

WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



Dear Parents/ Carers,

This year, World Book Day is taking place on **Thursday 5th March** and here, at Swalecliffe, we are getting ready for the day by planning reading-based, fun activities for our children to enjoy throughout the day. This will include creative activities about a year group book and a competition to design a T-Shirt for their class library teddy. World Book Day is celebrated in over 100 countries around the world and was created by the charity UNESCO to promote a love of reading. Here is the information that you will need this year.

Dressing Up

This year is the National Year of Reading which is also our theme for the day. We would like the children to come dressed as anything that demonstrates how wonderful reading is and what they love about reading! Ideas include: a sound, a word, a book, an author/ poet, a character, wearing a decorated T-Shirt that celebrates reading, a reading fairy or a book worm for example.





We do encourage families to look for what they have at home that might help create a costume or perhaps think about how the children can help make something. We really don't want our families spending lots of money buying costumes.

The children will be given an opportunity to talk about their costume to their classmates and there will be certificates and prizes on the day. On the day, there will we also be an opportunity for the whole school to share their costumes.

Family 'Reading Morning'

On the morning of World Book Day, we would like to invite you into your child/ children's classroom(s). Come in through the gate at drop-off time with your child. Then go straight into their classroom. This will be running until 9.10 and we will close the gates promptly at 9.15. It will be an opportunity to share books or do some book-based activities with your child/ children at school.

Across the week, there will be other reading events taking place:

Book Fair – This will be taking place after school on Wednesday 4th March in the Infant Hall from 3.20 – 3.50, until Tuesday 10th March. World Book Day vouchers will be sent home on the Friday before this. You can use your voucher at the Book Fair or at bookshops that are participating. Use this link to find out who they are:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/participating-retailers/>

Payments are by **card only**. Please bring your mobile phones and credit/debit card to the fair as you will need both. Let grandparents know this too please. Parents can pay for books while they're at the Fair using the QR code that will be available to scan at the Book Fair.

There is something for every pocket at the book fair to assist with the rise in the cost of living and the voucher gives you a pound off.



Open Infant Library – This term's is for Year 1 parents on Friday 6th March from 8.15 until the gate opens.

Reading Assemblies – Our brilliant English Subject Champions will be running a 'reading assembly' for KS1 and KS2. They will be sharing their favourite books and talking about World Book Day.

Many thanks in advance of a great day,

Miss Garton and Mrs Montgomery

The English Team

