



Blandford St. Mary  
CE Primary School

'Let all that you do be done in love'

'Love, Hope, Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility'

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**"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Suss**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

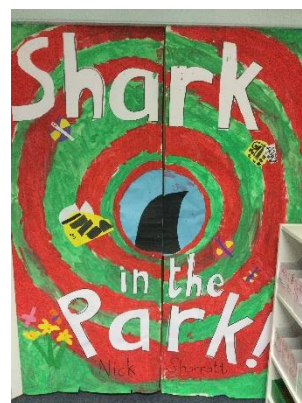
Every year we celebrate World Book Day in school and in the past, it has been a special day where the children are given extra opportunities to pick up a book and read. We want all of our children to be excellent readers and to have a love of reading and books.

**Big Book Dress Up** - Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character. Please bring in the book your character is from, to share with your class. If you can't exactly find your character's costume, come to school dressed up anyway! Please don't buy a costume or order one online – any costume you already have will be just perfect.

**Need a costume in a hurry?** <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/> - for costumes you can put together **using what you have at home already without any stress!**



**Decorate your door** – this will take place at school, with each class decorating their door like a book cover – have a look at these fantastic examples done by Y5 and Reception in the past.



**Buddy Reader-** During the day, older and younger children will pair up to read together and discuss their favourite books. We will also be swapping teachers for story time as well.

### **Reading to your child's class**

We would love to offer the opportunity for parents/carers to come into their child's class and read a short story or extract. We suggest a time limit of 10 to 15 minutes. Please talk to your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time if this is something that interests you. We are sure your children would love this.

**World Book Day Tokens** – these are already in school and will be given out to children before World Book Day. Swap your book token for one of these brilliant books by authors the children already know and love. You will see that books have been banded into Beginning/Early/Fluent/Independent reader books this year. Children can swap their £1 token for any of the £1 books or get £1 off a full price title at participating booksellers.



Beginning

**The Magic Balloon**

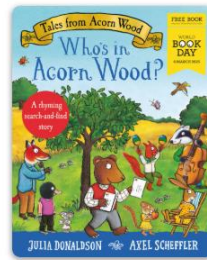
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**Bluey's Little Book**

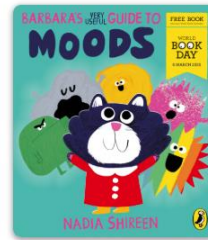
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Beginning

**Who's in Acorn Wood?**

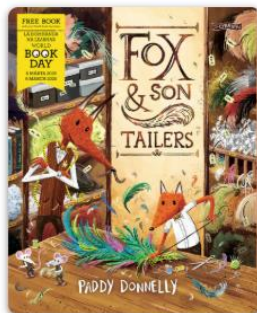
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Beginning

**Barbara's Very Useful Guide to Moods**

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Early (Ireland)

**Fox & Son Tailers**

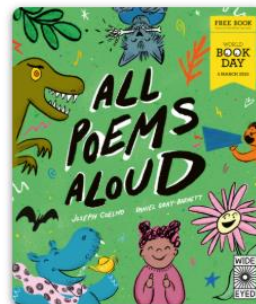
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The O'Brien Press



Early

**The Adventures of Paddington: Farm Escape!**

Published by  
HarperCollins Children's Books



Early

**All Poems Aloud**

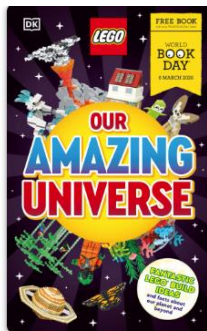
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Early

**Pokémon: The Epic Pocket Guide**

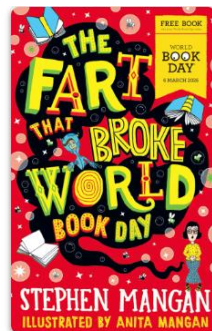
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Fluent

**LEGO® Our Amazing Universe**

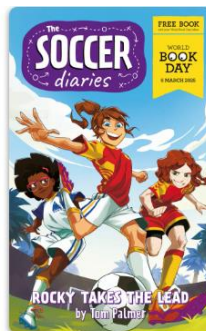
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**The Fart that Broke World Book Day**

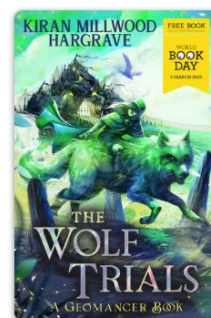
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Fluent

**The Soccer Diaries Rocky Takes the Lead**

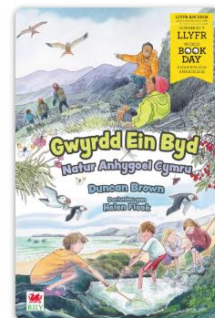
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Rebellion Publishing



Fluent

**The Wolf Trials: A Geomancer book**

Published by  
Hachette Childrens Group



Fluent (Wales)

**Gwyrdd ein Byd**

Published by  
RILY



Independent

**This Story is a Lie**

**Book Character Parade** – A chance for children to show off their costumes and celebrate their favourite book characters.

**Book Swap** – Children can bring in a pre-loved book to swap with a friend and discover a new story.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to a great World Book Day!

Yours sincerely,

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