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We follow in Christ's footsteps

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World Book Day 2026

We are excited to share our plans for World Book Day 2026, which we will be celebrating in school on **Thursday 5th March 2026**. This is always a special date in our school calendar as we love to celebrate a love of reading and the joy of sharing books together.

Our theme for 2026 is *Get Comfortable to Read*

This year, our theme is all about getting cosy with a great book. Children are invited to come to school dressed in comfortable clothes, such as tracksuits, loungewear, pyjamas or onesies if they would like to. (No football kits, please). The focus of the day is very much on books and reading, rather than costumes.

Children will take part in a range of exciting book-themed activities including:

- Online interviews with authors and illustrators
- Opportunities to explore new stories
- Shared reading sessions
- Creative book-related tasks in class

We hope these experiences will inspire our pupils and deepen their enthusiasm for reading.

As part of our celebrations, we will also be running a *Book in a Box* competition. This is completely optional. Children who would like to take part can choose a favourite book and work at home to recreate an aspect of it inside a small box (such as a shoe box or cereal box). This could include:

- A scene from the book
- Key objects or clues from the story
- Characters made from craft materials
- A mini-diorama representing the setting

If your child would like to take part, please ensure their box is brought into school (with a label showing the book title and child's name) on World Book Day. There will be some lovely reading-related prizes for entries that show creativity, effort and imagination. Some ideas and photographs have been included at the end of this letter to help inspire children who wish to take part.

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Every child will receive a £1 National Book Token voucher to spend on a specially published £1 World Book Day book or to use towards the cost of another book of their choice. These vouchers can be used in most bookshops and supermarkets.

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day together and enjoying a wonderful day, centred around reading.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Miss E Parry

Ideas for *Book in a Box*



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