

Stakeford Primary School 2025-2026

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National Year Of Reading

2026 is the National Year of Reading. The theme is 'Go All In' encouraging adults and children to read to learn more about their interests – football, film, food etc. Reading is the key to unlock learning.

Schools teach phonics from day 1 in Reception. This helps children to decode words and learn the mechanics of reading. In KS1, children develop their fluency in decoding. Children need to be fluent readers to understand what they are reading. In KS2, we focus on developing comprehension and information retrieval skills. Because reading is so important, we devote several hours a week to developing the skill in school but children need practice – that is how they improve. Every child in school has a reading record that they bring home with their reading book. This is where staff and parents record when they have heard a child read and how they are doing. Children who have that regular practice at home will find it easier to reach their potential in school.

As each year passes, we see fewer parents and carers engaging with the daily reading at home expectation, fewer children enjoying reading and consequently fewer children reading at the expected standard by the end of KS2 - despite everything we do in school. Because this is so vital to your child's future, we would like to help but before we can do that, we need to understand the challenges.

Please could you take five minutes to complete the google form which can be accessed [here](#). **The more parents who answer, the better our understanding will be.** The form is anonymous. We are not here to judge – we just want to help. We will close the form at 12:00 noon on Friday 23 January.

In the meantime, if you want to learn more about the National Year of Reading, you can visit the Literacy Trust information pages [here](#).

Coffee and Connect Café

This half term Mrs Preece, our SENDCo, and Mrs Johns, our SEND link governor, will host our first free Coffee and Connect Café in the school hall. This is a chance for parents to have a free cuppa and the chance to chat with staff and other parents who may be having similar experiences.

The aim is to have a Coffee and Connect Café each half term and invite along external agencies who can listen, give advice or even run short information sessions. Our first event will be on Thursday 5 February from 9:00 – 10:00 am. We will even throw in a free breakfast! We would love to see you there. No need to book – just pop in.

