



# WORLD BOOK DAY NEWSLETTER



**WORLD BOOK  
DAY 2026**

## A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF READING!

What an incredible World Book Day we had at school! The day was filled with creativity, imagination and a shared love of reading across our whole school community. It was truly wonderful to see the excitement from children, staff and families as we celebrated the joy books bring into our lives.

*Photo: Year 1 were full of smiles dressed as their favourite book characters.*

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## INCREDIBLE COSTUMES

One of the highlights of the day was seeing the amazing costumes worn by the children and staff. It was wonderful to see so many of our pupils transform into their favourite literary characters. From classic storybook heroes to modern favourites, the creativity and effort that went into the costumes was incredible.



**Photo: The creative costumes of Year 5.**

Seeing the children proudly share their favourite books and talk about the characters they love, reminded us all just how powerful stories can be. The school was truly brought to life with imagination and storytelling!



**Photo: Year 1 show off their amazing costumes!**



**Photo: The Hungry caterpillar has enjoyed his time in EYFS**



**Photo: A lovely moment of connection through stories**

It was lovely to welcome so many parents, carers and grandparents into our school for our Stay and Read sessions in the lead up to World Book Day.

Seeing families find a cosy corner in the classroom to share a story together was truly special. It was also wonderful to see siblings joining in together and enjoying books as a family. These quiet moments of reading together are such an important part of developing a lifelong love of books.



**Photo: Every door opened the pages to a new adventure**

## STORYBOOK DOOR COMPETITION

Across the school, children worked incredibly hard to take part in our Storybook Door Competition. With the help of our staff and their families, classrooms created spectacular doors inspired by different books.

As you can see in the photos, the results were absolutely fantastic. Walking through the corridors felt like taking a journey through many different stories and worlds. The creativity, teamwork and dedication that went into creating these doors was amazing to see.

The winners were to be announced during Monday's assembly, but it proved so difficult for Mrs Woolcombe, Mrs Best and Mrs Stamp to choose just one winner, that rewards were given across the school

So, we've decided to pass the final decision over to you, our school community.

Parents and carers will soon have the opportunity to virtually view all of the storybook doors and cast their vote. There will be one winning class in Key Stage 1 and one winning class in Key Stage 2.

Please keep an eye out for a Dojo message, which will explain how you can view the doors and make sure your vote is counted. We can't wait to see which doors capture your votes!



## A THOUGHTFUL START TO THE DAY

The day began with a whole-school assembly, where children proudly shared their costumes and talked about their favourite books.

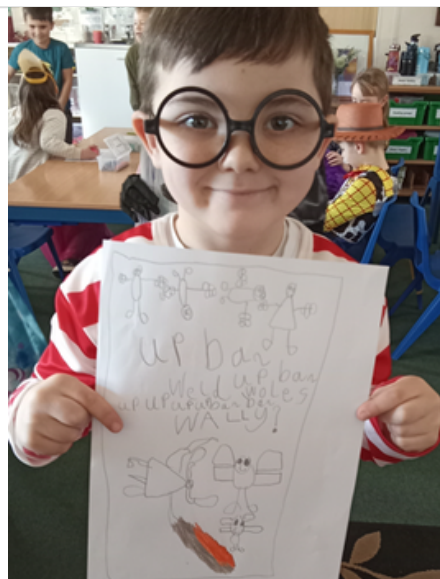
We also explored an important discussion about reading as a hobby and a lifelong skill. Children spoke about:

- what they love most about reading
- what they sometimes find challenging
- and how they can improve with the help and support available to them

It was inspiring to see so many children speak so honestly and thoughtfully about their reading journeys.



**Photo: Imagination flowed as pupils created their own versions of the story's characters.**



**Photo: Where's Wally? There he is!**

### KS2 – The Footy & Booky Quiz

Our KS2 pupils took part in the Footy and Booky Quiz, a live virtual event celebrating the “Go All In Together” campaign for the National Year of Reading.

The event featured footballers and fantastic authors, and our pupils absolutely loved taking part. We are very proud to say that our children scored brilliantly and even beat the online teams!

### KS1 – Spring Story Time

KS1 children enjoyed a delightful online author session with the creators of *The Flower Thief*: Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater. The session included a lovely springtime story and a draw-along activity, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

### KS2 – Graphic Novel Fun

KS2 also joined Jamie Gregory, creator of *Bonehead*, for a brilliant session filled with chaos, comedy and live drawing, as well as an exclusive look at his newest graphic novel.



**Photo: DEAR- the whole school pausing to enjoy a good book**

### Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)

At one point during the day, the whole school took part in DEAR – Drop Everything And Read.

Books appeared everywhere! Children found cosy spots around the school to enjoy a good story, and teachers joined in too, sharing their favourite books and modelling their own love of reading.



**Photo: Inspiration in action- learning how stories are created.**

## A SPECIAL AUTHOR VISIT

We were incredibly lucky to welcome author Gianna Pollero, writer of *Monster Doughnuts*, who led creative workshops across the school.

Gianna shared her upcoming books, signed copies and inspired children with fantastic tips for creative writing. She guided pupils through imaginative techniques and encouraged them to bring their own ideas to life.

The results were amazing – the children were bursting with creativity and we are certain they created over 30 brand new story ideas and mini books during the workshops!

Our EYFS children were also treated to a very special visit from one of our talented parent authors, Robyn Lucy.

She shared her charming story “Humphrey the Hedgehog”, which explores the importance of being ourselves and choosing happiness. The children loved listening to the story and meeting a real-life author from our own school community.



**Photo: EYFS enjoyed sharing a good story**



## IMPORTANT DATES & NOTICES

Although World Book Day has passed, the excitement around reading certainly hasn't stopped.

We have several exciting events coming up, including:

### **Author Visit** – 30th March

We are looking forward to welcoming Stuart Heritage, who will be sharing the latest book in his O.D.D. Squad series: Operation Hyperkitty. Keep an eye on your dojo messages for more information.

### **Travelling Book Fair** – 30th April to 5th May

We are very excited to host a Book Fair at school. More information will be sent home soon.

### **National Reading Champions Junior Quiz**

Our school has also joined the National Reading Champions Junior Quiz, where keen readers from across the UK compete in fun book knowledge quizzes. Over 2,000 children take part each year — we are excited to be part of it!

### **Buddy Reading Café**

Very soon we will also launch our Buddy Reading Café, where children across the school will come together to read and share stories with one another.



*Photo: Special moments shared through stories.*

All in all, we had a truly creative, inspiring and joyful World Book Day. Throughout the celebrations children:

- shared books with one another
- explored a wide variety of stories and authors
- expressed their own reading interests
- worked together to create their own stories
- and most importantly — experienced the fun and joy that reading can bring

From author visits and competitions to quiet reading moments and imaginative costumes, the entire school community came together to celebrate literacy.



*Photo: Perfect day to get lost in a good story.*



**Photo: Curled up in cosy corners with a good book!**

## THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

As we close the chapter on World Book Day 2026, we would like to thank all of our families for helping make the day so special. Your support, creativity and enthusiasm truly helped bring the celebration to life.

It has been a pleasure to see our school community come together to celebrate books as part of the National Year of Reading.

We will continue to do all we can to nurture a lifelong love of reading for every child throughout their time at school and beyond.

Happy reading!



**Photo: a wonderful showcase of imagination and favourite stories.**



**Photo: Nothing beats a good book and a reading partner!**