



Dear Parents and Carers,

At West Kirby School and College, we are passionate about fostering a love of reading. We believe reading is a skill and a gateway to imagination, creativity, and lifelong learning. That's why we are thrilled to celebrate **World Book Day** with an exciting week of activities designed to inspire our pupils and bring the magic of books to life!

Step into a Story – Reading Assembly & Classroom Door Transformations

Monday, 3rd March

We will begin our World Book Day celebrations with a special whole-school assembly focusing on the importance of reading, the joy of reading for pleasure, and how our school supports reading development. This assembly will inspire pupils to see books as more than words on a page—they are adventures waiting to be explored!

To bring the magic of books to life, each classroom entrance will be transformed into an exciting book-themed portal to another world! Pupils will walk through doorways inspired by classic stories, magical lands, and thrilling adventures, making reading feel even more immersive and exciting.

Cosy Up with a Book – Pyjama & Storytime Day - Primary only

Tuesday, 4th March

To highlight the joy and importance of storytime, we're inviting all **Primary pupils** and staff to come to school in their pyjamas, onesies, or nightgowns for a wonderfully cosy day of reading. Throughout the day, pupils can listen to adults reading stories or chapters from books while enjoying a delicious cookie and a warm hot chocolate—the perfect way to bring stories to life! If your child would prefer not to wear nightwear, they are welcome to come in their own clothes or uniform instead.

World Book Day - Dress Up as Your Favourite Book Character

Thursday, 6th March

One of the highlights of our celebration is the chance for pupils (and staff!) to dress up as their favourite book characters. We encourage creativity and resourcefulness—there's no need to buy costumes, as many can be put together using items from home. If possible, your child can also bring along the book

their character is from, helping to spark conversations about their favourite stories. Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative costumes! If your child is uncomfortable dressing up, they are welcome to come to school in their own clothes on this day.

The Big World Book Day Quiz

What better way to celebrate reading than with a little friendly competition? Pupils will take part in an exciting book-themed quiz in the school hall, putting their literary knowledge to the test. With prizes up for grabs, this is a fantastic way to encourage engagement with stories and develop comprehension skills in a fun and interactive way.

Meet the Author and Storyteller – John Row

We are delighted to welcome acclaimed author John Row to our school! He is best known for his engaging oral storytelling performances. His work often draws on traditional folk tales, myths, and legends, and he is renowned for his ability to captivate audiences of all ages with his dynamic storytelling style. John will share insights into his writing journey, discuss the power of storytelling, and inspire our pupils to embrace reading and creative writing. This is a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to connect with an author, ask questions, and gain a deeper appreciation for the world of books.

We hope these activities will help ignite a passion for reading and encourage every pupil to find joy in books. Thank you for your support in making this week a special one for our school community.

Best wishes,

Mrs Eccles, Mrs Russell, Mrs Salisbury.

The Reading Team