Wednesday 14th January 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Year of Reading – **Go All In**, was officially launched yesterday 13th January.

The National Year of Reading aims to inspire every child, young person and adult to go all in on their passions, feed their curiosities and connect with others through reading, throughout 2026 and beyond.

At St. Mary's School, we use the phrase *"A Year of Reading,"* to describe our approach to building strong, confident, and engaged readers over the course of the school year.

"A Year of Reading," is not about racing through a certain number of books. Instead, it focuses on helping our children to develop positive reading habits, comprehension skills, and a genuine enjoyment of reading. Throughout the year, the children will read a variety of texts, including stories, informational books, and age-appropriate materials that supports classroom learning.

During this time, the children will be encouraged to:

- Read regularly, both at school and at home
- Explore different types of books and topics
- Talk about what they are reading and share their ideas
- Build vocabulary, understanding, and confidence as readers
- Reading activities include independent reading, guided reading with teachers, group discussions, and simple reflections on books

Your support at home plays an important role. Encouraging your child to read daily, talking with them about their books, and showing interest in their reading choices can make a big difference.

If you have any questions about reading or how you can support your child's reading at home, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to working together to make this a successful and enjoyable year of reading for everyone.

Kind regards,

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