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**Thursday 12th February 2026**

**RE: World Book Day, Thursday 5th March 2026**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We are delighted to be marking World Book Day during our Year of Reading on **Thursday 5th March** with a host of activities in school. On this day, we will share the magic of reading with the whole St Monica's family.

We have been asked many times what is the best way for a child to make progress in their education: We have three rules that will never fail: *Read, Read and Read Some More*. There is nothing more powerful than a child reading a book they love.

World Book Day is based on the evidence of what encourages children to read for pleasure. The research tells us there are 6 elements which support a child to read for pleasure:

- Being read to regularly both at home and in school
- Access to books at home and in school
- The ability for children to choose what they want and like to read
- Having trusted adults and peers sharing and recommending books
- The reading experience being enjoyable
- Designated time to read both at home and in school

At St Monica's, our promise is to make reading irresistible for all children so that they acquire a lifelong love of reading, books and authors. Reading will always be prioritised in our school so that children become motivated, fluent, skilled and attentive readers, readers who develop an understanding and confidence to ensure the process is pleasurable and enriching.

### **World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2026 at St Monica's: Events**

#### **Dressing Up**

All children and staff are invited to dress up as a book character on World Book Day. This could involve a full costume or just a prop / hat (or similar) relating to a favourite book or character. If your child is a non-fiction fan, tabards or t-shirts with top facts or illustrations are a good alternative. We would like to thank you in advance for your support with this. If possible please bring the book that relates to your book character to share with your class (we may have it in our library). Own clothes are just fine -

many, many characters in books wear 'normal' clothes from Charlie Bucket in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to Carrie in Carrie's War.

Some good ideas can be found [here](#).

#### **Children will enjoy a range of activities on the day, including:**

- World Book Day Assembly
- Sharing recommended reads with friends
- Talking about favourite stories, authors and characters
- Role-playing book characters.

#### **Book Club:**

We are delighted that Kingsley & Co will be returning to St. Monica's on **Tuesday 3rd March** to join us in our reading celebrations that week. The aim is to further enrich our reading offer here at St. Monica's. Kingsley & Co will be attending school with their **Book Club**, bringing with them a wide range of fantastic books suitable for all children from Nursery through to Year 6. We have strong links with this fantastic organisation, who have the key aim to: *"to inspire children to exceed expectations and explore their imaginations through becoming engaged in literacy."* During the day, all children will have the opportunity to visit the Book Club with their class to purchase a book to take home for only **£1**.



#### **Extreme Read: Home Challenge**

**Over half term we will** be running our annual '**Home Reading Challenge**', please take photographs of your child reading in an unusual place! This was a great success last year with our previous winners reading in the dentist chair to upside down on a swing! Anywhere is great: at home, in the park, on the beach, at dance, at football - anywhere at all. The best photographs will be celebrated in our World Book Day Assembly. You can start to send these into school after half term or email and tweet them here with the #stmonicasextremereadchallenge:

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As always we strive to support one another in our school community, so if you have any costumes suitable for World Book Day that you can donate, before or after the event, please do so by sending them into school with your child to their class teacher. We are really looking forward to the opportunity to fully immerse ourselves in the world of reading.

***"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." - Margaret Fuller***

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gilbertson