

Tuesday 24th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are thrilled to be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026**, with an action-packed schedule of exciting activities designed to bring books to life! Our aim is to immerse children in the joy of reading, spark their imaginations and inspire them as storytellers.

Dress Up, Present & Win a Prize!

We invite all children to dress up as their favourite book character, but this year, it's not just about the costume — it's about the story behind it! Prizes will be awarded not for the best costume but for the most enthusiastic and engaging **in-class book presentation**.

We want to see children bring their characters to life — whether that means:

- Talking about their book and why they love it
- Performing a dramatic speech as their character
- Sharing their favourite scene in a fun, creative way

This is their chance to show off their passion for reading, storytelling and creativity!

Meet the Authors – Inspiring the Next Generation of Writers!

One of the most exciting parts of World Book Day is the chance for children to meet real-life authors, hear about their journeys and take part in exclusive workshops that will inspire their own storytelling.

- **Sara Grant** — working with Year 3 across the morning and early afternoon
- **Terrie Chilvers** — working with Year 4 across the morning and early afternoon

These workshops will encourage creativity, spark discussions about writing and allow children to ask questions about what it takes to be an author!

Live Online Events

Children will also take part in exciting national online events throughout the day:

- **Footy & Booky Live Event** at 9:30am
- **BBC Live Lesson** at 11:00am
- **Pobble 365 Live** at 1:15pm

Exciting In-Class Activities!

In addition to our live events and author workshops, children will take part in a range of fun, engaging book-themed activities, including:

- **Tree Story Writing Rotations** — classes working together to build one complete story (character → opening → build-up → dilemma → resolution → ending)
- **Partnered Reading Sessions** — children reading with other classes across the school

- **Book Treasure Hunts** — solving clues to uncover hidden bookish treasures
- **Story Dice & Story Stones** — creating imaginative stories through play
- **Dramatic Read-Alouds & Book Character Role-Play** — bringing books to life with performance
- **Design Your Own Bookmark & Create a Story Character** — combining art and storytelling

Our SEND provision (The NEST) will also be fully involved, with sensory-friendly storytelling, visual storyboarding and interactive reading activities, ensuring that every child can experience the magic of books in a way that suits them best.

Free World Book Day Books!

Every child will receive a **World Book Day token**, which they can exchange for a free book at participating bookstores. We encourage you to take your child to pick up their book and continue the celebrations at home.

We can't wait for this incredible day of imagination, stories and fun!

Thank you for your continued support in making World Book Day an unforgettable celebration of books and storytelling.

Kind regards,

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