

World Book Day 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are delighted to be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**, as part of the National Year of Reading. This year's theme encourages all children to "Go All In" and discover the joy of getting lost in a great story. We have planned a fun-filled day that we hope will inspire every child to enjoy reading in their own way.

We are pleased to begin the day with our Reading Café, which will take place in the school hall from 8.30am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for a relaxed start to the morning by sharing a book with their child before school begins. Please note that any child attending the Reading Café must be accompanied by an adult.

As part of our whole-school creative project, all children are invited to design a new front cover for their favourite book. Templates will be sent home this week, giving families the option to complete them over the half-term holiday if they wish. Finished covers should be returned to school on World Book Day, when they will be displayed in the hall for parents and carers to view after school. Additional copies of the template can be collected from the school office if needed.

We know that many children enjoy dressing up for World Book Day, and we warmly welcome costumes based on their favourite book characters. If children prefer not to dress up, they are welcome to come to school in non-school uniform instead.

This year we will also be doing a Book Swap, giving children the chance to choose and take home a "new-to-them" book. If possible, we ask that children bring in one pre-loved book in good condition that a child in their class would enjoy taking home. It would be helpful if books could begin to come into school during the first week back, so staff have time to check and organise them to ensure every child has a book to choose.

Throughout the day, children will also take part in a variety of fun reading activities, from buddy-reading sessions to Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) moments, all designed to celebrate stories, spark imagination and promote a love of reading across the school.

We look forward to welcoming families to our Reading Café in the morning, and to seeing you again after school to enjoy the children's amazing front-cover displays in the hall.

Kind regards

Mrs Kerr

