

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: World Book Day

We are delighted to let you know that we will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**. World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading, inspire a love of books, and encourage children to explore stories and characters they enjoy. Throughout the day, children will take part in a range of fun, book-related activities in school.

### Dressing Up

To help make the day extra special, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character. Costumes do not need to be elaborate or expensive — creativity is encouraged, and simple outfits are absolutely fine. Please do discuss chosen characters with your child.

### World Book Day Reading Challenge

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are delighted to be launching our **World Book Day Reading Challenge**, which will take place in the lead-up to the day. Your child will be bringing home a **Reading Challenge booklet**, which contains a grid of different reading activities. Children are encouraged to complete as many of the activities as they can and shade in each square as it is finished. This is a flexible challenge — there is no requirement to complete a full line or the entire grid; every completed activity counts.

We invite children to ask friends and family members to **sponsor them** for taking part in the challenge. Sponsorship can be a set donation or an amount of your choice, and all contributions will go towards **purchasing books for our classrooms to promote reading for pleasure**.

We would also love to see the children enjoying their reading challenges at home. Where possible, please feel free to take photographs of your child completing some of the activities and share these with their class teacher. With appropriate permissions, some photographs may also be included in the school newsletter. Please keep an eye out for the **staff reading challenges** too — the adults will be getting involved as well!

The Reading Challenge will run until **World Book Day, Thursday 5th March**, when we will celebrate everyone's efforts and love of reading. Please return any sponsorships to school **by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

There will also be a **World Book Day disco** taking place in the evening. A **separate letter with information** about the disco has been sent home separately.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs Grainger".

Mrs Grainger  
Headteacher