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## Devon School Library Service Newsletter January 2026

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January 2026

### School Library Service

#### Centre news for January

##### Welcome back

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

We have been busy here, at the centre, preparing **topic boxes** ready for the Spring term. These will be delivered to you from 8 January onwards.

This is now officially the **'National Year of Reading'**. We hope you enjoy following our monthly activities. For more details please see below.

We will be attending several conferences this term. Come along and see us and browse the books we have chosen to support the themes.

**Outdoor learning conference 2026** being held on 20 March at Exeter Racecourse. Theme *'Let's just go outside'*.



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#### SLS Spring term activities for The National Year of Reading 2026



##### February - Children's mental health week 2026

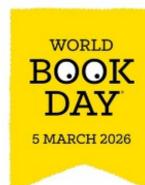
Children's Mental Health Week will take place the week commencing 9 February. The theme this year is "This is My Place", which aims to support children and young people in feeling a sense of belonging. Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week.

This week is dedicated to raising awareness about children's mental health and the importance of creating supportive environments. We have sourced a list of useful books that can be added to your library (click 'National Year of Reading 2026' button below).

##### March - World book day competition

World Book Day is coming on Thursday 5 March! This annual celebration is all about sharing the joy of reading. Schools and libraries will be buzzing with fun activities and SLS is no exception.

We will be running our popular annual competition, this year the brief is **'design a t-shirt'**. Follow our link below for full details. Get everyone involved and inspire a lifelong love of books and their characters. Prizes include printed t-shirts for the winning designs plus free books for your school library.



Devon SLS World book day competition 2026 details

National Year of Reading 2026

#### Pre-publications booklist for February



With a long list of new titles scheduled for publication in February, we've carefully curated a selection of standout books that are likely to generate strong interest and high demand within your library.

February pre-pubs booklist

#### School survey

##### WIN!!! £200 of books for your school library!

With 2026 a designated Year of Reading, plus, the Government announcement that all primary schools will have a library by 2029, we are interested in finding out more about school libraries in Devon.

Please help us by completing this short survey and you could win £200 of books for your school.

Complete school survey

#### What did we achieve in 2024/25?



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