

Monday 23rd February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Week 2026

It's that time of year soon! World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**; as always we have a range of exciting events and opportunities happening throughout the week around the day as well. Engaging with World Book Week is a wonderful way to nurture your child's love of reading and spark their curiosity about the world around them. By taking part in the activities, children see that reading isn't just something they do at school—it's something to enjoy, share, and celebrate.

Whether it's exploring new stories, talking about favourite characters, or joining in with our themed events, these moments help build confidence, imagination, and a lifelong enthusiasm for books. Your support makes the week even more meaningful, showing children that reading is valued both at home and in school.

Stories around the World

This year, our theme will be focusing on different folk tales from around the world. These range from Romania and Bulgaria to Nigeria and India. We are very proud of our wide range of backgrounds at HVA and love having the opportunity to share some of this with the community. As part of this, we will also be playing host to a storyteller during the week, who will work with every year group on a different story from the country they are focusing on. This will help inspire the children to create their own writing based on the stories, tales and poems that they have heard.

Story-in-a-Sentence

Throughout World Book Week, we will be releasing a range of 'Story-in-a-Sentence' videos, read by members of our school community. Keep an eye out on ClassDojo for posts throughout the day and have a go at guessing the classic children's books with your families!

Daily Story-time after school

We are inviting all parents and younger siblings to come into classes after school to share some of our HVA Spine Stories with you. Some of these are our children's End of Day stories, but there are a huge range of books that you are invited to come and share with children and class teachers.

Thursday 5th March 2026 – WORLD BOOK DAY

Children are invited to dress up as a book character. As last year was so successful, we are encouraging families to re-use as much as possible and we challenge you to not buy anything new to create your home-made outfits. We will also be promoting this approach



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with children. As an Eco-school we are promoting the 5 R's which are Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle. Please see some inspiration below:



Bake a Book Competition

Another returning crowd favourite is the 'Bake a Book' contest – on **THURSDAY 5TH MARCH**, we will be running a cake contest where we invite people to create all manner of delicious treats. It could be Bruce Bogtrotter's giant chocolate cake, Madeleine's macarons, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory's edible wallpaper, Harry Potter's birthday cake, the Gingerbread Man's family, the jammy biscuits from 'The Tiger who Came to Tea', the Hungry Caterpillar's cherry pie or any other famous cake from our favourite books.

Children are invited to be imaginative and bake a character or setting inspired from a book and bring it into school on THURSDAY morning ready to enter the competition. There will be a winner in EYFS, KS1 and KS2, voted for by the librarians' pupil group. **We will be selling the cakes after school on Thursday in the MAIN PLAYGROUND to raise money for the PTFA.**

As always, we are always looking for community engagement in these projects and, if you would like to support in any way, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support of reading. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,
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