



Headteacher: Mr Iain Horner

Chesterton CE Primary School
Alchester Road
Chesterton
BICESTER
Oxfordshire
OX26 1UN

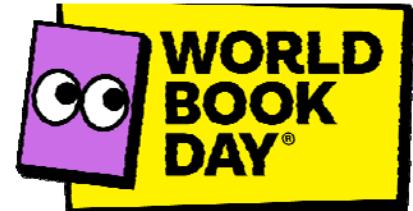
Telephone: 01869 252498
Email: office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk
Website: www.chesterton.oxon.sch.uk

World Book Day 2026

12th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The annual 'World Book Day' is fast approaching and we are busy planning our annual 'Book Week' in school, which will run from Monday 2nd March through to Friday 6th March. Although **Thursday 5th March** is officially World Book Day, we will be holding book-related activities throughout the entire week.



We will again be giving out £1 'World Book Day' tokens, which your child can put towards the cost of a book or they may wish to use it to buy one of the ten £1 World Book Day books.



Dressing-Up Day

This year, we have decided to dress up for World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**, so we invite your child to **dress up as a favourite character** from a chosen **book**. In return for a day without uniform, we would ask that you **donate £1**. The money raised will be used towards updating our class library selections across school.

During the rest of the week, there will also be lots of other great ways for us to celebrate books and reading in school, including: sharing a favourite book from home; reading with a teacher or pupil from a different class; learning about different books and authors, and joining in with book quizzes.

Reading for Pleasure

World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 'buzz' around books and remind our children that reading is, above all, a source of fun. Beyond the excitement of the day, our goal is to develop a lasting '**Reading for Pleasure**' habit, which research identifies as a significant indicator of a child's future academic success. By giving children the autonomy to choose their own books and engage in creative activities, we help them connect personally with stories, fostering a lifelong love of reading that boosts wellbeing, sparks imagination, and builds essential empathy.

We would like the children to **select a favourite book from home** to bring in and share with their class. These should be brought into school on the **Monday** and then class teachers will plan opportunities throughout the week for the children to engage in book sharing activities, such as

reading with a friend, creating book reviews and telling their class about why their chosen book is a favourite.

Competition

In addition to our book activities, there will be a **book-themed competition** which we invite children to enter. To continue our focus on '**Reading for Pleasure**', we would like the children to create a book recommendation for a different class. This should take the form of an engaging poster (A3 or A4 size), telling us the book title and author, as well as the completed sentence: 'I recommend this book forClass because.....'

We ask that we only have **one entry per child**. If selected as the best recommendation, not only could your child win a book prize, they will also have their recommended book displayed in the relevant classroom library area! We will also buy a copy for the school if we don't already have one!

Entries should be sent into school by **Wednesday 4th March** and the winners will be announced later on in the week.

Some resources to enjoy at home

The World Book Day organisers have created a section on their website which is for families to use, and you may find it helpful.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

By following this link, you will find some resources and ideas that you might like to enjoy using at home.

Best Wishes

Mrs Salter

