



HARTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Monday 15th June 2026

Dear Hartland High Families,

We are taking part in the National Year of Reading and as part of this, the Reading libraries are offering to set up library cards for any children who would like one. We have a library here in Whitley at the South Reading Community Hub and there is a new one due to open in the civic centre this Summer.

We would love to get as many children as possible at Hartland High School to have a library card to encourage accessing new books and an enjoyment of reading for pleasure. All we need parents to do is complete the form [here](#) and the cards will be created and delivered to school to be sent home to you. By completing the form, you are consenting to the transfer of information to the library service to set up the library card.

Why is reading important?

Reading plays a vital role in children's development and helps them thrive both in and out of school. Research shows that reading for pleasure can improve literacy skills, confidence, wellbeing and learning. ([National Literacy Trust](#))

- **Supports learning and school success** – Reading helps to develop brain function, concentration, vocabulary, speech and language skills. Children who read regularly are often better prepared for school and make stronger progress across the curriculum.
- **Builds empathy, creativity and imagination** – Through stories, children learn to understand different people and experiences. Reading also encourages imagination, curiosity and creative thinking.

For more information and ideas to support reading at home, visit the [National Literacy Trust – Reading for Pleasure Families](#).

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Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Collins', with a stylized flourish underneath.

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