

PS311/25-26/EYE/KLA

Friday 13 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The government has launched the National Year of Reading 2026. This is a UK-wide campaign designed to help more people rediscover the joy of reading. In response to this the English department will be creating more opportunities for students to engage with reading and fall back in love with stories!

Therefore, we are delighted to inform you that **Year 7 students will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 5th March!**

To celebrate, **students are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book**. This is a fun opportunity for students to enjoy a non-uniform day while celebrating their favourite stories and characters. Some costume ideas include characters from *Wicked*, *Where's Wally?*, *The Hunger Games*, or perhaps students can do some group costumes such as *Mr Men*, *101 Dalmatians* and *The Hungry Caterpillar*.

- This is not compulsory, if students do not want to take part they can come in regular uniform.
- If students would like to dress up, then there is a **£1 contribution via ParentPay**.
- Students must be identifiable as a specific character.

All donations will go to the newly formed Reading Committee, who will use the funds directly to benefit students at this school! The money will be used to support reading initiatives across the school, including campaigns, competitions and events designed to encourage students to develop a love of reading - designed and created by the Reading Committee.

We will also be holding a **whole school book donation drive** for the Children's Book Project charity. If you have any good-quality books at home that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate your donations. Books will be collected by tutors

in the morning of World Book Day. The tutor group that donates the most books and will receive a prize!

There will also be a Creative Writing competition P5 on World Book Day! Each tutor group in Key Stage 3 will nominate up to 3 students to compete and potentially win!

In addition, Year 7 students will leave Period 5 ten minutes early with their teacher to meet for a group photograph.

We kindly ask that all costumes remain appropriate for a school setting. For health and safety reasons, outfits should be suitable for a full school day, and any parts of the body that would normally be covered by school uniform should remain covered. Costumes should not include anything that could cause injury or disruption.

We look forward to a fantastic day of celebration!

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