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Dear Parents / Carers

World Book Day: Thursday 5th March 2026

It is coming up to that time of year where we will be celebrating World Book Day at Courthill. We love getting involved in this event as it is our passion to instil a love of reading in every child. We work hard, not just around World Book Day, but all year, to promote and support reading for pleasure.

Dressing Up

We invite children to come to school on **Thursday 5th March** dressed as a character from their favourite book or in pyjamas, ready to share a favourite bedtime story. We will have a whole-school World Book Day assembly as well as year group parades where the children can proudly show off their costumes! We will organise a costume swap and would be very grateful for any World Book Day costumes that your child may have grown out of and are no longer using. From **Monday 23rd February**, a collection box will be available in the school office area for any washed costumes in good condition. From **Friday 27th February**, the donated costumes will be displayed on a rail in the school office area, and families are very welcome to come and browse and take a costume if needed.

Classroom Activities

On World Book Day, the children will take part in a wide range of activities, including re-telling their favourite books, making bookmarks or front covers to a text and creating other artwork linked to stories they know and love. Throughout the day, all children will participate in 'Drop and Read', which will involve a bell ringing at random points during the day; and whenever the children and adults hear the bell, they need to stop whatever activity they are doing and read their book. Children can borrow books from the class reading corners in the morning for this activity or, if they wish, they can bring a book in from home (please write your child's name and class in the front).

Golden Tickets

The Golden Ticket Competition was a roaring success last year! Once again, golden tickets will be hidden in books all around the school, in the library, in class book corners and even in book band books. If a child finds a special golden ticket in a book they are reading, they will win a prize!

Pre-Loved Book Fair

We are delighted to welcome back the Pre-Loved Book Fair, providing children with the opportunity to experience visiting a book fair and purchasing a 'pre-loved' book. This will take place on **Friday 6th March**, when children can bring in a suggested donation of £2 to buy a book. As well as providing children with the experience and joy of getting a new book to keep, it will also support the school, helping to fund new and stimulating texts for the library and school book corners. If you have any **good quality** children's books that you would like to donate to the fair, please bring them into school by **Friday 6th February**. More information about how to donate books is attached to this letter. Many thanks in advance for your support with this!



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World Book Day Token

All children will receive a £1 World Book Day token which can be exchanged for a special £1 book in participating bookshops and supermarkets. With books for beginning, early, fluent and independent readers, there is something for everyone.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Logan and Mrs Wright
English Team