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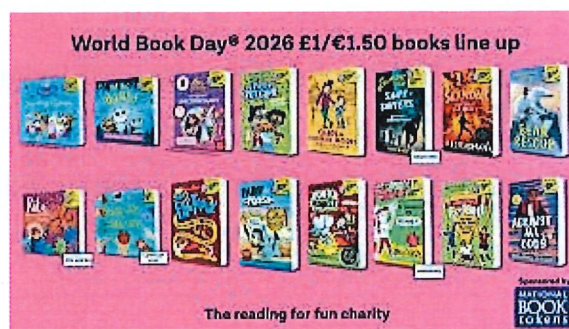
Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: World Book Day 2026

World Book Day is rapidly approaching and we are really looking forward to it here at Our Lady Catholic Primary School. World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading.

This year, World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. To help celebrate, each child will be given a book token - all you need to do is to take it to your local bookseller and swap it for one of the exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books. Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead.



To further promote the joys of reading, we are also joining in the celebrations at Our Lady's by taking part in a range of fun, stimulating activities. This year, we are, once again, asking children to dress up as their **favourite book character** in our annual World Book Day Grand Costume Parade. Prizes (of which include some exciting new book titles!) will be awarded to those who have impressed with their dressing up efforts – particularly those costumes which are homemade!

Here are some of the other exciting activities that we will be taking part in on this special day:



School Book Swap: Children will be asked to donate a book that they have finished with and swap it for a new one, ensuring a sustainable, free way to get new reading material for all children. Please wrap your donated book and send it into school before Thursday 5th March.

Decorate the Door: Each class will choose a book and decorate their classroom door, turning the school into a walking storybook. This will look lovely and make our school a very exciting place to be!



"Drop Everything and Read" (DEAR): We will be ringing a bell across the school at points throughout the day and everyone - children and staff alike – will stop to read for 10 minutes.

Extreme Reading Photo Contest: We will ask families to voluntarily send in photos of children reading in strange or funny places and we can make a display in the school. Please email your photos to: admin@ourladys527.herts.sch.uk

Potato Characters: We are asking all children to bring a potato into school on Thursday 5th March so that they can transform them into a character from their favourite book.



We are very much looking forward to this exciting day – a true celebration of reading in all its glory!

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Curry'.

Richard Curry
Headteacher