



# East Sheen Primary School

## Newsletter Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026



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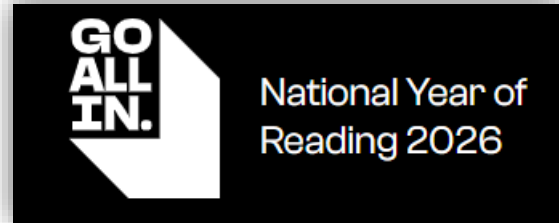
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### **The National Year of Reading 2026**

You may have heard in the news that 2026 is the National Year of Reading!

What it is: a UK-wide initiative led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust to encourage reading for pleasure among all ages.

Its aim: to help people rediscover the joy of reading and make reading a central part of life – *'our ambition is to transform reading for generations'* (David Hayman, Director, National Year of Reading). To find out more about the campaign, visit <https://goallin.org.uk/>



**At East Sheen Primary School, we have always valued reading as a key life skill and prioritise providing children with the opportunity to develop a love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment.** To mark the National Year of Reading, the school and PTA have some exciting plans to raise the profile of reading even more throughout the year. You may have already noticed a new bookshelf in the school office with a reading spotlight of books recommended by staff, including our school librarian, Rachel Rixon. The spotlight will change on a half termly basis: this term is all about science! Feel free to browse these books whilst you are waiting for a meeting.

Watch this space to find out more about what the school is doing to mark the National Year of Reading and how it continues its commitment to promote a love of reading across the school.

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### **Sports Captains:**

Well done to our newly appointed Sports Captains. These children are excellent role models who will lead the school in celebrating achievements through sport. We will share their photo next week!

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### **House Captains:**

Congratulations to our newly appointed Year 6 House Captains who help demonstrate the school values: happy, curious, resilient and kind.



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### **Helping Hands:**

Congratulations to E in 2N for being our Helping Hands winner this week, for being an incredibly kind and caring member of our class who always goes out of her way to help her peers.

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### Rags 2 Riches: Clothing Collection

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear? Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories (please pair and tie shoes together).

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear or pass to a friend? If it's not reusable or wearable, it can't go in the bag.

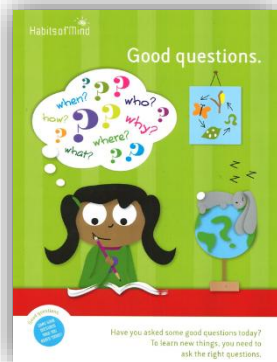


We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school, helping the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world. If we can fill 100 bags we'll have half a tonne! For more information, please [click here](#).

Please bring your donations to school by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**.

### Thinking Schools

The two Habits of Mind we are focusing on this half term are:



### Attendance:

School target: 97%      Last week: 93.7%      Classes above target: 2

RD	94.7%	1B	98.9%	2N	92.1%	3G	93.4%	4D	89.2%	5B	93.1%	6B	82.6%
RG	96.7%	1D	92.4%	2S	97%	3K	94.1%	4F	95.6%	5C	94.3%	6C	95.8%
RM	92.5%	1L	94%	2SB	97%	3S	94.5%	4H	95.4%	5M	96.9%	6T	87.5%



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**Notices and reminders:**

Please note we are no longer able to recycle printer cartridges and batteries at school. However, printer cartridges and batteries can be taken to Robert Dyas, East Sheen.

Please remember to inform the school office if you have a change in your contact details. It is vital that school have at least two up to date contacts (including names and telephone numbers) for all our students.

**A blast from the past!**

We were delighted to have a former pupil share their 'Phoenix Newsletter' from 1990 with us this week. This is the time that our first climbing frame (long since replaced and developed) was introduced. If you look carefully through the whole thing, you might even spot some articles written by some current grandparents, parents, and staff! [You can read the whole newsletter here.](#)

