# National Year of Reading

## Autumn term overview

Schools and Early Years settings

Focused on Reading for Pleasure in the community

### September 2026

| Date | Time | What | Content | For | Where | Cost |
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| **07** | N/A | Resource drop | Three to five resources per phase focused on building a reading for pleasure culture in the community. | Practitioners (all phases) | Download online | Free |
| **24** | 9:00am - 3:00pm | Teenage Reading Seminar | Explore how we can find routes into reading and validate teenage reading experiences. | Secondary practitioners | Glasgow | From £100 |
| **24** | 9:00am - 4:00pm | Inclusive Libraries Conference | Hear from speakers sharing approaches to conversations around ethnicity, race and intersectionality through children's literature. | Librarians & teachers | Sheffield | Free |
| **29** | 3:45pm - 5:15pm | Early Years CPD webinar | Opening the door to reading at home. Research insights, inspiring practice and strategies for Schools and Early Years Settings. | Early Years practitioners | Online | Free |
| **30** | 9:00am - 4:00pm | Inclusive Libraries Conference | Hear from speakers sharing approaches to conversations around ethnicity, race and intersectionality through children's literature. | Librarians & teachers | London | Free |

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| **06** | 3:45pm - 5:15pm | Primary CPD webinar | Reading together: engaging parents, carers and families. | Primary practitoners | Online | Free |
| **22** | 10:00am - 10:45am | Go All In Together! Event | The National Never-Ending Comic. In partnership with Beano, this broadcast event explores the world of comics and graphic novels with exciting names and faces. | Pupils ages 7-14 | Online | Free |

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| **03** | 3:45pm - 4:25pm | TeachBrief Live | Children and Young People's Reading 2026: implications for practice. | Primary practitioners | Online | Free |
| **05** | 3:30pm - 5:00pm | Early Years CPD webinar | Once upon a rhyme: how poetry, performance and playful language spark confidence, communication and joy in young learners. | Early Years practitioners | Online | Free |
| **10** | 3:45pm - 4:30pm | Secondary CPD webinar | The link between literacy and mental wellbeing in teenagers plus teenagers' engagement with audiobooks and podcasts. | Secondary practitioners | Online | Free |
| **16-26** | N/A | Reconstructing Reading | An online festival bringing together international literacy leaders to unpick and illuminate reading instruction - with classroom strategies to empower every reader in ways that work today. | Primary practitioners | Online | Paid |
| **27** | 10:00am - 10:45am | Go All In Together! Event | Go all in on storytelling with Jeff Kinney in this free, interactive online event, where pupils will think like global storytellers and explore how stories are transformed into film and TV. | Pupils ages 7-14 | Online | Free |

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| **01** | 3:45pm - 4:30pm | Secondary CPD webinar | Led by author Richard O'Neill MBE, this session will explore how to bring stories from your community into school life, with a particular celebration of Gypsy Roma and Traveller cultures. | Secondary pracititioners | Online | Free |
| **02** | 3:45pm - 5:15pm | Primary CPD webinar | Connecting reading communities: school libraries and public libraries and beyond. | Primary practitioners | Online | Free |
| **03** | 10:00am- 10:35am | Go All In Together! Event | Join Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Nadia Shireen for the final Go All In Together! event of the year, featuring inspiring contributions from authors and a nationwide quest to pledge One Million Gifts of Reading. | Pupils ages 4-11 | Online | Free |

### January 2027

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| **14** | 3:45pm - 5:15pm | Legacy & celebration event | A special moment for schools and settings to celebrate the dedication and impact of the year, while looking ahead on how we sustain momentum into 2027. | All practitioners | Online | Free |

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This programme will continue into 2027. Stay tuned for more updates soon.

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