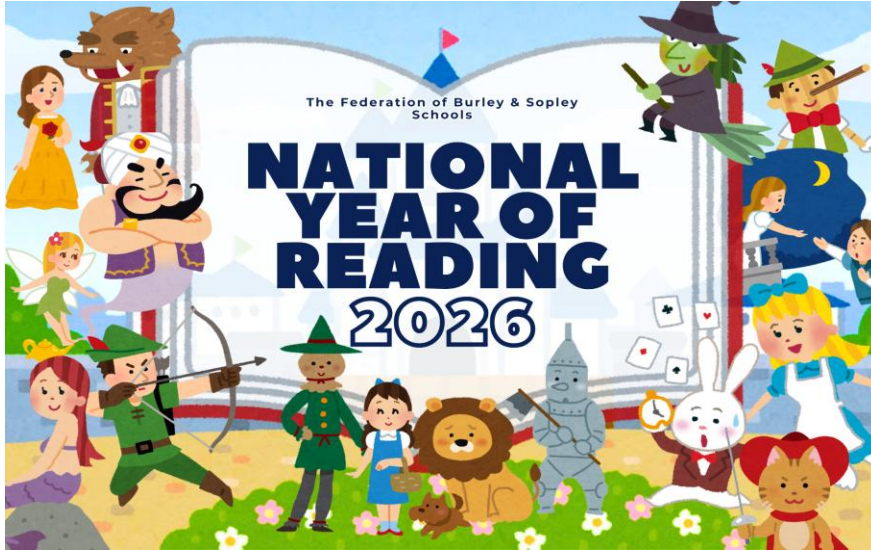




THE FEDERATION OF BURLEY AND SOPLEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Friday 6th February 2026

Dear Parents,

This year is the official 'National Year of Reading, 2026.' Click <https://goallin.org.uk/> to find out about this government initiative. Each month we will be doing something to further promote pleasure for reading in our schools.

*Bedtime Stories Event

*Author visit

*'10,000 hours of fun reading to raise 10,000 books' with Vanessa at Pop- Up Bookshop- more details on this competition to come.

*Reading buddies

*Celebrating National- Storytelling week

*Reading picnics- inviting parents in to read with your child

*Promoting local reading events and literacy/ book festivals.

*Reading boxes

We would love to hear from you with any other engaging ideas for reading!

We are also looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026 and will be inviting you to dress up as a book character or wear your favourite PJs ready to read your favourite books. If you can bring your favourite book to school, then get ready to get comfy and enjoy reading it!

Lots of the children have been very inspired by Rob Biddulph, and we were lucky to receive personal messages from him whilst we were studying his books. It's very exciting to see that he will be at Winchester Book fair on Sat 18th April 2026.



The poster features a photograph of Rob Biddulph, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a black cap and holding a brown stuffed animal. To his right is the cover of his book 'When I Grow Up'. A blue banner at the top right of the image says 'Sat 18 Apr | 3:30pm'. A vertical pink banner on the left side says 'FAMILY EVENT'.

'Draw With Rob' – Rob Biddulph is coming to the Winchester Books Festival!

Rob Biddulph talks about his latest book

Happy Reading!

Warmest regards,

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