



Euxton Primrose Hill

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY



11th March 2026

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"Together We Will Make A Difference."

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Monday and to hear how happy you are with how settled your children are in school and the progress they are making. We look forward to welcoming more families next Monday. The Book Fair will also be in school next week and will be open during Parents' Evening.

We have a busy final two weeks of the spring term ahead before we break for Easter, so please do take a moment to check the calendar for the dates of upcoming events.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend when it arrives.

Best Wishes

Mrs Claire Jones
Headteacher

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE INCREASE



JUST A REMINDER THAT PRICES FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES ARE INCREASING FROM £2.95 TO £3.05 FROM 13TH APRIL 2026.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR VISIT - 11TH MARCH TO 17TH MARCH 2026

We have our annual book fair visit on **Wednesday 11th March to Tuesday 17th March 2026** – this will be based in the lower hall. For every book purchased a certain amount of money comes to the school, meaning we can order more books for our pupils.

We really do hope you can support us with this – thank you!



Attendance & Absence

We strongly encourage good attendance to support your child's learning and progress.

◆ If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9:00am on each day of absence.

☎ 01257 276688

✉ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

◆ **Be specific:**

It's important to give a clear reason – for example:

✓ "Tonsillitis" or "Sickness and temperature"

✗ Not just "unwell" or "poorly".

This helps us meet safeguarding and health requirements

Communicating with Us

If you need to get in touch, please email the school office in the first instance:

✉ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Your message will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

We aim to respond as soon as we can, but please allow up to 48 hours for a reply during term time.

For urgent matters during the school day, please phone the school office directly on: 01257 276688

If You're Concerned About Something...

We want to work in partnership with you.

If you're ever worried or unhappy about a situation, please follow this order of contact, via the school office:

- **Class Teacher** – your first point of contact
- **Phase Leader** – if further support is needed:
EYFS & Year 1 - Mr Danny Tooby
Year 2 – Miss Amie Dobbs
Years 3/4 – Mr Lloyd Davies
Years 5/6 – Miss Molly Burns
- **Assistant Headteacher** - Miss Amie Dobbs
- **Deputy Headteacher** – Mrs Emma Swinburn
- Headteacher** – Mrs Claire Jones

We're here to help and will always do our best to resolve any concerns quickly and fairly.

Jewellery & Appearance

To keep everyone safe and focused on learning:

◆ **No jewellery** – including earrings (studs/spacers), rings, bracelets, necklaces, loom bands, or wristbands

◆ **No earrings or spacers** – these are a safety risk, especially during play and PE

◆ **No nail varnish or make-up** – children should come to school with natural nails and faces

Thank you for your support!

Tel: 01257 276688 (8:15am-3:45pm)

Email: office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Out of school Club, please contact Sarah Collison 07548 944202 or s.collison@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk



TOAST - SUMMER TERM 2026



TOAST

If you would like your child to have toast in the Summer Term please make payment on ParentPay using the item '**26 Toast Summer Term**'. The total cost will be **£15.75** starting **Monday 13th April to Friday 17th July 2026**. The deadline for Toast payments is **12 noon on Friday 20th March 2026**.

Please note: Strictly, no late orders will be accepted.

DAN WORSLEY - CHILDRENS AUTHOR VISIT - FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026

Dan is a children's author and performance storyteller. We are thrilled that he will be visiting school to perform a selection of his stories and share his writing skills.

Dan will have copies of all seven of his books (**£5 each/cash only**) available for purchase at a book signing event after school on **Friday 13th March**. If any children in **Year's 3, 4, 5 and 6** would like to purchase a copy on the day, he will be happy to sign and personalise the pupil's books (see attached flyer for more information).

TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTO'S - THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2026

TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY



On **Thursday 19th March 2026**, Tempest Photography will be in school to take class photos. **All pupils should come to school wearing their FULL school uniform**. If your child usually has **PE** on this day, they may wear trainers with their uniform. If your child attends any **Sports Clubs**, please ensure they bring their PE kit into school so they can change into it later. Thank you for your co-operation.

Y3/Y4 GLOW DODGEBALL FESTIVAL

Well done to the pupils who participated in the Glow Dodgeball Festival on 5th March 2026. They all did really well and represented the school brilliantly. A special mention goes to the girls, who had to play **every single round** and showed fantastic determination and teamwork throughout.

As it was a festival event, all participants received a certificate for participation – a great reward for their effort and positive attitude. We're very proud of you all!



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COLOURING/DRAWING COMPETITION

We are holding a **Colouring Competition for EYFS/KS1** (colouring sheet attached) and an **Easter Drawing Competition for KS2!**

Entries cost **50p** on ParentPay, and there will be a prize in each category for **Best Boy** and **Best Girl**. 🏆

All the remaining money raised will be sent to Emelia from Euxton CE, who is raising money for her important life-saving DIPD treatment.

Don't forget to add your name and class and give your entries to Miss Pearson. Last day for entries is **Thursday 26th March 2026**.

Good Luck Everyone!

FOOD COLLECTION FOR LIVING WATERS AND EUXTON FOOD BANK

The School Council are organising a food collection to support Living Waters and Euxton Food Bank. To help make sure we gather a good variety of items, each year group has been asked to donate a specific type of food.

Children are invited to bring their food donations during the **last week of term**.

Reception: **Beans**

Year 1: **Sweetcorn and Peas**

Year 2: **Rice and Pasta**

Year 3: **Biscuits**

Year 4: **Cereal**

Year 5: **Tinned Fruit**

Year 6: **Soup**

Thank you for supporting this collection and for helping those in our community. It is greatly appreciated.

EUXTON LIBRARY VISITS

Some of our classes will be visiting Euxton Library in March. Please see below for classes and their visit dates:-

EYFS - Thursday 12th March 2026

Year 1 Ash - Thursday 19th March 2026

Year 1 Cedar - Thursday 26th March 2026



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

One Way System

Just a reminder that the one-way system involves travelling down Primrose Hill Road, passing school on your left hand side and exiting left or right via Cedar Avenue and operates between the hours of 8.25am – 9.00am and 2.50pm – 3.20pm. By adopting this route, two exit points are available off the estate.

Please could you also refrain from parking on any yellow lines. They are there for everyone's safety.



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Pupil Achievements and Celebrations

Super Pupils

YEAR 6

Everest - Bobby M
K2 - Elijah D

EYFS

Beech - Panagiotis K
Oak - Amelia G

YEAR 5

Mont Blanc - Stanley W
Olympus - Hattie J

YEAR 1

Ash - Alex R
Cedar - Seth C

YEAR 4

Ben Nevis - Emily T
Snowdon - Robert M

YEAR 2

Maple - Ruben C
Elm - Lydia C

YEAR 3

Pendle - Edward W
Rivington - Finley C

House Point Winners

KS1
Yellow

KS2
Blue

Reminders And To Do



We are a **NUT FREE** school. Please **do not** bring any snacks into school which contain nuts, including Nutella, Reese or Kinder Bueno products.

School Notices

Y5 Class Notices

Hothersall Lodge

3rd payment now overdue

Y6 Class Notices

Boreatton Park 2027

Deposit due 20th March 2026

Dates for the Diary 2025-2026



March 2026

- 11-17th Annual Book Fair Visit
- 12th EYFS Euxton Library Visit
- 12th Y2 Helmsore Mill Trip
- 13th Dan Worsley - Author Visit - Y3,4,5 & 6 *
- 16th Parent Consultation Evening - 3.15pm - 5.00pm
- 17th Choir Performance at Blackburn Cathedral 'Let's Go Sing' - Evening Performance
- 18th Primary School Nursing Monthly Drop In - 2.15-3.15pm
- 19th Y1 Ash Euxton Library Visit
- 19th Tempest Photography - Class Photo's
- 20th PTA Non-Uniform Chocolate Donation
- 25th Easter Special Lunch
- 26th Y1 Cedar Euxton Library Visit
- 26th PTA Bunnies Bingo!
- 26th Y3 Deva Roman Museum Trip
- 27th Easter Bonnet Parade
- 27th Final day of Spring Term - HAPPY EASTER!

April 2026

- 13th Summer Term Begins
- 13th Y4 Ben Nevis River Project Pop Up Shop-2.30pm *
- 14th Y4 Snowdon River Project Pop Up Shop-2.30pm *
- 16th Y4 Ben Nevis Cuerden Valley Trip
- 17th Y4 Snowdon Cuerden Valley Trip
- 17th Y6 Everest Leyland Trucks
- 17th School Council Meeting
- 21st Y3 Pendle Southport Eco Centre Visit
- 24th Y6 K2 Leyland Trucks
- 28th Y3 Rivington Southport Eco Centre Visit

May 2026

- 4th May Bank Holiday
- 7th School Council Meeting
- 21st PTA May Fair
- 22nd Final day of Summer Term
- 25-29th SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June 2026

- 1st INSET DAY
- 2nd INSET DAY
- 4th Travelling Science KS2 - AM only
- 22-24th Y5 Hothersall Lodge Residential
- 23rd Y1 Bring Yer Wellies Ash Class
- 24th Y1 Bring Yer Wellies Cedar Class
- 26-29th Y6 Boreatton Park Residential

July 2026

- 2nd Y4 Ben Nevis Evacuation Sleepover Night
- 3rd Y4 Ben Nevis Tea Dance
- 9th Y4 Snowdon Evacuation Sleepover Night
- 9th Y2 Bees Visit in school
- 10th Y4 Snowdon Tea Dance
- 17th Final day of Summer Term - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Primrose Hill Clubs 2025-2026

Primrose Hill Clubs 2025 – 2026

Spring w/c 26th Jan 2026 - w/c 9th March 2026
 Summer w/c 5th May 2026 - w/c 22nd June 2026

Name of Club	Run by	Day	Finish	Collect From
Art Club Y4,5,6	Mrs Bullock	Tuesday (Extra Session: 17.03.26)	4pm	Snowdon
Book Club Y6	Mrs Brockie	Every Tuesday (Final Session: 24.03.26)	4pm	Everest
Games Club Y3&4	Miss Dobbs	Wednesday	4pm	Pendle
STEM Club Y3&4	Mrs Cunningham	Wednesday (Extra Session: 17.03.26)	4.15pm	Office
Choir Y5&6	Mrs Swinburn / Miss Burns	Every Wednesday (Final Session: 17.03.26)	4pm	K2
Eco club (Y2-Y6)	Miss McKinley / Mrs Rigby	Every Thursday	4:30pm	Office

Sports Clubs Spring Term 2

Name of Club	Run by	Day	Finish	Dates
Y5&6 Netball Club	Mrs Clements / Miss Dickinson	Monday	4:15pm	w/c 23/02/26 – w/c 23/03/26
CSSP Ball Skills	CSSP	Tuesday	4pm	w/c 23/02/26 – w/c 23/03/26
Golf Ways Y3&4	Miss Ahmed	Tuesday	4:30pm	w/c 23/02/26 – w/c 23/03/26
Striking & Fielding KS1	Miss Ahmed	Wednesday	4pm	w/c 23/02/26 – w/c 23/03/26
Striking & Fielding Y3&4	Miss Ahmed	Friday	4:30pm	w/c 23/02/26 – w/c 23/03/26

*New date added

**Information or date amended



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More details about Dan and his books can be found on his website: danworsley.com or you can find him on X [@dan__worsley](https://twitter.com/dan__worsley) and Instagram [@danworsley76](https://www.instagram.com/danworsley76)

EUXTON PRIMROSE HILL PTA

Proudly presents

NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday 20th March

Come to school in your own clothes
IN EXCHANGE FOR EASTER CHOCOLATE!

All chocolate donations will go
towards our
BUNNIES BINGO NIGHT!



Let's make it a fun and chocolate-filled day
for a great cause!



Thank you for your support!



PTA presents

BUNNIES BINGO

£3 A TICKET INCLUDING 6 GAMES

Ticket must be purchased for anyone attending (all ages)

Extra Books
£2

Dobbers
£1 each

Tuck Shop Available

RAFFLE ★ PRIZES

26th MARCH

Doors open 5.45
Eyes down 6.30

CASH ONLY

Tickets are limited and once they've sold out there are no more.



BINGO				
1	19	96	33	96
8	22	39	42	59
19	18	♥	47	88
7	18	34	67	88
7	20	46	61	72



BINGO				
1	19	23	94	
8	17	23	53	
9	30	5		
7	11			

Happy
Easter



Name:

Class:



**EUXTON
PRIMROSE HILL**
Primary School
"Together we will make a difference."

Primrose Buds

Free play and stay sessions for children aged 4 and under

Drinks

Songs

Toys

Stories

Friends



Friday 6th February 2026

Valentine's themed morning



Friday 6th March 2026

Bring your wellies and waterproofs as we head out to our Forest School for this session



Friday 20th March 2026

Easter themed morning

9am - 10.15am in the upper hall

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

To book please call: **01257 276688**
or scan the QR code



School Nursing Monthly DROP-IN

Speak to a member of our school nursing team about various health topics including emotional health, diet, healthy lifestyles, sleep, bed-wetting & constipation, head lice and behaviour

When?

Wednesday 18th March
2.15pm – 3.15pm

Where?

Meeting Room 2

For more information about our service scan the QR code to our website, for general enquires or to make a referral, please contact our Single Point of Access Tel: 0300 247 0040 Email: vc1.019.singlepointofaccess2@nhs.net



Stay Strong, Get Vaccinated

Information for parents to protect their children through vaccination

We know your child's health is your top priority and so protecting them from serious disease is incredibly important. That is why the NHS offers a free childhood vaccine programme, safeguarding your child from certain illnesses.

Vaccines work by causing the body's immune system to remember the specific infection targeted in each vaccine. If your child comes into contact with an infection and they have had their vaccines, your child's body will recognise that infection and quickly respond to fight off diseases like measles, mumps, rubella, whooping cough and more.

Illnesses like measles can spread very easily between children who are not vaccinated, and such infections can have a huge impact on your child's life. They can miss out on school due to time spent unwell, be hospitalised, and even experience life-long complications and disability. In some cases, these infections can tragically cause death

Recent data shows that in 2024¹, over 2,900 measles cases were confirmed in England, the highest figure in decades. As a result, the UK has lost its World Health Organization (WHO) measles elimination status. Vaccination rates also remain well below the 95% target needed to prevent outbreaks.

Health experts warn that falling vaccination rates are putting more children at risk of severe illness and long-term complications, many of which are entirely preventable through the free NHS vaccinations programme.

Vaccination remains one of the most effective public health interventions, second only to clean water. Immunisation protects millions of children from severe illness, long-term complications and death globally each year.

We understand that you may have questions about vaccine safety and effectiveness. All routine childhood vaccinations offered by the NHS have an excellent safety record.

As well as directly protecting vaccinated children, many vaccines also reduce transmission across the population, helping to protect those who are too young or too vulnerable to be vaccinated.

What's new in 2026?

For the first time, the NHS is offering free protection against chickenpox as part of the routine childhood schedule through the MMRV vaccine. This single injection protects against:

¹ [Parents urged to protect children through vaccination campaign - GOV.UK](#)

What Makes FUNDA LAND Award-Winning?

Innovative Active Play & Learning Spaces

FUNDA LAND is home to an incredible range of attractions, including the **UV Laser Tag Zone**, **Bumper Cars**, **VALO Interactive Climbing Wall**, and **Sensory Play Area**. Each activity is designed to engage children's minds and bodies, build confidence, and inspire a lifelong love for active play.



Commitment to Quality, Safety, and Hygiene

Your family's safety and well-being are at the heart of everything we do. Our facilities are maintained to the highest standards, with a **5-star food hygiene rating**, secure maglock gates, and DBS-checked staff monitoring every attraction. At FUNDA LAND, children can explore freely in a clean, safe, and supportive environment.



Inclusive Weekly Timetable and Groups

Play is the foundation for growth and learning at FUNDA LAND. Our activities are designed to nurture life skills like teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity, all while being disguised as pure fun. From toddlers to teens, every child leaves with more than just smiles—they gain confidence and valuable skills.



"My son absolutely loved his party and all his friends told me how much they enjoyed it and want to do it again. The staff couldn't do enough for you and are really friendly. They all loved the UV Laser Tag, thank you to all the staff for making it so enjoyable. Arthur still wears his medal."

Tiffany Rae Elliott

Come and experience the magic of FUNDA LAND!

Visit FUNDA LAND For FREE!

We have FREE sessions EVERY WEEKDAY! Visit our website and take a look at our timetable to Learn More!



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Fun Fact

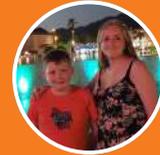
Did you know children complete 15,000+ steps per day at FUNDA Holiday Camps? That's miles of active fun, helping them stay healthy, burn energy, and build confidence!

FUNDA Holiday Camps are trusted by thousands of families, and our 4.9 review rating speaks to our commitment to quality, safety, and unforgettable fun.

Parent Reviews

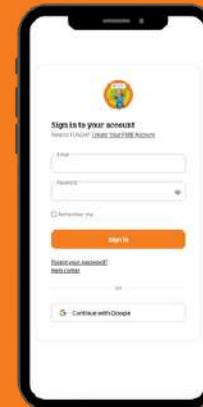


This was our first time using FUNDA holiday clubs and we will definitely be using you again. Zach has loved going, he said the coaches were loads of fun. Knowing he enjoyed it made juggling work and the summer holidays easy!
Emma Crompton



My son Jacob absolutely loved his week at FUNDA Holiday Camps, Burnley. He wanted to be there first thing and stay until the end of every day thank you so much!
Hayley Marquis

EASY & FLEXIBLE BOOKINGS



BOOK NOW



Holiday Camps & Childcare



Empower Your Kids!

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TFC, CCGPS & Childcare Vouchers Accepted



Engaging Activities For All Children

Multi-Sports & Games

Creative Play & Free Play

Special Rewards

Giant Inflatables

UV Laser Tag

UV Dodgeball

Theme Days

Breakout Moments

Special Events

Themed Dress-Up Days

Surprise Guests

Giant Medal Awards

At a venue near you:

- Accrington – Accrington & Rossendale College (ACCROSS)
- Britannia (Bacup) – Britannia Community Primary School
- Burnley – Burnley College
- Burscough – Burscough Village School
- Harewood (Leeds) – Gateways School
- Leyland – Runshaw College
- Pendle (Nelson) – Castercliff Primary School
- Preston – Fulwood & Cadley
- Lytham St Annes / Blackpool – Clifton Primary School
- Rochdale – St Gabriels RC Primary School
- Tarleton – Tarleton Community Primary
- Whitworth – Tonacliffe Primary



Entertaining Days Daily Timetable Example Only

Children split into age appropriate groups.

08:00

Arrival & structured play

09:15

Morning welcome & grouping

09:25

Icebreakers & fun games

11:00

Snack & toilet break

11:20

Theme day activity

11:40

Physical activities & sports

13:00

Lunchtime & structured playtime

13:45

Afternoon games & challenges

14:45

Snack & toilet break

15:00

Afternoon games & challenges

15:45

Awards & celebration

16:00

Inflatable fun & games!

16:45

Structured indoor games & activities

18:00

End of day

FUNDA Active Activities For Children Aged 4 to 12 Years

- Boosts confidence & independence
- Improves sleep & energy levels
- Reduces screen time
- Develops social skills & friendships
- Supports mental wellbeing
- Reliable, OFSTED Registered full-day childcare
- Safe & secure environment
- Cost-effective Childcare
- Discounts & funding options available

FUNDA Theme Days Something Different Every Day

- Holiday Specific Themes
- Tournament Day
- Crazy Hair Day
- Fancy Dress Day
- Silly Socks Day
- Tropical Day
- Water Fight Day
- Party Day
- Dress The Coach Day
- AND So Many More!

Please Remember To Bring:

- Healthy Packed Lunch & Drink
- Healthy Snacks
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Footwear & Clothing For Physical Activities
- Towel & Change Of Clothes In Case It Rains
- Bags of FUNDA Enthusiasm!



THE AWARD WINNING INDOOR PLAY ATTRACTION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES!

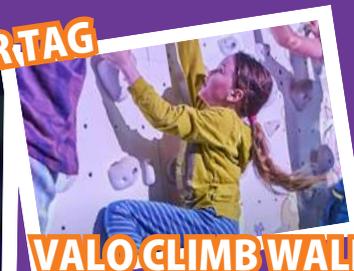
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UV LASER TAG



VALO CLIMB WALL



BUMPER CARS



SENSORY SPACE



CHILDREN'S PARTIES



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Cost-Effective Childcare You Can Trust!

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EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS



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30th March – 10th April
Closed for Bank Holiday's on 3rd & 6th April

WHERE
AT A VENUE NEAR YOU

WHY?
ENGAGE-INSPIRE-
MOTIVATE-EMPOWER!



Multi-Sports & Games
Creative Play
Special Rewards

Giant Inflatables
Breakout Moments
Special Events



Theme Days
UV Laser Tag
UV Dodgeball
UV Games at Select Venues



HAF AVAILABLE

Book Holiday Camps Online and see your child flourish with FUNDA!

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EASTER HALF TERM 2026

£21.50 per day
Optional lunch £3

KICK, PLAY, THRIVE FOOTBALL & ACTIVITY CLUB

- ✓ 30/3 -02/04 (HAF) & 07 - 10/04
- ✓ Boys and Girls aged 5-12 years
- ✓ All abilities welcome
- ✓ Full day Programme 09:30 - 16:30
- ✓ HAF Programme 09:30 - 13:30

- TRAIN WITH CHORLEY FC PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF
- UEFA QUALIFIED COACHES
- FOOTBALL GAMES, SKILL CHALLENGES AND TOURNAMENTS
- FUN MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITIES AND TEAM GAMES
- CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS TO CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS



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HAF SPACES CAN BE BOOKED HERE →

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For more info call 07523 952149 - Please book early as places are limited

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

1 VALUE ALL READING

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jot down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.

2 WIDEN THE SELECTION

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.

3 GIFT A BOOK

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.

4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authorfy and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.

5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.

6 TALK BOOKS

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.

8 GO DIGITAL

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIno and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.

9 RECONNECT

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.

10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

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