

September 2026

READING TOGETHER NEWSLETTER



Dear Families

As we begin the Autumn Term, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families and proud to be part of your child's reading journey through Reading Together.

Reading regularly at home is one of the most powerful ways to support children's learning, imagination, vocabulary development, and confidence.

Just a few minutes of shared reading each day can make a significant difference, helping children develop a lifelong love of books while creating valuable opportunities to spend time together.

Throughout this term, we will be sharing exciting reading activities, challenges, and recommendations to encourage families to enjoy books at home. Whether it's reading a favourite bedtime story or discovering fascinating facts in a non-fiction book, every reading experience helps children grow as confident and enthusiastic readers. We'd Love to See Your Reading Moments!

One of the best ways to inspire a love of reading is by sharing it together. We would love to feature photos of our pupils enjoying books with families and friends at home. Whether it's a cosy bedtime story, or sharing a favourite book on the sofa, we'd love to celebrate these special reading moments.

Together, let's make reading a joyful part of every day and help our children develop a lifelong love of books.

**The National Year
of Reading 2026**

**GO
ALL
IN.**

Win over 100 non-fiction books for your school

This month, Reading Together is giving one lucky learner the chance to win an amazing bundle of more than 100 non-fiction books for their school library!

The Challenge

Have you ever imagined becoming an author?

We'd like you to think about this question:

If you were going to write a non-fiction book, what would it be about?

Perhaps you'd write about space exploration, amazing animals, ancient civilisations, extreme weather, sport, inventions, dinosaurs, the ocean, or something completely different that fascinates you!

How to Enter

Create one page of content that could appear in your non-fiction book. You could include:

Interesting facts

Diagrams or illustrations

Photographs (if appropriate)

Captions

Headings and sub-headings

Fun facts or information boxes

Show us how you would make your topic interesting and informative for your readers.

Entries should be given to your class teacher by the closing date.



The Prize

One winning entry will receive a fantastic bundle of over 100 non-fiction books for their school, helping even more children discover the joy of reading and learning.

Closing Date

Friday 6th November

We can't wait to see your ideas and discover what non-fiction book you would write. Good luck, and happy creating!

Join a World Record Reading Challenge!

Could your family help set a new **GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS** title?

On Thursday **8 October**, families across the UK and around the world are being invited to take part in a special online reading event as part of the National Year of Reading 2026.

The aim is simple: to set a new world record for the most people reading online in 12 hours.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, carer or young reader, you can join from home and be part of something truly special. You only need to take part in one session to count towards the record attempt. The day will feature inspiring sessions from well-known authors for different age groups, including:

Rashmi Sirdeshpande (Key Stage 1)

Frank Cottrell-Boyce (Key Stage 2)

Nathaniel Lessore (Key Stage 3)

There is also a session for adults featuring content creators Coco Omer and Zubs.

Why take part?

Reading together is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to support children's learning, language development and wellbeing. This event is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate reading as a family while helping to achieve a world record.

Find out more and sign up

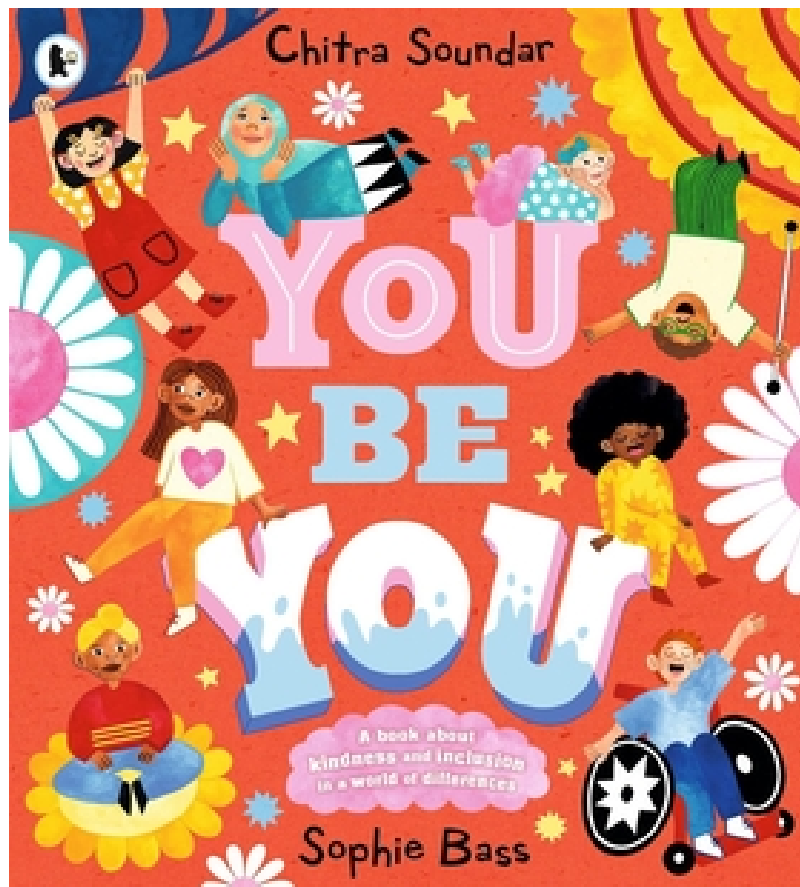
Parents and families can register directly through the National Literacy Trust:

CLICK HERE

Let's show the power of reading across **CELT** communities and see how many of our families can be part of this exciting national event!

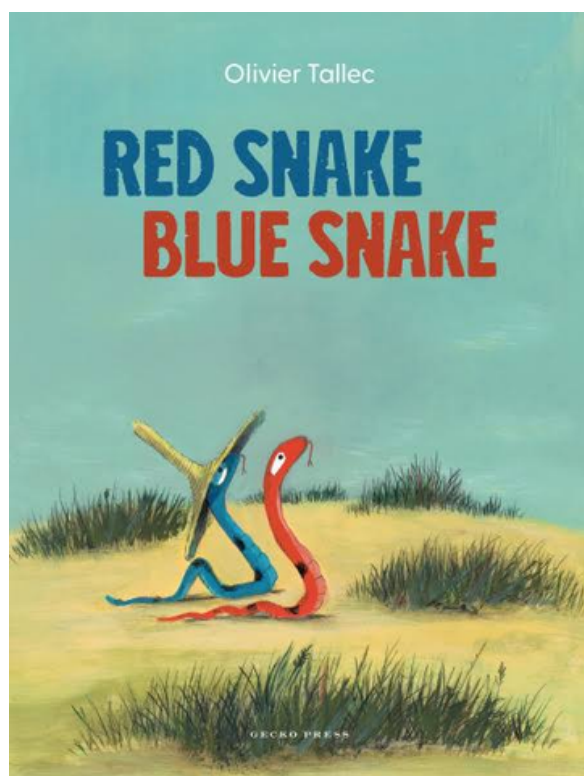


Book Recommendations



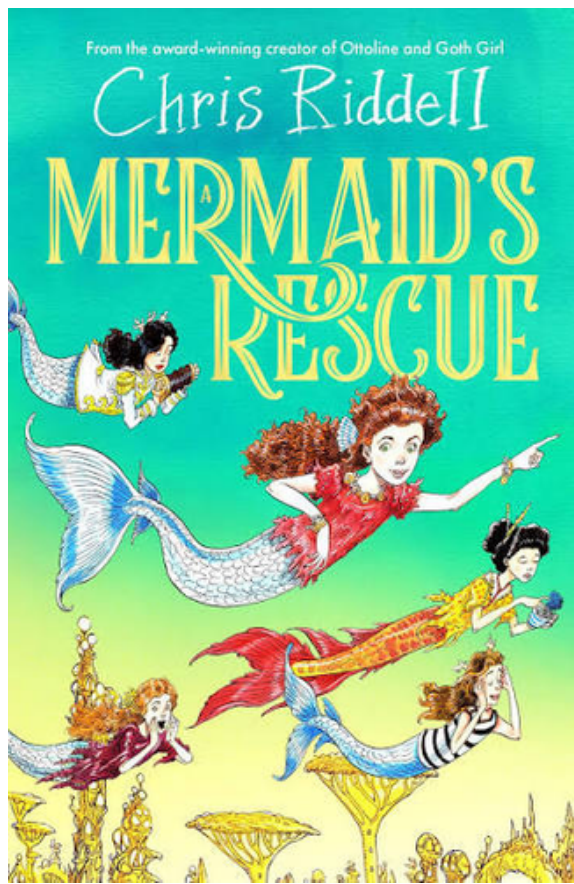
Ages 4 to 7 years

You be you ,you're amazing at that. Let me be me , I'm terrific at that. A rhyming picture book that celebrates individuality. Inclusive and accepting, this may help promote empathy when read with children.



Ages 5 to 9 years

Olivier Tallec's beautifully profound book about embracing difference and remaining friends could also be read as a political allegory – especially with the choice of red and blue, with opposing views.



Ages 7 to 11 years

A highly illustrated mermaid adventure starring Atalanta Scrimshaw, the second book in a series.



Ages 9 to 14 years

Newt Hawkin is thrilled to be gaming as part of the Holomonster Youth Development Squad. But when the holograms of monsters seem a bit too real, Newt and his new friends investigate what's really going on. An enthralling action-packed adventure.

SAVE THE DATES



October 2026

- 1 October 2026 – National Poetry Day (2026 Theme: "Wonder")
- 8 October 2026 – Guinness World Records Online Reading Attempt (National Year of Reading)
- 10 October 2026 – World Mental Health Day / Take 10 to Read Campaign
- 16 October - Bestselling and Award winning Author AF Steadman visits St Austell.

November 2026

- 1–30 November 2026 – National Non-Fiction November (2026 Theme: "Why don't you?")
- 2–6 November 2026 – Young Poets Week
- 6 November - Closing Date for our competition