

# English Events at Parish so far this year ...

## Reading by Twilight:

EYFS and Key Stage 1 enjoyed two cosy evenings at school for our Reading by Twilight events. The children and their special adult were treated to a variety of books in the twinkly candlelight, enjoyed different reading inspired craft activities and had a delicious hot chocolate and treats after. Our friends from the Book Stop Shop also set up a book shop for us to buy books.



## Sponsored Story Events:

Thank you to everybody able to attend our sponsored story event. Reception and Nursery enjoyed pumpkin picking, listening to the story 'Pumpkin Soup', creating an Autumn soup and decorating their pumpkins.

## National Handwriting Day:

Across the school we celebrated National Handwriting Day. We marked this special day by embracing the joy of putting pen to paper and celebrating every child and young person's unique handwriting journey. Here are some photos of our Nursery children practising their mark-making skills by using pipettes, taking part in draw alongs and doing gross motor movements.



## Library Visits:

We are taking part in the BASH awards again this year, so have had lots of visits from our friends at the St Helens Schools library service.

We have also taken part in some brilliant workshops, such as the Holocaust Memorial Day workshop. In Year 5, we were joined by Kevin from St Helens library service to talk about the Holocaust, how we remember and to write some diary entries based on life at that time.



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## Oracy Event:

**Mrs Hardy**  
@MrsHardyParish

It was a pleasure to take two of our Y6 pupils to the Town Hall to represent @parishschool1 this morning at the St Helens Oracy Competition. 🎤⭐ They were so excited to meet author @frankcottrell\_b and celebrate their achievements. 🎉📱 #AdvocatingforChange 🎤



**Miss Warbrick** @MissWarbrick\_ · Jan 13  
Today we had a special visit from poet Paul Delaney! 🌟 The children loved learning about imagination and had so much fun singing, dancing to different songs, and listening to stories brought to life through puppets 🎭



**Mr Molyneux** @MrMolyneux · Jan 14  
Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit from local poet, Paul Delaney. After learning how Paul creates his poetry, we created and orally rehearsed our own poems to then perform in front of each other. 🎤🎭 @parishschool1



**Parish CE School reposted**  
**Mrs Hardy**  
@MrsHardyParish  
Y6 thoroughly enjoyed their workshop with local poet Paul Delaney developing their Oracy skills as they rehearsed and performed the poem 'What would happen if...' #ParishPride @parishschool1 🎤⭐



## Poet Visit – Paul Delaney:

For our third learning cycle of the academic year, we are focusing upon the development of Articulate Learners - one of our seven Rainbow Promises.

On Tuesday 13th January, we were delighted to welcome local author and poet Paul Delaney into school. After an inspiring whole-school worship, each class spent time rehearsing a poem before performing it—an excellent opportunity to develop confidence, expression and oracy skills. It was wonderful to see our youngest learners joining in with well-loved rhymes and stories, while our oldest pupils challenged themselves with rhyming couplets, complex rhythms, and even began crafting poems of their own. The enthusiasm across the school was fantastic and I loved to see the development of our performance skills (linked to the Oracy Framework) within the session.

Later in the year, our pupils will have the exciting opportunity to take part in the St Helens Poetry Buzz Festival, also organised by Paul—a brilliant chance to continue celebrating creativity and the spoken word





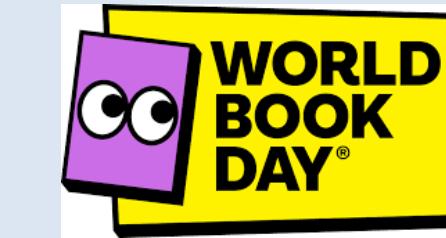
## Part of the National Year of Reading 2026



As part of the Government's Year of Reading, we are proud to be placing reading at the very heart of school life – we have always stated that reading is the beating heart of life at Parish. We are working closely with our local bookshop, The Book Stop Shop, and St Helens Library Service to inspire a love of books, promote high-quality texts and strengthen the link between reading at school and at home. Children are encouraged to read regularly at home, supported by an inviting, well-stocked school library run by our enthusiastic NEW student librarians, who help recommend books and promote reading for pleasure.

Throughout the year, we will be taking part in the national Year of Reading events and celebrations, including an exciting visit from author Frank Cottrell-Boyce for World Book Day, giving our pupils a memorable opportunity to meet a real author and be inspired by stories.

Through these experiences, we aim to nurture confident, enthusiastic readers for life



## Children's Laureate

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