



**Here at Wallisdean we are delighted to be celebrating 2026 as the
National Year of Reading**

Throughout the year we will be shining a spotlight on the joy of books, stories and reading in all its forms. Each month will feature special events and activities designed to inspire a love of reading and encourage creativity.

Our celebrations began early in January with our official launch assembly and a focus on pupil voice, as our young Librarians gather ideas from the children about activities they would like to see during the year.

In February, we will join in the excitement of National Storytelling Week. The theme for this year is 'soundtrack your story' and will include live workshops:

- 📚 KS2 will enjoy a live workshop with the storytelling rapper Alim Kamara
- 📚 KS1 will join in with author Annemarie Anang and
- 📚 Year R and Pre-School with Simon Mole and Gecko

This will be followed by the much-loved [World Book Day](#) celebrations in March, when our children will have the opportunity to dress-up in reused or recycled book inspired costumes.

In April, pupils can look forward to Easter activities with a reading theme, bringing stories and fun together in a creative way.

This is just the beginning – there will be something to enjoy every month as we celebrate the power of reading to inform, entertain and connect us.

We look forward to an exciting year filled with books, imagination and a shared love of reading across our whole school community.