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*Be strong and  
courageous.....for the  
Lord your God is with you*

13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**World Book Day- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

I am delighted to inform you that we will be celebrating **World Book Day 2026** in school! This is always a highlight of our school year and a wonderful opportunity to promote a love of reading.

World Book Day is an important event that celebrates books, authors and the joy of reading. Reading plays a vital role in developing children's imagination, creativity, vocabulary and confidence. Most importantly, it helps to foster a lifelong love of stories and learning.

On the day, children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Please remember that there is **no expectation for parents or carers to spend money on costumes** — simple, homemade or creative ideas using items you already have at home are absolutely perfect!

Throughout the day, children will take part in a range of exciting book-themed activities, including:

- A special World Book Day assembly
- Opportunities for classes to buddy up-sharing stories and activities
- Whole-school, age-appropriate activities based on the same exciting picture book. The chosen book will remain a surprise and will be revealed on the day!

We are also launching a special **World Book Day competition**. Each child will bring home a paper plate before half term, and their challenge is to decorate it based on a favourite book or book character. Paper plates should be returned to school by **Wednesday 4th March** to be judged. A small number of particularly impressive entries will receive a **Silver Award**. We cannot wait to see the children's creativity shine!

In addition, every child will receive a **World Book Day voucher** on the day. These can be exchanged for one of the specially selected £1 World Book Day books (or used towards another book). We strongly encourage you to help your child choose and enjoy their World Book Day book.

We are very much looking forward to a fantastic celebration of reading and thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to sharing moments from the fun- filled day on social media.





# Paper Plate Competition!



There is an exciting whole school competition to celebrate



## World Book Day 2026!



Using colour, craft materials and plenty of imagination, bring a favourite story or character to life in a fun and creative way!



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**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**



Yours sincerely,

*Angela Margerson*

Mrs A. Margerison  
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