

# FEBRUARY 2026 NEW WAVE NEWS

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026

## Highlights

It has been brilliant working with you all at your wonderful schools, at our training events and regional TSH Conferences during this busy, short term!

We came across this gem within St John and St James Primary School's library in the form of a book vending machine! **#childrenschoice**



A highlight for the hub team was meeting with the brilliant Dr Julian Grenier CBE and Valerie Bloom MBE at the National Literacy Specialist Conference **#powerfulvoices**

## National Year of Reading

Remember to arrange author visits and workshops to broaden exposure to literature and build excitement around reading.

The **Insights to Teaching Reading** is a great read for useful suggestions on how to build a sustainable reading culture.

## Upcoming Events

Don't miss out! See below for our upcoming events. Book via the links attached!

- **Tuesday 10th March, 3.30 pm: Teachers Reading Group: Woodberry Down**
- **Tuesday 17th March, 9.00 am – 1.30 pm Early Language Conference: Grazebrook**
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 4.00 pm: PSC Readiness: virtual**

## Secure an Audit

### Reading Audit dates available!

Our fully funded Early Reading audits offer specialist guidance from an experienced Literacy Specialist and resource funding to help make change happen.

**Contact us to find out more!**

**New Wave English Hub  
Self-Referral Form  
2025-2026**



## World Book Day



### WBD: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

- Plan a teacher or adult swap to share favourite reads with classes!
- Invite pupils to swap books or recommend a favourite book to a friend to spread the love of stories
- Select short, accessible reads that inject joy and humour!

**<https://www.worldbookday.com/>**

## Watch this Space: Reception Audits

New Wave English Hub are planning to expand to support Reception settings from Autumn 2026 through:

- Funded audits
- Potential intensive support
- Access to evidence informed CPD and live showcases

**Attend our virtual briefing to find out more about securing an audit: on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Complete the [booking form](#) to reserve a space**

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