

Forefield Matters

6th March 2026



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a busy week! We thoroughly enjoyed the 'World Book Day' themed 5R Class Assembly and so did the audience:

"Please keep being as amazing and wonderful as you all are. The energy was electric! Thank you to Mr Shannon for his hard work too." "That was absolutely amazing – you were so confident and clear!" "So lovely to see the joy they have in their superpower: Reading!"

Our Year 3 pupils enjoyed two trips this week! They explored Liverpool Museum on Tuesday and visited Merchant Taylors' on Wednesday to meet actor and author Rose Ayling-Ellis.

Yesterday, World Book Day was a wonderful celebration of reading across the school, and it was fantastic to see the enthusiasm shown by all of the children. As you already know, this year, pupils were invited to bring in a prop or wear an item linked to a favourite book character, and it was great fun trying to guess each other's identities throughout the day. The creativity and excitement on display truly highlighted the children's love of stories and imagination.

Each class also took part in a live lesson designed to promote a love of reading, giving pupils the opportunity to explore books in new and engaging ways. To round off the day, every child received a book token to spend at a bookshop of their choice, encouraging them to continue their reading journey beyond the classroom. As part of the celebrations, Mr Croot led a special World Book Day assembly, where he launched three new reading competitions for pupils to take part in over the coming weeks:

1) **Get Caught Reading 2026** – This competition encourages pupils to be spotted enjoying a book in unusual or unexpected places, promoting the message that reading can be enjoyed anytime and anywhere! Email your entries to the school office, or bring in your photos by Friday, 24th April. schooloffice@forefieldjuniors.co.uk

2) **Design a National Book Token** – Pupils are invited to create their own design for a National Book Token gift card. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to combine their creativity with their love of books. This year's theme is 'Go All In', encouraging children to dive deeper into books that match their personal interests and hobbies. Closing date is Thursday, 19th March. Entries should be handed in to Mr Croot or one of our Reading Ambassadors. More information can be

found by visiting:

www.worldbookday.com/competitions/design-a-national-book-token-competition-2026/

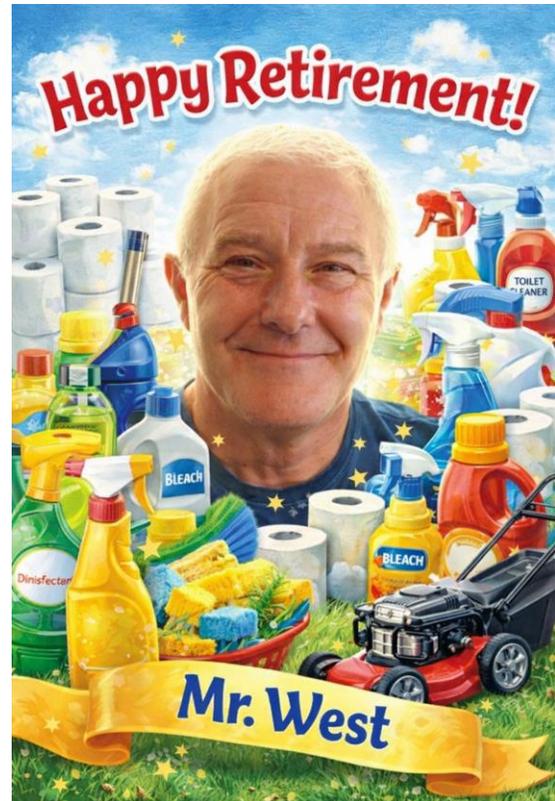
3) **Redesign a Book Cover** – This competition invites pupils to redesign the front cover of one of their favourite books, reimagining themselves as the main character. This creative challenge encourages children to think about the stories they love while using their imagination and artistic skills to bring a new version of the book to life. Closing date is Friday, 24th April. Entries should be handed in to Mr Croot or one of our Reading Ambassadors.

Congratulations to Eva Thomas for winning last year's Get Caught Reading competition. We all hope that she enjoys spending her £10 National Book token.

Attendance:

Overall attendance hit 97.5% this week, 'banking' another £10 for our School Council to spend. They always have lots of ideas – which they put into action this week when they visited Chesterfield High School to take part in the first Mersey View Learning Trust Council meeting.

No wonder attendance was so high – four of our classes: 3B, 4MP, 5S and 6C all had 100% attendance this week. Let's keep this up!



Happy Retirement Mr West

After 19 years of service to FJS, we are preparing to say a fond farewell to our school caretaker, Mr West. He has been integral to keeping our school running and ensuring that the Quad garden is a beautiful place to be. We all wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Our new caretaker is Mr Reeves – I'm sure you will see him in and around school and make him feel welcome!

Have a lovely weekend!

P A Swift



Diary for week beginning 9th March 2026

Science Week

Monday:	9.45 - 11.15 10.15 - 11.45 12.15 - 12.40 3.30 - 4.30	4H Swimming 5S Swimming Y5/Y6 Girls' Football (Miss Cain) Y3/Y4 Football (Active Sport)
Tuesday:	12.15 - 12.45 12.15 - 12.45 3.30 - 4.15 3.30 - 4.30	Y5/Y6 Netball (Miss Berry) Board Games Club (Mrs Russell) Y5/Y6 Choir (Mrs Harding and Mr Croot) Y6 Football (Miss Cain)
Wednesday:	12.15 - 1.15 12.45 - 1.15 3.30 - 4.30 4.00 - 5.00	Y6 Chess (Mr Hall) Y3/Y4 Choir (Mrs Barton) Y3-Y6 Dodgeball (Active Sport) Cross Country Race at St Mary's Playing Field
Thursday:	12.15 - 12.45 12.15 - 1.15 3.30 - 4.15 3.30 - 4.30	Y6 Doodle Club (Mrs Schwartz) Y6 Chess (Mr Hall) Y5/Y6 Drama (Limelight Speech and Drama Academy) Y3-Y6 Football (Marine FC)
Friday:	12.15 - 12.45 12.45 - 2.45 3.30 - 4.30	SMOOTHIE FRIDAY Y5 Football (Mr Shannon) Y4 Football Competition at CHS Y6 Badminton (Community Multisports Coaching)

MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oven Baked Sausage Mashed potatoes, Peas & Onion Gravy	Chicken Curry Basmati Rice & Naan Bread	Roast Gammon or Quorn Fillet Cauliflower & Broccoli Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Stew & Warm Crusty Bread & Beetroot	Fishy Friday Chipped Potatoes Garden Peas
(V) Quorn Bolognese & Homemade Garlic Bread	(V) Cheese & Potato Pie Baked Beans	(V) Baked Cherry Tomato Frittata Potato Wedges & Side Salad	(V) Quorn Nuggets Mixed Vegetable Rice Sweet & Sour or Curry Sauce	(V) Pasta Bake Crispy Green Salad
Oat Cookies	Choc Chip Muffin	Fruit Jelly	Iced Fairy Cake	Shortbread Finger

