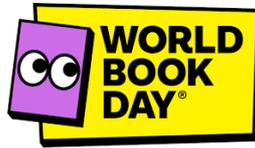


FOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



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February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers World Book Day,

Our annual celebration of reading and books, will take place on **Thursday 5th March**. World Book Day is a highlight in our school calendar and is a small part of our mission to champion reading for fun for our children. Reading is the biggest indicator that a child will grow up to enjoy a happier and more successful future. Today, statistics show that only one in three children enjoy reading. By changing this, together we'll transform lives. Young people are more likely to read if they see it as a fun, entertaining and a social thing to do.

As always, the children are invited to dress up as part of our celebrations. We would like the children to dress up using the theme of a **word** this year to promote oracy and vocabulary. This can be a character from a book, for example:

- Wicked - Highway Rat
- Determined - Zog
- Loyal/ courageous - Harry Potter
- Adventurous - Hiccup Horrendous Haddock

Costumes do not need to be elaborate or expensive. Simple ideas are often the most effective.

Other ideas include:

- Athletic - dressing as a footballer or sports personality
- Shimmering - wearing a sparkly costume similar to a character from a book

This will be a great opportunity to expand the children's vocabulary whilst also celebrating books!

This year, World Book Day is also linked to the National Year of Reading. The campaign asks the nation to 'Go All In' on their passions and interests for 2026 and discover how reading can unlock the things they already love - be that music, football, baking, animals, space, or ... anything. In support of this campaign, we are asking the children to bring a book to school on the day that links to their interests. This could be a fiction or non-fiction book. The children will have the opportunity to share the book with their peers in class and hopefully inspire others who have similar interests. Please ensure your child's name is written on the front cover of the book.

Book in a box competition

The children are also invited to take part in our 'book in a box' competition. Your child will need to decorate a box to represent a book of their choice. The boxes will need to be brought in on Thursday 5th March and there will be prizes for each class. We look forward to seeing the children's creations! **Please ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.**

Here are some ideas:



Mystery Readers

To celebrate World Book Day, we're inviting parents to be "mystery readers" in our classroom. If you'd like to surprise the children by coming in to read a favourite story, we'd love to hear from you! More details will follow.

Finally, thank you for your support with this event. We are sure the children will have a wonderful day and will feel inspired to read for enjoyment.

Kind regards

Mrs A Griffin
Deputy Headteacher