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Our school values: Respect • Kindness • Challenge • Forgiveness • Perseverance



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Dear Parents,



National Year of Reading 2026

Today in our shared worship, I launched the **GO ALL IN** theme for reading in 2026.

As a school, we are embracing the power and enjoyment of reading for pleasure for our pupils, staff and all members of our school community. We have National training booked as a staff team to promote reading for pleasure and are currently planning many exciting events throughout the year for our pupils.

To launch **GO ALL IN** with our reading, we would like all of our pupils to take part in a competition to share places where they like to read and also what they enjoy reading.

This can be in the most comfy, conventional places to unusual, exciting or rather different spaces. We are also interested to see what our pupils like to read- ranging from comics, recipes, game instructions, football trivia, spy novels, picture books, jokes and so much more.

Please can we encourage you to share with your child the many different places, in their free time , that they enjoy reading and also what they like reading and why.

In order to celebrate and share the diversity and range of places and types of reading, please can you email all photos of your child reading to the school office so that we can print them as part of our shared display in school. Alternatively printed photos can be handed in to their class teacher to be posted on the display.

At the end of this half term, we will share all the places and genre types and there will be book token prizes for the most creative and best places to read and for the feedback from what children have enjoyed reading .

GO ALL IN and happy reading!

Kind Regards

Lorna Smith