

THE NEWSTEAD EXPRESS

SUMMER TERM 2026

THE READING ROUND UP

SHARING READING SUCCESSES AND UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP YOU BUSY ALL SUMMER LONG!

SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENTS

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free way for children aged 4-11 to stay motivated to read during the summer holidays. How to join the Summer Reading Challenge:

1) Visit your nearest Stoke-on-Trent Library any time from Saturday 4 July to sign up.

1.1) Can't make it to the library? Join online by visiting: Summer Reading Challenge website. Unlock rewards and track your progress by registering online.

2) 🏆 Set a reading goal.

3) 📖 Read whatever they like - books, eBooks, audiobooks and visit your library three times and read six books during the summer holidays.

4) 🎁 Earn stickers, rewards, a certificate and even a medal.

Any child that takes part in this activity will receive a special certificate in the first celebration assembly in September.



Tales in the Park are accessible storytelling festivals make the perfect day out for families with children aged 0-13 (but everyone's welcome!). That means the fun is right on your doorstep this summer holiday. You'll be treated to storytelling, pop-up sports, crafts, circus skills, a bouncy castle, and so much more. Every child will also be gifted a free book to take home and enjoy, kindly gifted by Harper Collins!

From 11am - 3pm, Tales in the Park will take over:

- Tunstall Park on Tuesday 28 July
- Hanley Park on Friday 31 July
- Yeaman Street Recreation Ground on Tuesday 4 August
- Fenton Park on Friday 7 August
- Longton Park on Tuesday 11 August
- Burlseam Park on Friday 14 August



CELEBRATING A FABULOUS YEAR

While there's still plenty more fun to come before the year ends, we want to take a moment to celebrate an amazing year of reading success! From discovering more new books, reading buddies and older children sharing stories with younger children, to entering competitions, becoming published authors, and our brilliant Reading Ambassadors keeping the library running smoothly — it's been a fantastic journey. Add in our wonderful World Book Day celebrations and every child visiting the library each week to take home a book, and there's so much to celebrate!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- National Writing Day - making a class year book 24th June
- English speaking and listening assessment 6th July
- Keep your eyes peeled for information in the Autumn term regarding our next book fair.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our children are true Love of Readers. Your support really does make an impact!



"BOOKS ARE UNIQUELY PORTABLE MAGIC!" - STEPHEN KING

