



23 February 2026

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**TO: ALL BOXGROVE PARENTS/CARERS**

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: **WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2026**

We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day. This year is the National Year of Reading so we are sticking with the theme of reading for pleasure – something which is very much at the heart of what we advocate here at Boxgrove. Below is an outline of some of the activities the children will be taking part in over the coming weeks:

### **Poetry Competition – Week Commencing 10 February – 24 February 2026**

We have five, £5 book vouchers up for grabs that you can spend at the school book fair which is coming to Boxgrove on 25 February 2026 until 2 March 2026. How to enter:

- Write a poem and illustrate it
- Copy out your favourite poem and illustrate it
- Perform your favourite poem and record/upload onto seesaw.

All entries must be submitted by Tuesday, 24th February 2026. Remember to name any entries and hand to your classteacher.

### **Poetry Focus for English**

Our Reading Skills for the week will focus on Performance Poetry; reading poems, finding out about different poets and ending with a poetry performance to another class.

### **World Book Day! - DRESS UP as your favourite book character. (OPTIONAL)**

We know that many people like to come dressed as their favourite book character but some children prefer not to dress up. If that is the case, then children can wear mufti or remain in school uniform. If you would like help with finding an outfit, please speak to your child/ren's classteacher. You can find lots of great ideas by [clicking here](#)

On World Book Day:

- Children can bring in their favourite book to share in the classroom
- World Book Day Vouchers - As with every World Book Day, every child will be given a £1 voucher which they can spend on one of the £1 books available from most book shops or put it towards another book to receive £1 off. Click on the link to see what books you can buy. <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>
- Classes will 'buddy-up' with a different Year Group to perform a learnt poem

### **Book Fair**

The Scholastic book fair will be returning from Wednesday, 25 February 2026 until Monday, 2 March 2026 selling books for you to purchase. The children can use their vouchers to receive £1 off any book. It will be held outside the large hall (Kent Hall) on the dates above from 3:15pm – 3:45pm. At the fair, you will need the QR code (see attached) and your bank card details in order to pay for any purchases as we will be cashless this year.

Also below are the links for a sneak preview of the books you can purchase:

For early readers: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books/starting-out>  
Age 6+: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books/ready-to-read>  
Age 8+: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books/go-for-it>



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We hope it will be a memorable and exciting day and week and above all raise the profile of poetry and remind the children how great it is to perform something off by heart and all together.

As always, please speak to your child/ren's classteacher if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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