

World Book Day & Readeathon 2025

January 2025



Dear Parents,

It's that time of year again when World Book Day is fast approaching, and we wanted to let you know how the day is going to look this year on **Thursday 6th March**.

The first big change is that there will be no costume competition this year. Instead, prizes will be awarded to the pupils who spread the most excitement and enthusiasm about their chosen book. Pupils will need to come to school on World Book Day with a copy of a book they love (or an image of the cover if they don't have a copy). They CAN dress up as a character from the book if they want to, but they could also just wear a badge or a single item of clothing (eg a hat) to represent their book. They could dress as a book cover or simply bring the book. If your child chooses not to wear a costume, they will be expected to be in school uniform. Pupils will then spend time in their tutor groups sharing their book and why they love it so much. There will be no theme, so pupils are free to choose a book they really love - either fiction or non-fiction.

The second change is the craft competition. This year, instead of specifying a particular type of craft, we are inviting pupils to create a representation of a book, scene or character in any medium they choose. So it could be a shoebox diorama or a jam jar as in previous years, but it could also be made out of cake or lego! It could be a painting, a sculpture, a mood board - the choices are endless! We are so excited to see all their incredible creations! All entries for the craft competition must be accompanied by a postcard (available from the library) explaining the book (not film or TV show) which inspired it. Pupils need to bring their entries to the library first thing on the morning of World Book Day (Thursday 6th March).

Readathon - Monday 24th February-Sunday 9th March

For the first time ever, Oakfield is taking part in a fabulous event called a Readathon. It is a sponsored read which supports an incredible charity called Read For Good which provides books and storytellers for children in hospital, as well as providing boxes of books for schools. We would like as many pupils as possible to take part, and the great thing about Readathon is that pupils get to choose their own targets! They might choose to read for ten minutes a day, or read ten pages a day or even read three books over the course of the two weeks - the choice is completely theirs! And hopefully they will be able to raise some money by getting sponsorship from friends and family. And not only will we be getting the children reading and raising money for a great cause, 20% of everything we raise will be given back to the library in free books! Find out more about Read for Good here: <https://readforgood.org/>

Both of these events will be launched to the pupils in assemblies next week and we are really looking forward to lots of bookish fun!

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