



# St Nicholas CE Primary School Bulletin 12th February 2026

## Celebrating the National Year of Reading - World Book Day

World Book Day is almost upon us... to give a heads up on our plans which you may want to begin preparations for during half term, we will be exploring the different genres of books that we enjoy reading.

Planned Activities planned are:

**Theme:** "Go all In!"

**Book Focus:** Charlie Cook's Favourite Book - Julia Donaldson

**World Book Day Token design Competition:** Cash Prizes available!

**School Creative Competition:** Mr Potato Head - Characters from stories

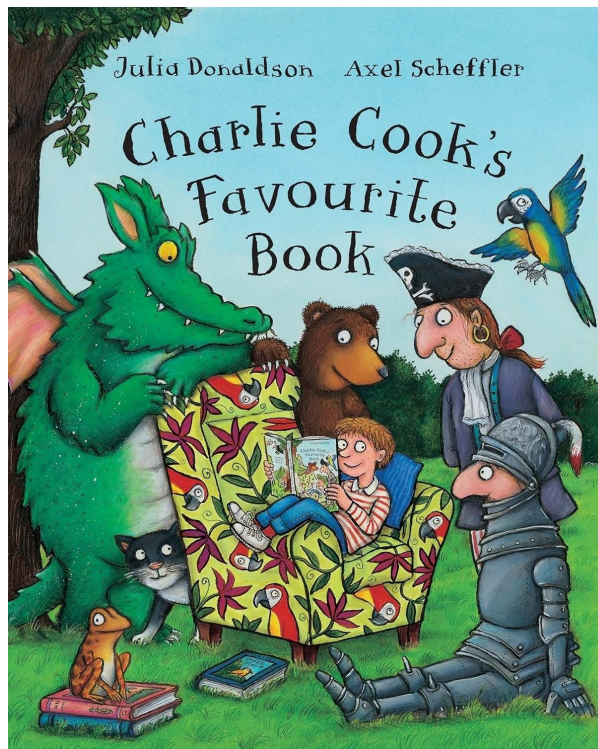
**Author Visit:** Meredith Vigh (It's a big World Bartholomew! Odell's Amazing Arms)

**Usborne Book Fair:** 6th March

**Scholastic Book Fair: 11th-16th March**

**Dress Up Theme:** Dress Up as a character from your favourite genre

More information will follow closer to the day.



St Nicholas CE Primary School are committed to nurturing a love of reading in every child and this year we have an exciting opportunity.

We are launching a huge Library Refurbishment Project to create an inviting, inspiring and accessible reading space for all our children. A place where imagination can flourish, curiosity can grow and a lifelong love of books can begin.

To make this happen, we are aiming to raise £25,000.

This will support new furniture, updated shelving, cosy reading zones, a quiet sensory zone along with a refreshed collection of books that reflects the diversity and interests of our children.

How you can help!

Every contribution makes a difference, no matter how small. If you're able to support the project, please scan the QR code below or follow the link to donate.

When children read, they grow. When we support them, they flourish. Reading opens minds, fires imaginations and lays the foundations for life so thank you for helping us create a space where every child can discover the magic of books

#NationalYearOfReading<sup>1</sup> #LibraryProject<sup>2</sup> #ReadingForAll<sup>3</sup> #SchoolCommunity<sup>4</sup>  
#SupportOurSchool<sup>5</sup>

If you work for, or know any large companies who might be interested in making a donation towards our library, please do let us know. We are reaching out to local business to support our project and we need your help!

Our library needs your help!

Calling all Parents/Carers,

We all want our children to be able to read, and having a dedicated quiet space to discover, develop and enjoy a love of reading is a fundamental part of nurturing that. That's why our next St Nicholas School PTA project is to fundraise £25k to transform one of our existing spaces into a beautiful library and sensory space for all our children across the school to use.

This new space will house over 2000 books, have brand new accessible shelving, comfortable reading spaces for individual or group work, as well as dedicated sensory resources. See the graphic illustration below. We have the plans, the commitment and the space. We just need the funds to get us there.

Please help by donating to our GoFundMe page. Spread the word to family & friends and any company/professional contacts you have who can help. Scan the QR code (above right) to donate. Any donation welcome. Every penny counts in making this happen. All Our PTA efforts & activities will be about reaching this £25k target as soon as possible!

Thank you for your support.

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## Gymnastics Fun in KS1 🤸 🤸

A group of children took part in an exciting gymnastics experience where they had a brilliant time building their skills and bravely trying out brand new moves!

There was lots of jumping, balancing, stretching and smiling as the children challenged themselves, grew in confidence and showed fantastic determination. We're so proud of their enthusiasm and effort!

What super gymnasts in the making!















## Forest School Fun!

A huge thank you to Polehampton CE School for hosting a fantastic event on Friday 30th January. The children had such a good time they didn't want to go home!! Den building - Creating bug hotels - Tree climbing - Toasting marshmallows and finding worms...What a brilliant day of outdoor learning, team work and adventure.







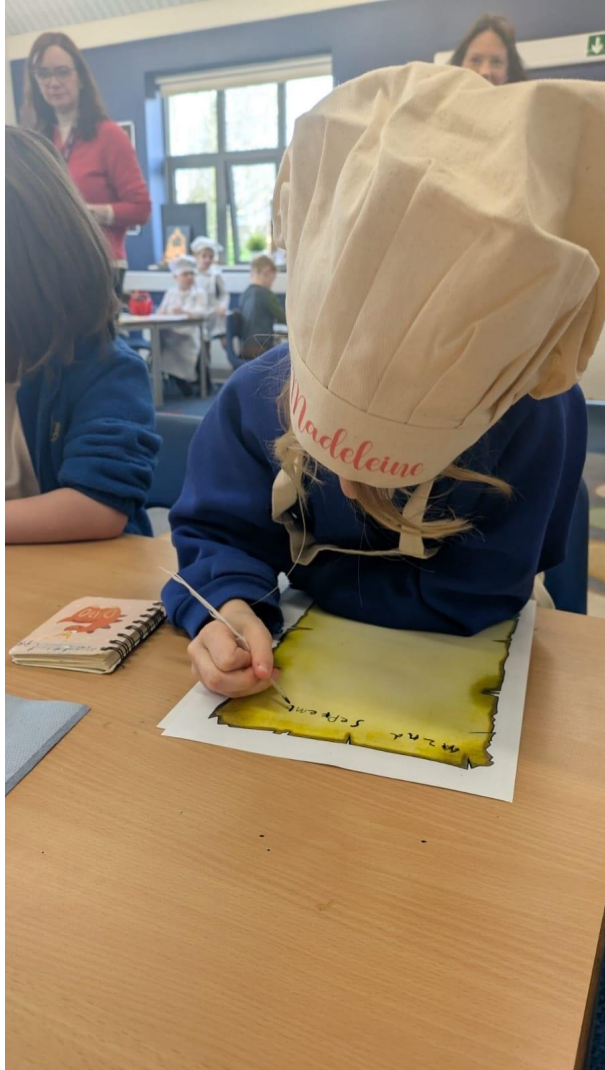
## Flint Stepping Stones Showcase

Flint class have been learning about The Great Fire of London. They really enjoyed showcasing what they had been learning to their parents, carers and grandparents. It was lovely to see them dressed up and acting their parts.











## Theatre Adventures

A huge thank you to Luckley House School<sup>6</sup> for inviting us to their matinee performance of Beauty and the Beast. The children were enthralled by the incredible performance. What a show!

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## Fabulous Footballers!

The St Nicholas girls produced an outstanding performance in their Wokingham FA Spring Term match, finishing with an impressive 9–1 victory. The goals came thick and fast, with Hallie and Ivy both scoring hat-tricks, leading the attack with confidence and energy. Sienna added two excellent goals and Eva completed the scoring with a well deserved goal. At the back, Phoebe, Charlotte, and Zara defended strongly throughout the match, working together to shut down attacks and keep the opposition under pressure. A brilliant team effort and a well-earned 9–1 win for St Nicholas!

The Wokingham FA Mixed Spring Shield fixture against Hatch Ride was an exciting match yesterday!

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Jack opened the scoring before assisting Seb to secure a second goal giving us a 2–0 lead at half-time. Hatch Ride responded strongly in the second half, bringing the score to a draw at 2–2 by full time. The match went into an additional five minutes of play when Cruz scored the winning goal, resulting in a 3–2 victory to St Nicks!!

The performance was marked by fantastic defending, excellent positional flexibility and passing throughout the team and a series of outstanding saves by goalie Sean.

🏆🏆 Well done team 🏆🏆



## Past Pupil Visit

We had some past St Nicholas students visit this week, who are now at The Forest School, to chat with our Year 5 and 6 children about what to expect when they move up to secondary school. It was great to see them and for them to share their experiences.



## VOTE FOR BINDERELLA!!!

A huge congratulations to Max, who entered the Wokingham Borough competition to name their brand new fleet of waste collection lorries which we shared in our January newsletter.

Max' brilliant idea, "**Binderella**", has been shortlisted! Voting is now OPEN!

Let's get behind Max and vote for Binderella! If he wins, there's even a chance of a special visit to school!

Well done Max 🚛



Cast your vote and help make Binderella a winner! click on this link to Vote | Vote | Wokingham Borough Council<sup>7</sup>

#Binderella<sup>8</sup> #VoteBinderella<sup>9</sup>

## Safer Internet Day!

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- Ask good questions
- Check information carefully
- Keep personal details private
- Remember that AI is helpful, but it doesn't replace our own thinking

The children discovered that Alexa might be able to tell a good joke, or roar like a dinosaur, but she doesn't know everything!

As part of our Safer internet day, the children in EYFS have been spotting pictures that have been generated using AI

So... what are your thoughts about these photos... in particular those of Dexie helping out in class today?



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Be curious, be clever and be safe online.

Following up at home: You might want to try the quiz here:  
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/.../safer.../quiz-for-7-11s><sup>10</sup>

Or have a go at sorting the scenario cards below!

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AI VIRTUAL FRIENDS**

Artificial Intelligence – particularly in terms of how it generates natural language – has seen rapid development over the last six months, with companies releasing new AI-powered chatbots (such as ChatGPT) to existing apps (such as Snapchat, for example) or new forms of AI to become especially popular. It has also been the AI friend or chatbot on children's social media, with many young people using computer-generated companions. There are now hundreds of apps available with this virtual friend functionality, with the likelihood of it being added to other popular platforms soon.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**CONTENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**  
AI chatbots only feed off data they are able to recognise when used and are not able to filter out. So there is a possibility of inappropriate content being returned to children and young people. This includes content that is inappropriate for their age, or content that is harmful, abusive, or contains hate speech. Companies producing such AI solutions are also unlikely to take responsibility for any content that their algorithms generate.

**REDUCED SOCIAL CONTACT**  
An excessive reliance on chatbots for social interaction could potentially reduce a child's ability to engage with real people. This could lead to social isolation, if young people become dependent on chatbots to provide support and advice, and if they do not develop their own social skills.

**LACK OF SENSITIVITY**  
Chatbot software isn't always designed to pick up on subtle emotional cues or recognise signs of distress in children, or most humans would. It might also struggle to respond appropriately. AI misinterpreting what a child is saying could lead to a lack of empathy, or a lack of understanding of a child's emotional wellbeing or substance use, or any existing emotional issues.

**UNINTENTIONAL BIAS**  
AI chatbots are only as good as the data they are trained on. If the data they are trained on is biased, they will also be biased. This means that chatbots can display a variety of biases, including gender, race, and ethnicity. This could lead to children developing skewed attitudes and beliefs.

**COGNITIVE LIMITATIONS**  
Although many are now undergoing advanced AI-powered cognitive training, chatbots are still limited in their ability to understand complex concepts, and may struggle to provide accurate information. This could lead to children developing incorrect beliefs or misconceptions.

**PRIVACY CONCERNS**  
Chatbots typically collect data about users, including personal information and conversations. This is often done to improve their performance and to provide personalised recommendations. However, this data may be stored and used in ways that are not fully transparent to users, and there may be risks of data breaches or misuse.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**CHAT ABOUT CHATBOTS**  
AI chatbots are becoming increasingly common, and it's important to talk to your child about them. Discuss the risks and benefits, and encourage them to use them responsibly. Encourage them to think about the quality of the information they receive, and to be aware of the potential for bias and misinformation.

**CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**  
If your child is keen to engage with AI chatbots, encourage them to do so in a safe environment. Encourage them to use them on a secure device, and to avoid sharing personal information. Encourage them to use them in a public space, and to avoid using them when they are alone.

**FIND A BALANCE**  
Encourage your child to find a balance between using AI chatbots and other activities. Encourage them to spend time with friends and family, and to engage in physical activity. Encourage them to use AI chatbots as a tool to learn and explore, rather than as a source of entertainment.

**TAKE CONTROL**  
As with any form of app or device, when it comes to AI chatbots we'd strongly recommend that you do as much as you can to control the data that is collected and shared. This is particularly important for younger children, who may not be aware of the risks of being tracked or monitored by inappropriate content.

**RECOGNISE THE RISKS**  
It's unlikely that most children will have even considered the potential risks of using AI chatbots. Encourage them to be aware of the risks, and to take steps to protect themselves. Encourage them to be aware of the potential for bias and misinformation, and to be aware of the potential for data breaches or misuse.


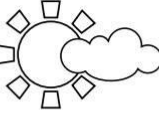










**Meet Our Expert**  
A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary is a member of the National Online Safety team. He has over 15 years of experience in the field of information security, and is a frequent speaker at industry conferences. He is also a member of the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).

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 <b>Play my favourite song</b>	 <b>Ask what the weather is like</b>	 <b>Play a video I like</b>
 <b>Tell me a joke</b>	 <b>Send a message to a family member</b>	 <b>Set a timer to help me remember when to come off my game</b>
 <b>Make a mean joke about someone I know</b>	 <b>Buy something from an online shop without asking a grown up first</b>	 <b>Play a video I've been told not to watch</b>
 <b>Play loud music when someone is trying to sleep</b>	 <b>Ask it a question about a bad word</b>	 <b>Send an unkind message to someone</b>

<b>NEW EMAIL: Please help!</b>  I am in a group chat with people in my year group. The other day, I saw that a photo had been shared by somebody in the chat.  The photo was of me, and it had been edited with AI to change my appearance. Other people in the chat have been laughing at the picture. I feel really embarrassed. Please help!  From Anxious in Armagh	<b>NEW EMAIL: Just a joke?</b>  I am part of a group chat with 5 of my friends.  One member of the chat is using AI to write jokes about the other members of the group. They were funny at first, but now some of them are mean and rude.  Why are they doing this? We're supposed to be friends!  From Hurt in Hull
<b>NEW EMAIL: AI nightmare...</b>  I enjoy watching videos online and I am a big fan of cars and racing.  Last week, I came across a video which made me feel upset. It was edited with AI, and it was horrible and scary. Now it's keeping me awake at night because it is giving me bad dreams.  From Sleepless in Swansea	<b>NEW EMAIL: Who do I trust?</b>  I enjoy learning new facts about space and the solar system.  Recently, I was completing my project for school and decided to try using AI to find out some new information. Lots of my friends at school have told me it's reliable.  I saw a fact, and I am pretty sure it wasn't true, but my friends have told me that AI is never wrong. What can I do next?  From Doubtful in Dundee
<b>NEW EMAIL: Safe or a scam?</b>  I was playing a game online and noticed a pop up telling me I could get free gems if I clicked the link. It looked very realistic!  My friend told me that this was likely a scam, and it looks like it was made with AI. I'm unsure what to do, I really want the free gems, but I don't want to be scammed!  From Tempted in Telford	<b>NEW EMAIL: It's not funny</b>  My friend and I were playing on a chatbot. We were having fun asking silly questions and laughing at the answers.  But then my friend started asking rude questions and using bad language. They said it's just a laugh, but it made me feel uncomfortable. What should I do?  From Bothered in Bangor

## School Council Corner

Dear parents/carers

We are writing to you as members of the School Council to tell you about something important we have been discussing in our meetings.

We want our school and playground to be a clean, happy place for everyone. Recently, we noticed that a lot of the litter at breaktime comes from snack wrappers, which can easily get dropped or blown around the playground.

To help with this, starting from after half term, we are encouraging children to bring wrapper-less snacks to school whenever possible. Snacks can be brought in a **named** reusable container.

We are also reminding everyone that snacks should be healthy and nutritious, as these help us stay focused, energetic and ready to learn. Snacks such as fruit, cheese, rice crackers or similar are perfect! (Processed foods, crisps and cereal bars are not healthy snacks for breaktime, and are more suitable to have in lunchboxes).

There will still be a food waste bin outside, where children can put fruit peels, skins and other food waste as usual.

If a healthy snack does have a wrapper, we will be asking that children remove the wrapper before going out to breaktime, so it can be thrown away safely and doesn't end up on the playground.

All other snacks will be saved until lunchtime.

Thank you for supporting our School Council and helping us to make positive choices for our school, our health and our environment.

We are proud to be taking responsibility and caring for our school grounds together.

Kind regards, The School Council 🌱

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## Follow us on Social Media!

Can't wait for the bulletin and want to see more about what is happening in school and around our village? Then follow our social media page here: Facebook<sup>11</sup>



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<sup>11</sup><https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551221615071>

## Autumn term dates

### February

Fri 13th - INSET Day

**Mon 16th to Fri 20th HALF TERM**

Mon 23rd (onwards) - Coin Quest

Wed 25th - Flint Class trip to Wellington Country Park

Thu 26th - Bags2School Clothing Collection

### March

Wed 4th - The Story Chair

Thu 5th - World Book Day and Author Visit

Fri 6th - PINS Parent Meeting 9.00am

Tue 10th - RockSteady Concert 2.45pm

Fri 13th - Red Nose Crazy Hair Day

Fri 13th - PTA Quiz and Curry Night

Tue 17th - Perform Drama Workshop

Fri 20th - Easter Disco for all school (5.00pm to 6.30pm)

Tue 24th - Easter Exhibition for children in school

Tue 24th - Parent Consultations

Wed 25th - Easter Egg Hunt (AM)

Wed 25th - Easter Bake Sale (PM)

Wed 25th - Stepping Stones Showcase - Sandstone Class

Thu 26th - TKAT Cross Country Event KS2

Thu 26th - Parent Consultations

Fri 27th - Easter Service at Church

Fri 27th - 1.30pm Term Ends

**Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April - EASTER BREAK**

## Half Term Get Active Camp

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Parents, this February half term our Holiday Camps are back, and they're going wild.

This half term's theme is Animal Adventure, with days packed full of movement, creativity, and hands-on fun. It's a great way to keep children active, curious, and smiling all day long.

 **What's Happening At Camp**  
Children will enjoy a mix of themed activities and our much-loved camp favourites, including:

- Bug Hunts with magnifying glasses & discovery checklists
- Den and teepee building challenges
- Animal Olympics with energetic team games
- Mini habitat creations using natural materials
- Wild tracks adventures and creative play

Alongside the theme, there's plenty of sport, games, team challenges, and time to make new friends in a safe, structured environment.

**Book Early And Save**  
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## Enrichment Activities

### ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

	Before School	During the School Day	After School
<b>Monday</b>	Morning Judo with Mark Fricker <a href="https://judo-school-uk.pembee.app/">https://judo-school-uk.pembee.app/</a> Get Active Breakfast Club	Lunch Recorder Club – Mrs Clacy Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	First Impressions Musical Theatre Club <a href="https://first-impressions-theatre.classforkids.co/">https://first-impressions-theatre.classforkids.co/</a> Get Active Breakfast Club	Rock Steady Music <a href="http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com">www.rocksteadymusicschool.com</a> Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	Get Active Breakfast Club	Lunchtime Choir Club – Mrs Clacy The Story Chair – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month – St Nicholas Church Lunchtime Football Club – Mr Luis Get Active Lunchtime Games	Multi Sports Club – Mr Luis Get Active After School Club
<b>Thursday</b>	Get Active Breakfast Club	Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club
<b>Friday</b>	Get Active Breakfast Club	Keyboard Club with Tom Jones <a href="mailto:admin@wekey.co.uk">admin@wekey.co.uk</a> Get Active Lunchtime Games	Get Active After School Club

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## ACTIVE TRAVEL BINGO

**What can you see when you are walking, cycling, wheeling or scooting to school?**

Take a different route to school	A winter tree	Early signs of spring e.g. snowdrops	Pedestrian crossing (Puffin, Zebra, etc)
Choose a different way of travelling for one day	A bird	Winter berries	Traffic lights
Travel actively to school three days in a row	A playpark	Evergreen leaves	Count your steps
Wear bright colours to ensure you can be seen	Puddles	An umbrella	A cycle shelter



More information:  
[myjourneywokingham.com/events](http://myjourneywokingham.com/events)



1 - The My Journey Team are pleased to launch our Active Travel Bingo Competition.

The aim is to encourage walking, cycling and scooting to school by asking pupils to complete a bingo card that has things to spot or to do on the journey to school. This is a great way to encourage healthy lifestyles.

The winner will receive a £50 gift card for Clip 'n' Climb in Arborfield, and the runner up will receive a £25 gift card.

You can also find out more about this competition and our other initiatives on our website here: [Active Travel Bingo](#)<sup>12</sup>



## ACTIVE TRAVEL BINGO

Once you've found them all, write a short sentence on what you enjoy about your journeys to school in the winter and why you like them.

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NAME: ..... AGE: .....  
SCHOOL: .....

Send your entry to: [myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk)  
by Sunday, 22 February 2026

The winning entry will receive a £50 voucher and the runner-up will receive a £25 voucher both for Clip 'n Climb, Arborfield.



More information:  
[myjourneywokingham.com/events](http://myjourneywokingham.com/events)



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<sup>12</sup><https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/active-travel-bingo/>



# ACTIVE TRAVEL BINGO

## Terms & Conditions

- The school competition is open to school children in Wokingham borough aged 4-11
- Entries must also include a short sentence about your child's journey to school in the winter
- The closing date is midnight on Sunday, 22 February 2026
- Please send your entry to: [myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk) giving your child's name, age and school
- The prizes are a £50 and £25 gift voucher for Clip 'n Climb in Arborfield and there are no alternative prizes



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## St Nicholas Church



2 - Children are invited to join us for story time with Rosemary and Jenny. The story chair will be the first Wednesday of every month.

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St Nicholas



# Messy Church

11am in St Nicholas Church on:

- Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025
- No Messy in December
- Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (Christingle)
- Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026
- Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026
- Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- No Messy in June - Hurst Show
- Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2026

*at a Messy Service we celebrate God in our community  
by listening to stories, making things,  
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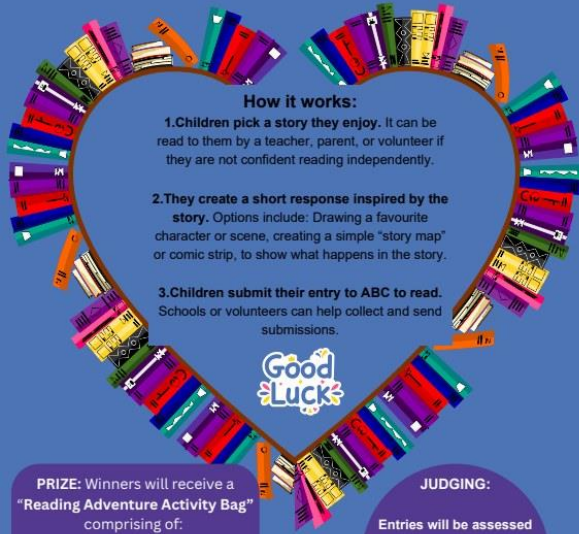


ISTD Tap



## National Year of Reading 2026 ABC to read - Reading Adventure Challenge

**Objective:** Celebrate stories and creativity, making it accessible for all children, including those who find reading difficult.



### How it works:

1. Children pick a story they enjoy. It can be read to them by a teacher, parent, or volunteer if they are not confident reading independently.
2. They create a short response inspired by the story. Options include: Drawing a favourite character or scene, creating a simple "story map" or comic strip, to show what happens in the story.
3. Children submit their entry to ABC to read. Schools or volunteers can help collect and send submissions.

Good Luck

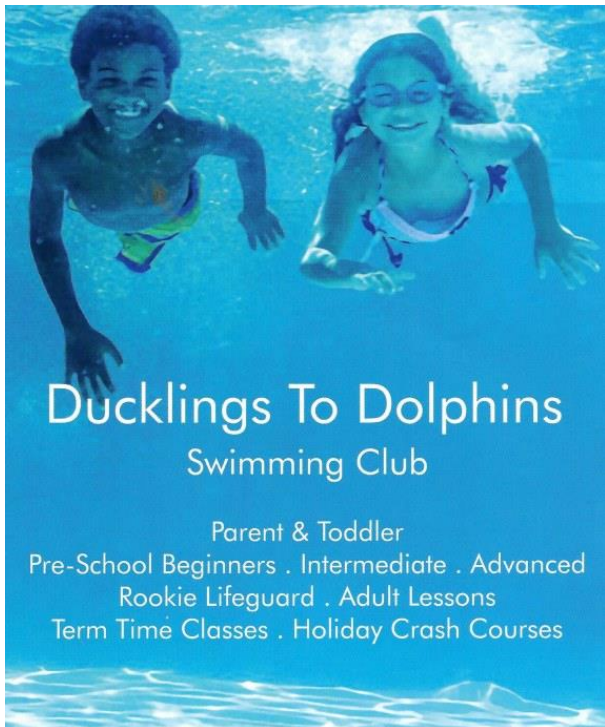
**PRIZE:** Winners will receive a "Reading Adventure Activity Bag" comprising of:

- A children's book (suitable for different reading levels)
- Or creative activities linked to stories
- Stationery for drawing or simple writing

**JUDGING:**

Entries will be assessed on creativity, effort, and enthusiasm rather than writing skill, with categories by age group.

**Entries please by Friday, 6 March 2026**



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This will be delivered via Microsoft Teams so please download the app prior to the session.

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