

WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and reading.

Dear families,

We are delighted to send you this letter to inform you of our World Book Day 2023 plans! However, we are also aware that one day of celebrating and prioritising reading isn't enough; we will also be doing lots of events throughout March to promote reading too!

This year's World Book Day will be celebrated at St. Hilda's CE Primary School on Friday 3rd March.

BREAKING NEWS

Children demand bedtime stories!

Children at St. Hilda's have been speaking out about how they want to have bedtime stories with grownups at home. 92% of children in Reception to Year 6 said to us that they would like to read before bed, whether this is a new book, by themselves or reading an old favourite with a family member!

Therefore, our dressing up theme this year is PYJAMAS!



The activities on the day will be based around this theme!

What is going to happen on World Book Day?

Buddy bedtime stories

Older and younger children will "buddy up" together to create their own, amazing bedtime story.

They can be authors **AND** illustrators based around the theme *"It was just a normal day at St. Hilda's until..."*

The best few will be published and made into a real book! They will feature in our new library which is currently being painted.

Bedtime Pillowcases

Every child from Nursery to Year 6 will have the chance to create a reading pillowcase on the day, making their very own comfy place at home they can sit and read.

Children will learn all about different illustrators and their different styles.

This will also mean they may be more inclined to have reading as part of their bedtime routine if something they have created is an integral part of this.

Masked Reader Assembly

Back by popular demand, The Masked Reader will be back in our World Book Day Assembly! Can you guess which staff member is behind the mask?

Alongside some other interactive activities, we will celebrate our whole school love of reading!



Role Model Readers




Our Year 6 children will make sure to show off their amazing reading skills to the new generation of readers. Some of our pupils will have the opportunity to read to our EYFS children.

We hope after this experience that many of our older pupils will want to do this regular with a "Reading Buddy" in EYFS.



On the day, children will also be given £1 book token to use. There are lots of titles that will be £1 at most bookshops, so children can get a book for free! See <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/> for more details!

Other bookish events in March

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Details</u>
<p>Tuesday 7th March</p>	<p>Chorlton Bookshop Book Fair 3.15 onwards</p> 	<p>For one after school day only, our local bookshop is coming to sell their amazing selection of books. They have also agreed that any £1 book voucher from World Book Day can be used for £1 off any book they are selling.</p>
<p>Thursday 9th March</p>	<p>Y4 to Y6 theatre performance of Romeo and Juliet by manACTco</p> 	<p>Y4 to Y6 will have an afternoon of theatre, from a local Manchester company manACTco. It will bring alive for Junior pupils the fantastic characters and incidents of William Shakespeare's most famous tale. After the performance, there will be a chance to have a Q&A with the actors too.</p>
<p>Friday 10th March</p>	<p>Whole school author visit by Simon Adepetun with author workshops for Y1 to Y3 children.</p> 	<p>Simon Adepetun is a local author, who is passionate about igniting a love for reading and writing. He will introduce children to some of the characters from his book, as well as inspiring them with the fact his teenage daughter creates the characters and is the illustrator of all his books.</p> <p>Y1 to Y3 children will focus on one of Simon's most successful books, "The Curse of the Deadly Marshmallows" and will bring them alive in their own creative story they will create under Simon's guidance.</p> <p>Copies of his book will be available at discounted rates on the day, which he will sign and personalise for pupils. More details of this will be brought out in due course.</p>