



Monday, 9th February 2026

Dear Parents,

We're delighted to share details of our World Book Day and Book Week celebrations, beginning after half-term with a full week of reading fun, creativity and literary inspiration!

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March, and this nationwide event celebrates books, authors and most importantly the joy of reading. Every child across the country is encouraged to read for pleasure and choose a book of their own using the National Book Tokens scheme, and we're excited to join in the fun here at school!

By the end of this week, your child will bring home their World Book Day book token ready for half-term - please check bags carefully! This year, vouchers are valid from Thursday 12th February to Sunday 15th March, and there's a brilliant selection of books to choose from in participating shops.

If your child loses their paper token, we've included a £1 digital token below. The barcode can be scanned straight from your phone or tablet screen or printed to present in store. Please check with your bookseller beforehand to make sure they can scan barcodes from mobile devices.

On Thursday 5th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as a recognisable book character! We can't wait to see their creativity and there will be a prize for the best costume in each class.

As part of Book Week, we're very excited to welcome two outstanding poets for special workshops:

✦ Paul Delaney will be working with Little Court on Tuesday 3rd March - Paul is a children's performance poet, writer and musician who brings poetry to life with humour, energy and imagination. His sessions are lively and inspiring, and he encourages children to explore creative writing through performance and fun activities.

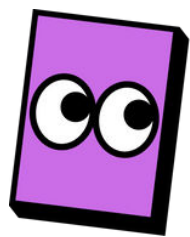
✦ Alex Wharton will be with Upper Court on Wednesday 4th March - Alex is an award-winning poet, performer and the current Children's Laureate Wales (2023–25). His poetry for children is witty, imaginative and rhythmic, and he regularly performs at festivals and schools across the UK, inspiring young people to enjoy language and writing.

A charge of £17 will be added to your summer invoice to cover the cost of the workshop and a signed copy of a book from the visiting poet.

We're really looking forward to this special week of reading, writing and creativity, and we hope the children are just as excited as we are!

Best wishes,

Ms Drislane
Acting Head of English



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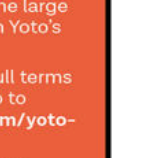
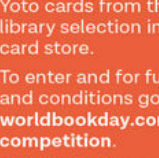
World Book Day is all about reading for fun. It's not about creating rules or telling children they should read because it's good for them. Instead, they get to choose a book they want to read, and take part in celebrations that inspire them to see reading differently – as a fun, entertaining and social thing to do. The brilliant thing is, reading for fun seriously transforms children's lives.

Visit worldbookday.com for ideas and fun resources. Your **£1 book token** is available below.



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One entry per person. Winners will be notified shortly after 15 March 2026.

Prize promotion runs from 12 February to 15 March 2026.



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