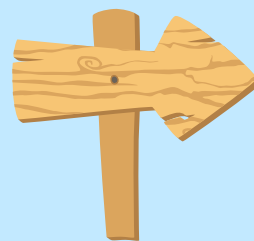


PIRLS 2026

A guide for learners, parents and carers



What is PIRLS all about?



PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study) is a big, international study that lots of countries take part in.

It assesses and compares how well children read and how they learn at around the age of 10 (Primary 5 in Scotland).

PIRLS takes place every five years and is run across more than 60 countries and education systems.

PIRLS 2026 is fully digital, which means it will be carried out on a computer.

What will happen on the day of PIRLS?



There will be two activities for you to complete:

- An on-screen reading activity. You will read stories and information texts, then answer some questions about them.
- A questionnaire asking you about your experience of reading, school and learning.

Quick tips for learners



- There's no need to do any special preparation for PIRLS. Just be ready to try your best – that's more than enough.
- Take your time and read the texts and questions carefully.
- If you're not sure, have a go and choose the best answer you can.
- Stay positive – you're helping Scotland take part in an important international study!

Why is PIRLS important?



Your answers to the questions in PIRLS will help give a clear picture of reading in Scotland. They will allow Scotland to compare how we are doing with other countries to help improve reading education in the future.

Why has our school been chosen?

Schools are chosen at random (like picking names from a hat). This helps make sure the results are fair.

When will PIRLS take place?

In Scotland, PIRLS will take place during May and June 2026. Your school will tell you the exact day and date.

Privacy – keeping information safe



- Your answers are private. People will not see your results with your name on them.
- Pupils and schools are not named in the results.
- You won't receive a score or mark. This is because PIRLS looks at Scotland's results as a whole and not at individuals.

Thank you for supporting PIRLS 2026. We hope you have a really positive experience. Your participation will help improve reading education in Scotland.