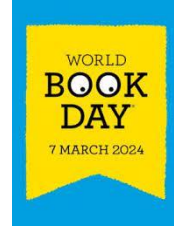




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23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

World Book Day is possibly the most important day in the reading calendar and this year, we will be celebrating this day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We decide to take part in World Book Day in school because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

Our focus for World Book Day is Graphic novels. All three classes will be focusing on a graphic novel.

- Willow class focus will be on 'Bumble and Snug'
- Maple class focus will be on 'The bad guys'
- Oak class focus will be on 'Frankie's world'

To celebrate this in school we would like all children to bring in a book that they would recommend for others to read. There will be allotted times in the day when your child can recommend this book to peers and staff.

Your child will also be given a template to design a national book token which is a competition through World Book Day on behalf of National Book Tokens. The nationwide contest encourages children of all ages to share their creativity – and their love for books and reading – by designing their own fabulous gift cards! This year's theme is Read Your Way. Every reader is different, and there's no right or wrong way to enjoy reading. Encourage your child to think about what reading looks like for them, and what it can look like for others. To enter, children should design a National Book Tokens gift card on the template provided with this theme in mind – and thinking about what might make their gift card appeal to customers if it was on display in a real shop. Please hand in the completed templates into school by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March with your child's name on. All children entering will earn 1 Surf and the reading council will pick their favourite three for a Golden Surf each!

During the morning all children will be participating in making their own graphic novel/comic strip as well as joining in with the BBC World Book Day Live Lesson. In the afternoon we will be undertaking different reading activities, such as paired reading, reading scavenger hunts and making a video/poster/article to recommend a book they loved to each other. In the afternoon at 2:00 the school will be open for you to come in and read with your child. There will be two ways for you can access this opportunity: one in your child's classroom or, with the support of our PTFA, the library area will be open for Mothers' Day afternoon tea. Entry to the classrooms is free of charge but if you would like to attend the PTFA event,



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please secure your place by paying for a ticket via ParentPay. This is a great opportunity for you to become familiar with the books in school as well as reading and sharing books with your child and helping them choose their next book to read at home.

During the day we will be doing a book swap. Please provide your child with a book they no longer read or enjoy and they will have the chance to trade their book for another book.

Every year, publishers produce 12 new and exclusive £1 books for children. Your child will receive their £1 token from school so they can experience choosing one of these books for FREE or putting it towards the cost of another book from their nearest bookseller.

We would also like invite you to a meeting about reading, and phonics. During the meeting I will model some of the teaching methods that we use along with an explanation of the key points and terminology that will enable you to have a clear insight into how your child is learning to read. This will enable you to support your child at home. We will also explain how we read with children in school and about the reading books your child brings home. I will be able to answer any questions you may have.

The meeting will be on **Thursday 7th March 2023 at 3.30pm in the school hall.**

Learning to read is the key to your child's education and parental support is vital. For this reason, we would encourage you to come along to the meeting to find out more about our phonics and reading in school.

Please return the reply slip to school by Monday 4th March if you are attending and please indicate how many people will be in attendance.

Kind regards

Miss A Bates  
Reading and Phonics lead

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**Reading, phonics and phonics screening meeting – Thursday 7th March 3.30pm**

Child's name.....

I/we will/will not be able to attend the meeting. How many will be attending.....



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