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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, 2026, is the UK's National Year of Reading, a special campaign to reignite a love for reading in everyone, from children to adults, as part of a Department for Education initiative. At Heathwood we encourage all of our children to enjoy reading and truly value the importance of reading, which we feel opens up a wealth of opportunities for everyone.

Therefore, we are excited to be taking part in the National Year of Reading and wanted to share some information with you about this campaign and how everyone can get involved.

The campaign's theme is 'Go All In'. This is built upon the idea that reading connects to everything you already love. Whether your family enjoys football, baking, music or movies, reading can make those passions and interests even richer.

Evidence from research shows that reading for pleasure boosts a child's confidence and self-esteem, improves their wellbeing and empathy, and develops essential skills for school and life.

At home with your children you can join in too. Why not visit the library and try finding books linked to your child's interests or hobbies. Remember reading together for just 20 minutes a day makes a huge difference - remember to record any reading in your child's diary to ensure they are rewarded with lots of house points. We will also share other ideas and activities throughout the year too.

Let's work together to make reading a joyful, everyday part of our family lives and together support children's self-esteem, wellbeing and the development of essential life skills.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

