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Dear Parents and Families,

### **World Book Day**

**Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2026** is World Book Day, the theme this year is '**Reading for Fun**'. As is tradition for World Book Day a host of book-based activities will be run in school. This year the activities will span the whole week culminating in a fun filled day on World Book Day itself.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March**

During the week children will take part in classroom-based activities creating their own books, at various points through the day a bell will be rung, and everyone will drop everything to read and a daily reading assembly with each class paired with another to share favourite books.

### **5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day**

Costumes: This year we are inviting children to come to school dressed as a character from a book they have read. We would love for them to bring the book with them on the day to share with friends.

Children will parade in their costumes at **8.45 approx**. At this point the costumes will be judged, and a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be chosen from EACH CLASS! Each winner will receive a book and certificate. Any parents wishing to stay and see the children in their costumes would be very welcome. Prizes will be presented in celebration assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

During the day children will take part in a book related assembly and other book related activities. There will be a World book Day themed lunch and the day will end with a family reading session. Parents and carers are welcome to join their children at **2.45 pm** to explore the books in school and enjoy a story together.



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Following the parent voice questionnaire we have decided to offer each child the opportunity to choose their World Book Day book from a selection in school. This will be instead of taking home the £1 book token. Any child who would rather have a token to use in a book shop of their choice is very welcome to do so, please just let the office know.

After all the work of the week we would love for you to see the children's completed books. On **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15 pm** please join your child/ren in school to browse the creative writing gallery.

Our final event of the week will be Friday's 'recommended reads book swap'. To make the book swap happen we are asking each child to bring into school one book that they have read and want to share with someone. A book that they have enjoyed and would recommend to another. The 'recommended reads book swap shop' will be open at the end of the school day for each child to collect a book of their choosing.

Yours Sincerely

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