

BOOK TALK #theJSway

January 2026

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2026 is the Year of Reading! Over the next 12 months, we will be taking part in a variety of reading events to support reading at JS!

There are lots of things you can do at home to support reading. Visit this website to give you some Top Tips!

<https://goallin.org.uk/get-involved/families/>



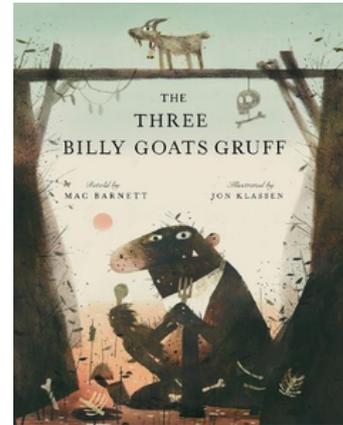
National Year of Reading 2026



Take part in this month's Readathon by tallying the total number of pages read between Monday 19th and Thursday 22nd January! All tallies count and will go towards house points! Who will the winning house be?

CLASS CORNER

Year 3 are reading *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Mac Barnett. We have thought a lot about the troll and what might have made him so grumpy and mean!

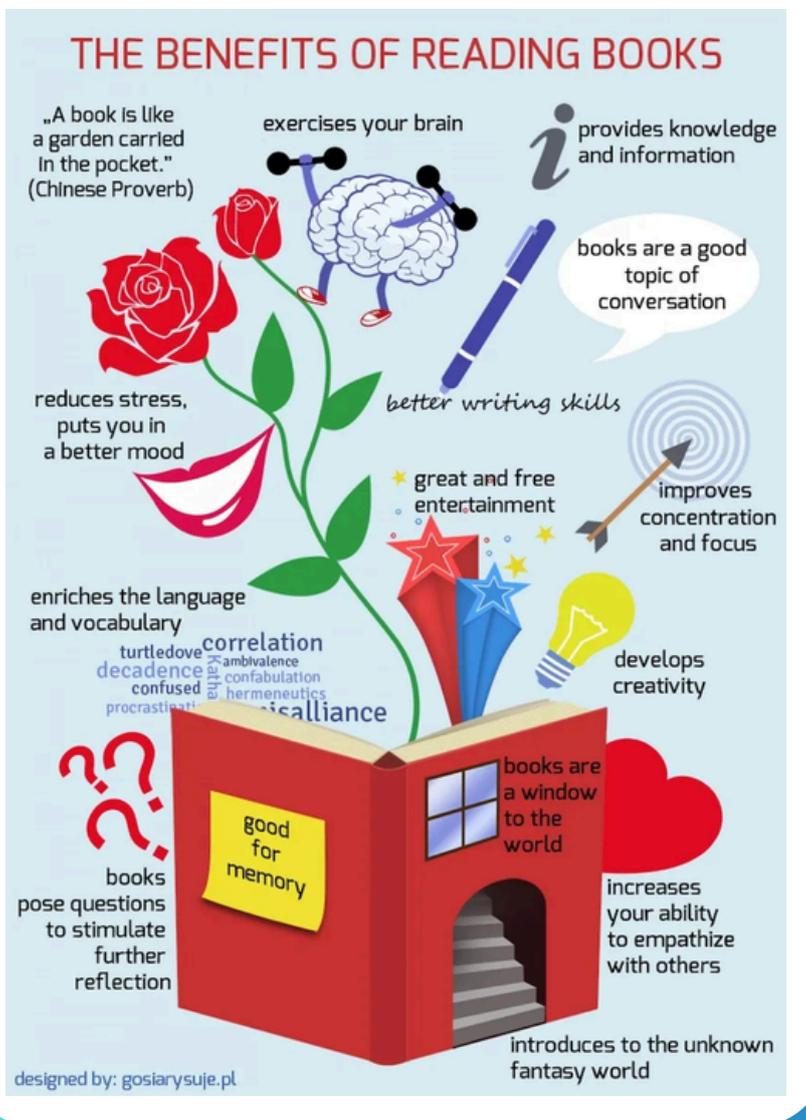


WINTER READING CHALLENGE!



It's back! Sign up to take part in the Winter Reading Challenge taking place between 1st December 2025 and 20th February 2026!

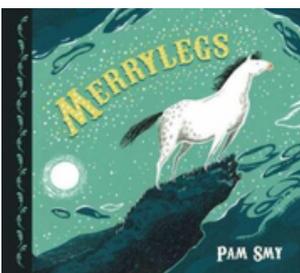
READING DIARY REMINDERS



- All JS children are to read at home a minimum of 3 times a week to practise their developing reading skills.
- Children can read a couple of pages, a chapter or the whole book. As long as they are reading regularly, there is no expectation on how much they read.
- Adults should write a written comment in the diary to reflect on their child's reading - there are prompts in the reading diaries to support you with this.
- Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book twice a week if they have finished their book or are not enjoying it.
- Re-reading books is good! It helps children read more fluently and develop their understanding more.

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

2026 is the Year of the Horse. Here are some recommendations of books about horses and ponies...



Merrylegs wishes he was different. He's just a boring riding-school pony, stomping and clomping round day after day. But with a little magic he discovers that when you love yourself, you can see the world with fresh eyes!

A future classic celebrating the power of self-belief.



Spellbound Ponies: Rainbows and Ribbons is a delightful story, perfect for bedtime or independent reading for children aged 7 and above.

This charming tale of friendship and magic follows Olivia and her best friend Eliza as they encounter a new Spellbound Pony at Pemberley Stables. The story quickly pulls readers into a world where magic is real, and friendship is the key to solving mysteries. Their relatable and endearing characters make it easy for young readers to connect with them and understand the importance of teamwork and empathy. The ending is particularly satisfying, leaving readers eager for more adventures with Olivia, Eliza, and the Spellbound Ponies.