



27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing drive to promote reading for pleasure across the school, we are celebrating **World Book Day 2026** this year with our usual exciting range of events.

Pupils will begin receiving their World Book Day tokens over the coming week so that they can then exchange for an official World Book Day book in the school library. This is a first for the school and means pupils can benefit from the token immediately.

On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, the school will celebrate with a range of different events. We will be hosting 'International Book Giving Day' by awarding books to pupils chosen from across the departments in school. We will be asking pupils to decorate their form room doors with designs to represent their favourite book for prizes, and we will host another 'Masked Reader' competition. Teachers will be dressing up as usual, and pupils will be invited to nominate the three 'best dressed' in the school.

We are also pleased to let you know that **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** will be a **non-school uniform day**. To take part, we ask that each student brings £1 in cash, which will be collected at the school gate as they arrive in the morning. All proceeds will go towards our school library.

Although students do not need to wear school uniform on the day, the school's usual expectations regarding make-up and jewellery will still apply. Clothing must be appropriate for a school setting: T-shirts should be of an appropriate length and fit, offering adequate coverage; skirts must be no shorter than the standard school-approved length; and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh. Students should also ensure they are dressed suitably for the weather. Please note that Crocs, sliders, or similar footwear are not permitted to be worn at school.

We hope this will be a fun day for the school community, while supporting a fantastic opportunity for our students.

We look forward to a fun-packed few weeks of literary celebrations.

Yours faithfully,

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