

The Stables Independent School Newsletter

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Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

What a wonderful wintery week; very apt as this term's topic is "Winter"! Please make sure your child is "dressed for the weather". A number of children have arrived without coats or appropriate footwear for the subzero conditions. More snow is forecast next week.

This week we welcomed Hayden to our school. He is in Hedgehogs class with Mr Howley and his team! We are so happy to have you on board!

This year is the National Year of Reading 2026.

As you know, we are passionate about books!

Remember to make the most of every opportunity to read. Sharing stories at bedtime is also a wonderful time for bonding. There will be lots of events this year to help us celebrate the importance of reading, while promoting a lifelong love of books. Have a great weekend, from Mrs Porter, Headteacher.

Dates for your Diary

◆ 13th, 20th, 27th January and 3rd February - Hedgehogs Class STEMEX in Norwich

◆ 23rd January - National Handwriting Day

◆ 26th - 30th January - Energy Savers Week

◆ February is **LGBT History Month**

◆ 2nd - 8th February is National Storytelling Week

◆ 9th - 15th February is Children's Mental Health Week

◆ 10th February - Safer Internet Day

◆ 13th February - Winter Topic Showcase in The Barn from 09:00 until 11:00



This week's Picture News is all about the National Year of Reading 2026. Check out Page 2.

Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

GO ALL IN.

Did you know we can recycle bras! There is a bin in reception!



NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS ALLOWED IN SCHOOL



Is your child going to be absent?
Call or text Mrs G on 07786 376 046.



The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special year, created to help children and adults in the UK enjoy reading more. Everyone is encouraged to explore all kinds of stories, books, comics, magazines, websites, and even audiobooks, with the theme 'Go All In'. Throughout the year, schools, libraries, and communities will run fun events and challenges to help everyone find a type of reading they love.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about the types of books or other materials you enjoy reading.
- > Ask an adult to describe their reading journey, e.g., what they liked reading as a child, what they read now.
- > Why do you think fewer people read in today's world? What do you think of the initiative - is it a good idea in your view?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Work of the Week



We have two WOWs in Badgers. Well done to **Tyla** for his simile poem and to **Kenzo** for a great start to term, especially for his Fresh Start work!



Well done to **Troy** for his outstanding work in maths.



Otters Class WOW goes to **TJW** for counting to £100 in £1 coins, and all round amazing effort in all his lessons during his first week back!



Triple WOWs in Foxes! All three did brilliant independent work in science!



Well done to **Luke** for his super independent work in maths. Fantastic!

House Points - Autumn 2 Result

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Well done to Miss Bennett's* **Green Team**, Finley, TJJ, Keira, Harry and Ben for holding on to their lead in the final week of last term! Spring Term 1 has reset to zero! Go teams!

*Miss Bennett is the Green Team leader, and not Miss Rackham as previously stated!



Star of the Week

Fendi

Well done on a wonderful start to term! You are our first Star of 2026! Congratulations!

