



Westfields Infant School

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World Book Day Celebrations – Thursday 5th March 2026

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 5th March, we will be proudly celebrating World Book Day 2026, coming together once again to champion a love of reading, stories, authors and illustrators. This special day plays an important role in inspiring enthusiasm for books across our school community and beyond, as part of a global celebration enjoyed in over 100 countries. This World Book Day's theme encourages children to truly 'Go all in!' to immerse themselves in stories, discover new worlds and experience the joy that reading can bring. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a range of engaging, book-inspired activities designed to spark curiosity, creativity and a lifelong love of reading.

Dressing Up:

As part of our celebrations, we would like to invite all of our pupils (and staff!) to come into school either dressed as a book character or in pyjamas on **Thursday 5th March**. Please make sure that children are suitably comfortable and warm (with appropriate footwear) as they will be outside for playtimes as usual. During the school day, all children will have the opportunity to share a cosy read with a child from a different year group across the federation and explore a book of their choice.

Book Swap Event:

This year, as part of our 'Go all in!' World Book Day celebrations, we will be hosting a book swap in school. We warmly encourage all children to take part by bringing in a book (or two!) that they have already read and are happy to pass on to another child. As this is a swap event, children will be able to choose a new book to take home only if they have brought a book to exchange. This helps ensure that everyone can enjoy discovering a new story while sharing the joy of reading with others.

Storybook Stones Competition:

After the success of last year's World Book Day Competition, we are holding a 'Storybook Stones Competition'. Children are invited to paint a book character onto stones/pebbles at home. They will need to choose a book, find a suitably sized stone/pebble and get creative! If the children choose to take part in this competition, they need to bring their 'Storybook Stone' into school on World Book Day (Thursday 5th March) for our judging and gallery! Please ensure that all competition entries have the name of the book, author, child's name and class clearly labelled. There are some ideas on the next page to give the children a little inspiration but we are sure our creative pupils will be original in their designs!

World Book Day Tokens

Every year, the World Book Day Team work in partnership with National Book Tokens, a variety of authors and bookshops to gift all children with a book token. This token can be exchanged for one of a fantastic selection of brand new and exclusive £1 books for 2026:



Alternatively, the £1 book token is redeemable against any book or audio book of their choice costing £2.99 or more, at a participating bookshop. Every child has been given a book token so please check bookbags!

Thank you for your continued support. Keeping reading everyone!

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