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serving the island communities of Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's, St Mary's and Tresco.
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Wednesday 21st January 2026

Library News

Dear Parents and Carers

We recently received a generous grant from the Foyle Foundation for redevelopment of the main school library. This has allowed us to purchase furniture and a wide range of new books, from recent graphic novels to a complete update of our non-fiction sections. We're looking forward to welcoming you to some drop-in sessions after school once the changes are complete, to come and see the new stock!

In the meantime, we'd be very grateful for your help with the preparations below.

First, please could KS2 and secondary students **check at home for any school library books** that aren't being read and bring these back into school by Friday 30th January, as we will soon be scanning all books to create a searchable online catalogue. It's fine to keep hold of current reading books.

Second, we have a few big tasks to tackle which would be much more feasible with a team to help. Please email Alison at alisonnimmo@fiveislands.org if you might be able to lend a hand with the following:

- **Furniture-building** Wednesday 28th January, 1.15 - 5pm
 - **Book-labelling** Thursday 29th January, 2 - 5pm
 - **Book-labelling** Friday 30th January 9.15am - 12pm
- (come for any amount of time!)*

Finally, if you have a sewing machine, we are hoping to introduce **simple fabric book sleeves** that students can keep their chosen reading book in to provide protection in school bags. Using scrap or repurposed fabric, this has worked successfully in other schools to significantly reduce wear and tear

All aboard! Navigating together

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on library books. If you could help collect suitable fabric and/or sew up book sleeves, again please get in touch with Alison.

It will be great to welcome you to come and see the library soon, and we aim to offer more regular opportunities to drop in after school to help your children browse books and keep in touch with what we have in stock. For now, if you have any questions or other suggestions about the library, please do let us know.

Yours faithfully

Alison Nimmo and Clare Simutis
Primary English Lead / Library Coordinator