

Books

You may have heard on the news or on social media that **2026** is the

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

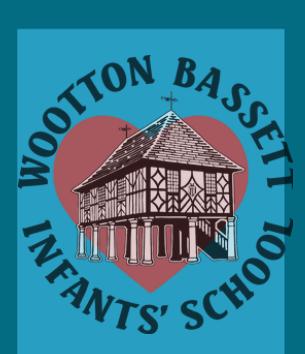
As a school we have signed up but there are lots of resources and ideas for families on the website <https://goallin.org.uk/get-involved/families/>

At school we are passionate about reading and books and we recognise that being able to read and being read to are the biggest gifts we can give our children. Only this week we have been reminded about the benefits of being read to by Mr P, a teacher and educational speaker, who reminds us that reading at home makes the biggest difference.

"As a teacher, I can't tell which kids... but I CAN tell you which ones have been read to regularly at home. Because you see it. You see it in their vocabulary, their confidence with words, their imagination, their ability to sit with a story and think. ... When you read to your child, you're not just teaching them how to read, you're teaching them that books matter, that words matter, that they matter. And honestly, that's one of the greatest gifts you can give your child."

Mr P MBE

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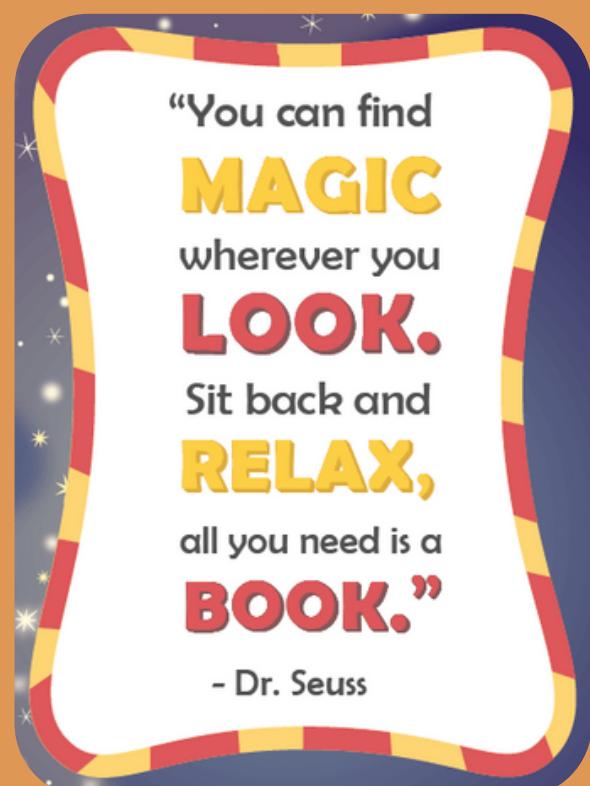


In school, we are doing everything we can to support your child on their reading journey.

- Teaching daily phonics
- Weekly Guided reading sessions
- Sharing lovely books through assemblies/ Storytimes/ as a topic focus/ through outdoor learning activities/ just because we love a new book!
- Visiting the school library weekly to share and borrow books.
- Offering a book swap shelf
- Book related activities and events- trips, yoga, library visits, visiting theatre groups
- Hearing readers as a priority in class
- 100 books list
- Raffle tickets and prizes for daily reading at home.

The list goes on....

As the National Year of Reading starts, we are looking to make reading, learning to read and fostering a love of reading a priority. **Unfortunately, we can't do this on our own.** We really need your help to support your children with the best present you can give them.



To start with, we have updated the reading tab on the school website which now includes links about why listening to your child read is so important and how the information in the reading records can support reading at home and in school.

<https://woottonbassett-inf.wilts.sch.uk/reading>



Wootton Bassett Infants' School
"Where learning is fun"

2026 National Year of Reading - Go All Inf - Find out more here.

READING

Getting children reading from their earliest days

"Reading and sharing stories brings profound and wide-ranging benefits that can have a lifelong positive impact on the lives of children of all ages and backgrounds." Book Trust 2026



Visit the Library or the book swap at Vale View



If you would like any advice or support about hearing your child read at home, please don't hesitate to contact us.

There is a 'reading for pleasure' book in your child's book bag every week for you to share with your child. You can always change it for another one in school if you need to.

We have a school library if you would like to visit after school any day.

The 100-book list is on the website/ in book bags and many of the books can be found in the town library as well as in school.

Please listen to your children read everyday even if it is only for 10 minutes - every minute and every word counts!



"Reading is dreaming with open eyes."
- Unknown

Please look out for other reading information and events that we will be introducing or taking part in throughout the school year!