



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 Seuss

Thursday 26th February 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March and wanted to send a few reminders and updates as the day approaches.

As always, children (and staff!) are invited to dress up as a book character for the day. Children are welcome to bring the book their character comes from to share with their class. Please remember there is absolutely no expectation to buy a costume — anything you already have at home is perfect. Simple, creative ideas are often the best!

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

We are also very excited to share that Mrs Drake's brother will be visiting us in the morning in his amazing Darth Vader costume! This is purely for fun and entirely optional for the children to meet him!

Competitions – don't forget to enter!

Thank you so much to those who have already sent in entries for our half term competitions — we've had some absolutely brilliant creations so far and can't wait to see even more over the next week!

Create a Book Scene

Create a scene from a favourite book — as imaginative and creative as you like! These will be judged on World Book Day by Mrs Beaver herself. Please bring entries to Miss West's classroom (Year 6) on or before World Book Day.



Reading in an Unusual Place

Take a photograph of your child reading in the most unusual (but safe!) place you can think of. The sillier or more unexpected, the better! Please email photos to the school office so we can share them during our celebrations.

There is still plenty of time to get involved — we would love to see as many entries as possible.

World Book Day tokens

World Book Day tokens were handed out before half term. We hope you have been able to use yours to buy a lovely new book!

If you haven't yet had the chance, tokens can be used at participating bookshops and supermarkets, or online, to receive a free World Book Day book or money off a book of your choice. Please remember that tokens must be used by **15th March 2026**.

Throughout the day

This year, our World Book Day will have a special focus on poetry. Each class will spend the day reading, listening to and performing a range of poems. To round off the celebrations, we will hold a whole-school poetry performance assembly, where each class will share what they have been exploring throughout the day.

Paired reading sessions

The children will enjoy paired reading sessions, where classes will join up with another year group to share and enjoy books together.

The children will have the opportunity to read to one another, listen to stories and celebrate their love of reading across the school. We are really looking forward to seeing the older and younger children sharing books and inspiring each other as readers — it is always such a lovely part of the day!

Reading to Your Child's Class

We would still love to invite any parents or carers who would like to come in and read a short story or extract to their child's class (approximately 10–15 minutes). If this is something you would be interested in, please speak directly to your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time. The children absolutely love having special visitors in to read!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with the children and seeing all of your fantastic costumes, competition entries and enthusiasm for reading.

Best wishes,



Miss L West and Mr N Osborne
English Subject Leaders