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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: World Book Day

We are excited to let you know about our upcoming World Book Day celebrations at St Joseph's on Thursday 5th March 2026. This special event is an opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading, inspire a love for books, and encourage students to engage with literature in creative and exciting ways across the curriculum.

At St Joseph's, we believe that reading is the foundation of success. Strong reading skills help students develop their imagination, critical thinking and vocabulary, which are key tools for learning across all subjects. By creating a culture of reading, we aim to equip students with the confidence and curiosity to explore new ideas and perspectives.

To mark the occasion of World Book Day and to celebrate the joy of reading, we have planned a range of exciting activities, including: Book Themed Fancy Dress – **Plot Twist Mix & Match** – Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite characters but mixed up. For example, dressed as Little Red Riding Hood wearing a cape but instead of carrying a basket for Grandma, she is holding a bowl of porridge or a broken chair as in the character Goldilocks.

Other book-based activities planned for on the day will include: The Footy Booky Quiz, Character Junk modelling, Book character treasure hunts and lots more.

Call out to Parents and Carers

We would also like to invite parents and carers to come in to share a story with your child's class. It could be in English or in your home language. You can read from a book or just tell a story. In the past when parents have come to do this it has been a really wonderful experience for all. If you cannot do it on the 5th of March what about another day in the week? You could even send in a video or a recording of yourself sharing a story.

Please let the office know if you are available to take part.

Thank you for always helping us make World Book Day a truly special event in St Joseph's calendar. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nelson-Cole

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