

# BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

In the Year of Reading 2026, we are delighted to announce an exciting **Reading Challenge** for our Year 1 and Year 2 children.

Reading is a vital life skill, and we want to encourage our children not only to develop their reading ability but also to enjoy reading every day. We truly appreciate the support you give your child at home – it makes such a difference.

## The Challenge

Children are asked to read **at least five times each week for four weeks**.

- **Start date:** Monday 19th January 2026
- **End date:** Friday 13th February 2026

Children can read to **any adult at home**, and we kindly ask that the adult writes a very short comment in their child's reading journal **each time they read**. This helps us see when and what your child has been reading and record their progress towards completing the challenge.

Your child can read a wide variety of materials, including:

- Books
- Magazines
- Menus
- Comics
- Poems and rhymes

Every type of reading counts!

We hope our families have lots of fun taking part in the challenge and enjoying special reading time together.

Children will be able to track their progress on their class beanstalk and every child who successfully completes the challenge will receive a surprise treat.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

**S.G. Brady**  
Headteacher

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