



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026.

To mark the occasion, children and staff are invited to dress up as a character from a book. Costumes can be as simple or creative as you wish, the focus is on celebrating a love of reading.

Also this year we are excited to introduce a 'Dress the Potato' competition, where children are invited to decorate a potato as a character from a book. Please take your creations to your child's classroom and later in the morning the potatoes will be taken to the main hall for the children to view and for judging. The PTFA have kindly donated Book Tokens as prizes.



The competition will have the following categories:

- Owlets
- Reception
- Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
- Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
- Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)

During the day, teaching staff will be involved in a 'story go-round', giving children the opportunity to enjoy a story read by a different members of the teaching team. The children will also take part in paired reading, where younger and older children will be reading and sharing stories together.

We are pleased to confirm that the Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place on Friday 13th March and Monday 16th March from 3:15pm (please note the change of date from those originally sent). This will give children and families the opportunity to browse and purchase a wide range of books. Please collect your child as normal before making your way to the school hall. World Book Day tokens, which will be sent home on World Book Day, will be accepted at the book fair as part payment for a book.

We like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of reading for pleasure. Not only does it improve literacy and academic skills, but it also supports mental wellbeing, empathy, creativity, and lifelong learning. Children who read regularly develop stronger language skills and are more than twice as likely to have above-average reading ability compared with those who do not read for pleasure. We are very much looking forward to a wonderful day celebrating books, stories, and imagination, and we thank you in advance for your continued support.

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