



Read through the information below, all about the National Year of Reading campaign. Do you think it is a good idea?

## 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 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.

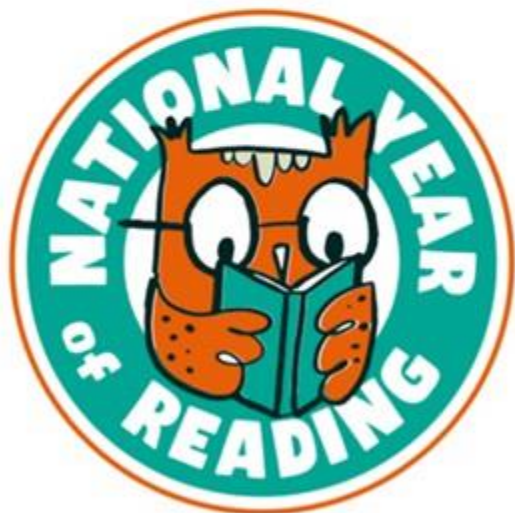


**Storytime sessions**  
for young children and families.

### 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.



Logo by reading organisation, BookLife.

Do you know if there are any events taking place in your local area?

Resource  
**one**



Look at the resource below, which shows some different places people can enjoy reading.



Try reading in a new place this week.

Where will you choose?



Home



Outside



Whilst travelling



School



At the library

**Pick, Predict,  
Wonder!**

**Pick** a place you like.

**Predict** what kind of story you might enjoy reading there.

**Wonder** how reading in that place could change how the story feels!