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‘Great to be Inspired, Inspired to be Great’

Thursday 8th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

1. Happy New Year
2. The National Year of Reading 2026
3. Coffee mornings for parents/carers
4. Curriculum letters

1. Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. It has been lovely to welcome your children back to school.

2. The National Year of Reading 2026 (from the National Literacy Trust)

Everyone knows the benefits of reading: it expands your world, sharpens your mind. It might even make you more creative or successful.

But increasingly, fewer of us are making time to read. With so many forms of entertainment at our fingertips, reaching for a book can feel like a chore. Something we should do, but don't really want to do.

But we believe it's just a matter of shifting the focus. So for the National Year of Reading in 2026, we're bringing reading to where culture is.

We believe reading is a powerful plug-in to the things you already love – a great way to go deeper into your existing passions. Put simply we say: ‘if you're into it, read into it’.

We're asking the nation to Go All In and see how reading in all its forms can unlock more of what you love – whether it's music, baking, family time, films, sci-fi or... anything.

At Dunmore, we plan to ‘Go All In’ for 2026 to help us all to engage with text more. Be ready to help us.

3. Coffee mornings for parents/carers - REMINDER

We had lovely coffee mornings with parents/carers last term.

Just a reminder that these are the dates for next year. Coffee mornings are from 8.45am – 9.45am. Please book a place by emailing kfra5051@dunmore.oxon.sch.uk

Parents/carers of children who serve in the Armed Forces: Wednesday 14th January

Parents/carers of children with SEND: Wednesday 28th January

Parents/carers of children who speak a different home language: Wednesday 4th March

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4. Curriculum Letters

Curriculum letters will be uploaded to the school website later this week. Please take a look.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S J Bartholomew', written in a cursive style.

**Mr S J Bartholomew
Headteacher**