

Primary Network Meeting

Devon SLS Roundup: Summer 2025

Interesting articles and reports

[BookTrust and Waterstones Children's Laureate Frank... | BookTrust](#)

Download the Reading Rights report which calls on national and local leaders to come together to make reading a part of daily life for every child. The report shares five focus areas that will turn the tide on "indefensible" reading inequality.



[Children's Reading: how do we move from Endurance to Enjoyment?](#) This paper from Farshore shows that children need a lot of help, both at home and at school, to get a reading habit and that reading aloud very effectively encourages children to read independently through positive associations and no pressure.

[Developing reading for pleasure in multilingual learners](#) Jenny Kilsby, from a large multi-cultural British curriculum school in Dubai, shares how she encouraged multi-lingual book talk in her new-to-English pupils, helping her to find out about, and build on, their reading interests.

[Magazine Engagement Study summary](#) new research highlights the power of magazines to engage reluctant readers. Findings from the What on Earth! Magazine Engagement Study reveal that regular access to high-quality, non-fiction magazines can boost reading enjoyment and positively shift reader identity among reluctant Year 5 pupils.

[Libraries for Primaries 2023/24 Report](#) This National Literacy Trust evaluation shows the impact of investment and highlights the importance of school libraries in fostering reading at the individual and school level. Full 10 page report available to download. Apply now for Libraries for this fully funded programme which will bring 500 FREE books, library furniture, staff training and more to eligible primary schools.. [Express your interest](#)

[Voices-Behind-the-Bookshelves.pdf](#) Rachel Saunders shares how an injection of pupil voice helped to take their school library to the next level. Peer recommendations thrived in this supportive RfP culture with the overarching aim of creating an inclusive, social reading environment that motivates children through agency, community and shared reading experiences.

Books and reviews

[Books For Keeps](#) The latest edition of this online children's book magazine has an interview with Matt Goodfellow, insights into the art of illustration, new thoughts on reading for pleasure and reviews of the best new children's books

[Children's and teens roundup – the best new picture books and novels | Books | The Guardian](#) Latest selection of new titles from Imogen Russell Williams, children's book critic.

Internet Resources and webinars

[Empathy Day Festival 2025](#) webinars and author interviews will be available until 12 July 2025

[Host a Summer Booknic - 2025!](#) resources and inspiration from the Open University Reading for Pleasure team

Books and resources for transition

[Books for Topics](#) Find recommended reads for preparing for the transition to secondary school from primary book recommendation site Books for Topics.

[Book Trust](#) has a list of recommended reads to prepare young people for the transition to secondary school.

Librarian and Just Imagine book reviewer Roy James shares his [top transition texts](#) to help Year 6 pupils navigate the ups and downs of moving up to secondary school with more recommendations available in the [Secondary Transition](#) collection. [Mentally Healthy Schools](#) is a mental health information and resource hub for primary and secondary schools. It offers access to a range of resources to support transition across all ages.

[Five top tips](#) for pupils moving up to secondary schools from Christian Foley, former teacher, poet and author of *Moving Up: How to Ace Secondary School*.

LGBT+ charity Just Like Us offers free resources to support LGBT+ pupils through transition as part of [School Diversity Week](#). All resources are free to download with registration.

[Moving Up!](#) provides a short animation and free teacher toolkit that explores common fears and potential solutions for pupils about to move or newly arrived at secondary school.

The BBC, in partnership with mental health charity Young Minds, has created a series of films and 'Find your Feet' activity packs to help schools support pupils as they [transition from primary to secondary school](#). Get advice on how to support pupils through the change from primary to secondary schools with this free [Find Your Feet webinar](#) for teachers from Young Minds.

Book Awards and shortlists

[Information Book Award: Announcing the 2025 Longlist](#) - Registrations for the IBA Book Club have now opened and the longlist of titles has been announced. There are 34 outstanding titles within three age categories.

[Shortlist 2025 – The Klaus Flugge Prize | Official Website](#) - The shortlist of three debut picture book illustrators have very different styles and subject matter but share exceptional ability to tell a story and to create mood and character.

[Books Are My Bag - Shortlist 2025](#) - These awards are curated exclusively by independent bookshops and there are four categories to choose from: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Children's Fiction and Picture Book.

[The Little Rebels Award 2025 Longlist](#) Founded in 2010 this award is designed to recognise the rich tradition of radical publishing for children aged 0 -12, in the UK. While the genre-spanning submissions touched on social justice issues in a variety of ways, the 13 longlisted titles are those where the radical content formed the very bones of the story.

[Young Quills shortlist for 2025](#) – Run by the Historical Association this award is for historical fiction published in the preceding year and in four age categories from 5-8 to 14+. Copies of the books are sent out to a number of schools where pupils read and review them to guide the shortlisting process. Some of the young people's reviews will be made available on the website. Winners will be announced in July.

Events

[Schools of Sanctuary's](#) Day of Welcome (13 June) aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for refugees in schools. You can join up to become an awarded school of sanctuary and the website has resources and many links to other guides and CPD opportunities such as [Welcoming Refugee Children to your School](#) and [Teaching about Refugees | UNHCR UK](#)