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GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL LAUNCHES COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED BOOK TOKEN SCHEME FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

Godalming Town Council is pleased to announce the launch of a **pilot Community Book Token Scheme**, designed to support school libraries across Godalming and Farncombe. The initiative, delivered in partnership with **Waterstones Godalming**, aims to enhance early years literacy and promote community engagement through a collaborative effort involving local residents, schools, and businesses. In recognising the importance of accessible, high-quality library resources, Town Councillors unanimously supported the trial scheme at their recent meeting.

How the Scheme Works:

- **Duration:** 21 July-31 August 2025, aligning with Waterstones' national *Children's Summer Reading Challenge*.
- **How to Take Part:** Residents can purchase book tokens at **Waterstones Godalming** and place them in a designated in-store collection box.
- **Who Benefits:** Tokens collected will be distributed among the state infant and junior schools within the Godalming civic parish:
 - St Edmund's
 - St Mark & All Saints Primary
 - Moss Lane Infants
 - Busbridge Infants
 - Busbridge Junior
 - Godalming Junior
 - Farncombe Infants
 - Loseley Fields Primary School
- **Redeeming Tokens:** Participating schools will exchange the tokens at Waterstones Godalming for inclusive, curriculum-aligned, and non-fiction reading materials selected to meet their specific needs.

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