



THE NSB TRUST

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A termly newsletter
to support with
reading at home and
to help promote our
reading culture across
The NSB Trust.



Welcome to the second edition of this academic year's NSB Trust reading newsletter. This term we are excited to look ahead to 2026, the "National Year of Reading". We would welcome any feedback on the newsletter; please email jbarlow@nsbtrust.school

1 **READING IN THE NEWS**

With the rise of AI, many researchers and education experts are divided on its future. However, the National Literacy Trust (NLT) is focused on ways that literacy is shaping and being shaped by AI: "Today, being literate increasingly includes the skills of effectively, critically and creatively engaging with generative AI".

Media literacy is a core element of our Personal Development and PSHE offering at both NS and NSB, to ensure students have the range of literacy skills required to thrive in an ever-changing media landscape and to use digital tools effectively in future careers.

As the NLT notes, "Strong reading and writing skills enable and support young people and adults alike to communicate effectively with generative AI. These essential, 'traditional' literacy skills help users to craft a good question or prompt which is inputted into the AI tool - working in tandem with technology to maximise its output. Moreover, our recent research shows that reading and writing engagement is associated with more critical engagement with AI-generated content."

2 **TOP TIPS FOR READING AT HOME**

As highlighted above, it is important to develop **traditional literacy skills in tandem with digital literacy**. When supporting your child with reading and home learning, encourage them to ask probing questions about what they are reading and who has created it, in order to appreciate the nuance of different text types.

3 **READING AT THE NSB TRUST**

We are delighted to confirm a very **exciting author visit for NSB and NS in April 2026**. Students will have the opportunity to hear the author speak about their career and inspiration, as well as purchase books which can be personally signed by the author. We will reveal more in the new year....!

We will share more details of our ongoing reading provision, as well as focused events for the National Year of Reading 2026, in the new year.

OUR FAVOURITE READS...

Below are some of the books our brilliant NS and NSB library team are looking forward to reading over the Christmas break...



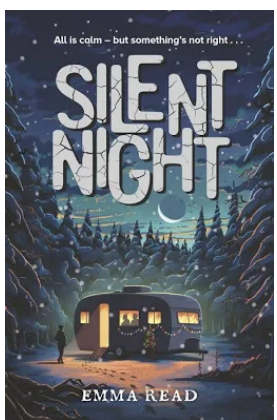
Please find our suggested Christmas reading lists on the school websites. They cater to a range of reading abilities and ages, from those looking for a light-hearted Christmas-themed comedy to those who are looking forward to curling up with a wintry mystery (like our librarians below).



They can be found here:



NS website
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"Three friends wake up on Christmas morning to discover that their families have vanished. In this spine-tingling read, Emma Read blends eerie suspense with themes of friendship, loss, and finding courage in the darkest of times."



"Mila and her sisters set out across the frozen landscape to rescue their brother, blending myth and adventure in a snow-bound fantasy about bravery, family, and resilience."

