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National  
Year of  
Reading  
2026

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# The National Year of Reading 2026

## What is it?

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a UK-wide idea, organised by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust.

Its main goal is to encourage people of all ages to read for pleasure.

## Why is it happening now?

A 2025 report from the National Literacy Trust found that only 1 in 3 people aged 8 to 18 enjoyed reading in their free time, and 1 in 4 said they didn't enjoy reading at all.

## What do some say are the benefits of reading?

BookLife, a children's book supplier, believes this campaign matters because reading for pleasure isn't just about enjoying stories. It says reading can help with:

- Well-being.
- Future opportunities at work.
- Improving vocabulary and how you talk with others.
- How you think and organise your ideas.
- Relaxation, imagination, and empathy.

## What are some of the things happening during the campaign?



### Book swaps

where children can share books with friends.



### Special reading events

in schools and libraries.



### Reading challenges

to try new books and stories.



### Highlighting lots of different ways to read:

books, comics, magazines, e-books, and audiobooks.



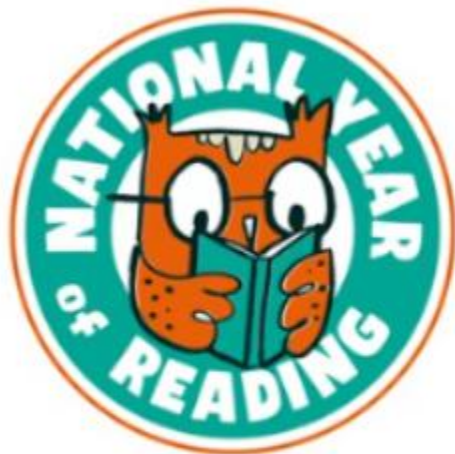
### Visits from authors

and storytellers.



### Storytime sessions

for young children and families.



Logo by reading organisation, BookLife.

# What does this look like at Sopley School?

Every month we will be doing a reading assembly and a reading activity.

Let's enjoy reading together!



# January

Welcome to our Reading Ambassadors .



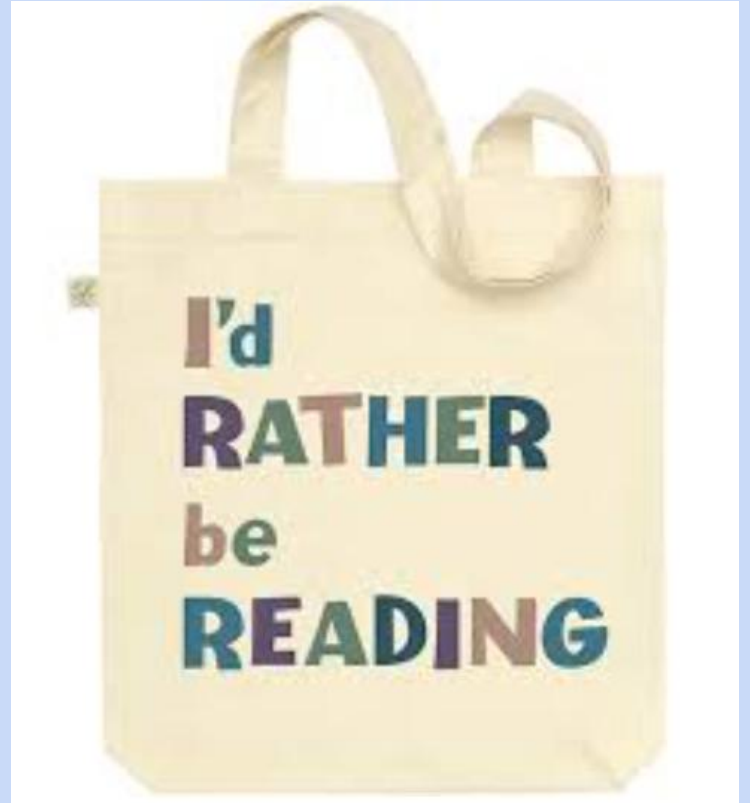
These children have been chosen to promote reading, help in the library, buy new books, monitor reading diaries, help plan events, recommend reads to name a few...

Congratulations to Wren - winner of our badge competition!

# Reading bags

They are back and better than ever!

Each week in assembly, your teacher will choose 1 child to take home the bag. You will find a selection of books to share with your family, and a cosy blanket to snuggle up with and read!



# Reading buddies

Every Wednesday after lunch, you will read with your buddy.

This week, the older children will choose and read a picture book to the younger children. You are welcome to bring one in from home, or choose 1 from the library.

Year R with Year 3 - in Hedgehogs

Year 1 with Year 5 - in Rabbits

Year 2 with Year 4 and 6 on Badgers.

You will register in class, then go and find your reading buddy with your book.



# Reading diaries

Let's get reading at home.

We expect you to be reading at home at least 4 times in a week.

In KS2, this may be you reading to yourself.

In KS1, you should be reading to an adult.

The more you read, the more you earn!



"You can find magic wherever  
you look. Sit back and relax all  
you need is a book!"

– Dr. Seuss



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