

# Year of Reading 2026



## Vision and Rationale

At St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, we believe that reading is the foundation of all learning and a lifelong gift we give to our children. Our aim for 2026 – The Year of Reading, is to ignite a love of reading across the whole school community, ensuring that every child becomes a confident, fluent and enthusiastic reader.

Through high-quality texts, enriched experiences, pupil leadership and strong links with families and the wider community, we will promote reading not only as a skill, but as a joy.

## Key Aims for 2026

- To foster a love of reading from the earliest years
- To raise reading attainment, fluency and comprehension
- To promote reading for pleasure across all year groups
- To empower pupils through the Reading Ambassador programme
- To strengthen home-school partnerships around reading
- To celebrate reading as a whole-school and community value

## Reading Ambassadors – Whole Year Overview

Every class from Year 1 to Year 6 will have Reading Ambassadors who will:

- Promote reading for pleasure within their class
- Help organise reading events and displays
- Share book recommendations
- Support the school library
- Act as reading role models
- Represent the school in community reading events (e.g. libraries)
- Promote Poet Laureate competitions and select a new Poet Laureate each term

Reading Ambassadors will meet half-termly with the English Leads.

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Month	Whole-School Focus & Events	Reading Ambassador Role
January	<p>Launch of the Year of Reading (including Support your School) initiative for parents)</p> <p>Whole-school assembly</p> <p>Staff CPD (webinars) 15.1.26 19.1.26 20.1.26</p> <p>Reading challenges launched</p>	<p>Check and update class reading displays/ corners</p> <p>Promote daily reading routines</p>
February	<p>Reading for Pleasure (webinar 11.2.26)</p> <p>Author focus weeks (National Storytelling Week- 3.2.26 live workshops)</p> <p>Reading buddies begin (KS2-KSI) and library visits for R, Y1, Y4</p> <p>Creative writing competition – stories that made us readers.</p>	<p>Recommend favourite books</p> <p>Launch reading buddy system</p>
March	<p>World Book Month (Teach Brief Live webinar 10.3.26)</p> <p>World Book Day</p> <p>Dress-up day- family reading breakfast? tbc</p> <p>The Great Big World Book Day Footy and Booky Quiz (UKS2) 5.3.26</p> <p>Library open to parents?</p>	<p>Help run book swap</p>
April	<p>Reading Across the Curriculum</p> <p>Non-fiction focus</p> <p>Texts linked to RE &amp; foundation subjects</p>	<p>Promote subject-based reading</p> <p>Create book lists for curriculum displays</p>

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May	Community Reading Local library visits Guest readers	Book stall at summer fair Read at library story time sessions
June	Inclusive Reading Diverse texts Accessible reading tools	Promote inclusive books Support peers
July	Celebration of Reading Reading awards? Book picnic? End-of-year reflection	Help present awards Share reflections
September	Restart & Refresh New Reading Ambassadors Reading expectations shared	Welcome new pupils Update displays
October	Reading & Faith Bible stories Storytelling linked to liturgical year	Read scripture to younger pupils
November	Reading Challenges Whole-school challenge Sponsored read?	Encourage participation Track progress
December		Read festive stories Represent school in community

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Festive Reading  
Advent & Christmas stories  
Library story time

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## Our Aim

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