.g. 22NAME@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk)
- Available on:
  - iOS 10+ (iPhone/iPad) via the Apple App Store
  - Android 5.0+ via the Google Play Store
  - Amazon Fire tablets
- Books can be **downloaded and used without an internet connection**



SORA is provided by **OverDrive Education** and is designed to support students' reading enjoyment and understanding.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to **engage with and support your child's reading journey**.

If you or your child have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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