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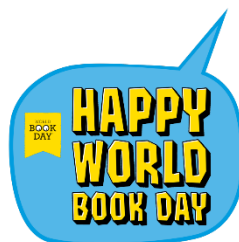
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'I can do all things through
Christ who gives me strength'



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Dear parents and caregivers,

Did you know that reading for pleasure is the biggest indicator of a child's future success?

We support the charity World Book Day in its mission to encourage all children to read for pleasure. This year World Book Day are putting children's voices first with Read Your Way, encouraging everyone to let go of pressure and expectations to give children a choice - and a chance - to enjoy reading.

World Book Day 2025 takes place on **Thursday 6 March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together for a week of celebrations in school.

On World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We won't be wearing costumes this year, as this is an unnecessary additional expense for parents and it can take away from the real purpose of the day. Instead, we are having a bedtime story theme and hosting a **pyjama party!** We invite the children to come to school wearing their pyjamas and they can bring in their favourite book to show their friends if they wish.

Please join us:

We would love to invite you to join us, if you can, to share a bedtime story with your child / children. (Approx 30 minutes). Parents of children in year 3 or all day nursery are able to come to either session, please let us know on the form

Nursery (AM) and Year 3 – 9am

Year 1 and Year 5 – 10:00am

Year 2 and Year 6 – 11am

Reception and Year 4 – 1.15am

Nursery (PM) and Year 3 – 2:15pm

We understand that it can be tricky, so if you have more than one child in school and cannot make different slots, just let us know and we can put them together. We are doing two Year groups at a time, so if you cannot make it for any reason, the children can still share a book, with the older ones reading to the younger ones.

If you are able to come along, please let us know using this form,
<https://forms.office.com/e/drgRFFzPYJ> we would love to see you!

Half Term Competitions:

Deadline 25th February (to allow us to choose the winners in time to announce them on World Book Day!)

Over half term, we are inviting you to get involved and help your child enjoy reading with some exciting competitions. There will be prizes for each class and overall, for the whole school.

Book in a box:

Children can make a mini scene in a box (a show box is perfect) from any story they choose, using items that have been recycled or reused. It could be any book at all, including one they have enjoyed in school. They can use their imaginations and be as creative as they like! Please see the next page for some ideas (or search 'book in a box' online for lots more!) Completed boxes to be brought back to your class teacher.

Extreme Reading:

Extreme reading is all about reading in unconventional or surprising locations or situations. Books can be enjoyed anytime, anywhere – whether you're upside down on a sofa, perched in a tree, or balancing on a beam! Please find somewhere unusual (**and safe**) to read, take a photo and send it via dojo to your class teacher. We can then print it and make a display in school of all our reading adventures! Here are some ideas:

- sitting in a wheelbarrow
- on a hay bale
- on a stage
- in a dentist's waiting room
- in a shopping trolley
- in a blanket fort
- in the garden shed
- at the top of a hill
- halfway up the stairs
- under a table



The children said they loved it last year, so for the whole week, we are hosting a **Book Fair!**



Like last year, each class will have time in school to look and then parents will be invited afterschool if you wish to make a purchase. It will be in school from **Monday 3rd – Friday 7th March**. Please watch this space for further information.

We will also have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day including:



We will launch our annual '**Read for Good**' sponsored read, which raises money to buy new books for Birmingham children's hospital and trains volunteers to read with them. This event is not just about sponsorship, it is about motivating our children to read. The children will bring home the details on World Book Day.

We will also have lots of other exciting things happening in school too, including virtual author visits and years 4,5 and 6 will join in **The Great Big Footy & Booky Quiz** live, and hosted by their footballing heroes. We will have competitions, shared stories and lots more!

Check out the [World Book Day Family Hub](#) for more things to do at home.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you.

Best wishes
Mrs Moore



Book in a box ideas:

