



Tuesday 20th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to reading, and our vision to nurture a love of books and stories in all our children, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024.

The theme for World Book Day this year is “Read your way”.

'Read Your Way' calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading. Every reader is different, and there's no right or wrong way to enjoy reading, so we encourage children to think about what reading looks like for them.

Each child will be provided with a special World Book Day book token. This token entitles you to one **free World Book Day 2024 book** or can be used to get £1 off any book or audio book priced £2.99 or more from participating book stores. This year the World Book Day tokens will be available to redeem a range of different books that provide adventure, mystery and laughter, children and young people will be able to discover reading on their own terms, and as a hobby.

This year to celebrate World Book Day, we are delighted to welcome back 'West End in Schools'. The feedback from pupils and staff last year was fantastic so we have decided to fund this brilliant experience, for our children, again.

Each of the workshops is led by a professional actor & dancer who will guide each class through a choreographed movement sequence which explores this year's story, Pinocchio. The workshops help children to develop their confidence, use their imaginations and presentation skills alongside an understanding of narrative. By combining storytelling, movement and music, children can engage with the story Pinocchio from a new, creative, and active perspective.

This year, we are going to challenge the children to try something different! We would like children to come dressed as a **word of their choosing**. This could be their favourite word, a new word that they have just learnt or one that they have recently learnt the meaning of. This could be as simple as a colour or pattern, lots of ideas can be found online for inspiration.

Please send your child with a sign that says the word that they have come dressed as for everyone to share. There are a several activities for World Book Day (see the below for the link). Another way to support and celebrate reading at home - <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>.

For more information about World Book Day (other events and activities), please look at [worldbookday.com/partners](https://www.worldbookday.com/partners).

Thank you for supporting your child to continue to build on their love of reading.

Kind regards

The English Team.