



Dear Parents/Carers,

At Hobletts Manor Junior School, we have a deep love for books, and strive to develop ambitious and curious learners, who read confidently and fluently with a passion for new knowledge. 2026 is the year of reading, and as we continue to celebrate books across the curriculum, we are excited to announce the date for our annual World Book Day. This year, we will be celebrating on **Thursday 5th March 2026**. We will be taking part in a variety of book related activities throughout the day, including The Great Big Footy & Booky Quiz, dressing up and our Books & Blankets event!

An Opportunity to Dress Up

The children are invited to dress up as a book character of their choice and have the opportunity to share it in our whole school assembly. They could also bring the related book, or a favourite read to share with their class. Dressing up ideas for parents and carers can be found here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents-and-carers/>. Alternatively, children may like to attend school in their pajamas ready for our Books and Blankets afternoon.

Books and Blankets

We would like to invite parents/carers and grandparents to come into school to help us celebrate with our 'Books and Blankets' event. We would love you to join us and share a book with your child. You are welcome to bring a book and a blanket too! Tea and Ms Pyke's famous oat crunchies will also be available, with any 'Chuck it in a Bucket' donations going towards new books for the children. For families with multiple siblings, please feel free to choose which year group time is most convenient and we can arrange for siblings from other year groups to come and join you.

Year group timings are as follows:

Saffron & Azure 1:30 – 1:50pm Year 6 1:55 – 2:15pm Year 4 2:20– 2:40pm Sapphire & Amber 2:45 – 3:05pm

Reading in an Unusual Place

We will be running our optional competition as we look to capture your children reading in unusual places. Previous examples have included reading with a pet, at the park or even while playing football! This is a lovely chance to be creative and have some fun! Any photos can be brought into school on World Book day itself or beforehand, and they will be displayed in school. Alternatively, please do email them to us. You can e-mail us here:

admin@hoblettsjm.herts.sch.uk

Competitions

There are some amazing prizes up for grabs! You can find more information on the World book Day website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/competitions/> We would love to see any activities you complete or competitions you enter, so please feel free to share these with us.

Book Tokens

The children will be provided with their book tokens today, Friday 6th February. They can be used in various books shops so please look out for them! They can be exchanged for a free book so please do pick one up for your family to read at home. Any spare tokens will be exchanged for books to have in class reading corners. Here is a list of the options available: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Wonderlicious Bars

FOHMS will once again be running their Wonderlicious Chocolate Bar event with prizes for golden ticket winners. Further information from the committee will follow soon.

Happy reading, everyone!

Mrs Short & Miss Palmer
Head Teacher & English Subject Lead

