



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

Dear Parents,

We are excited to celebrate another World Book Day at Hawridge & Cholesbury CE School on **Thursday 5th March 2026**.

To mark the day, we would like to invite your child to **dress up as a book character** and bring in their **favourite book** to share and celebrate. Please don't feel the need to buy a costume — you may like to adapt clothes your child already owns, make simple props, or even create a wacky hairstyle to portray a character instead!

The theme for World Book Day 2026 is **“Go All In”**, which encourages children to dive deeper into reading about the things they already love — whether that's animals, space, history, sport, hobbies, music, or any other interest — and to explore how reading connects to their world in exciting and meaningful ways.

We know that reading for pleasure is incredibly important. In fact, it is the biggest indicator that a child will grow up to enjoy a happier and more successful future.

All children will receive a **£1 World Book Day voucher**, which can be used to purchase one of the special £1 World Book Day books or put towards a book of their choice.

This year, we are also kindly asking for a **£1/£2 donation**, which will go towards **our school library** and creating an even more inspiring space for our children to read and enjoy books together.

Our World Book Day celebrations at school will include:

- A whole-school World Book Day assembly and **costume parade**
- The **Teachers' Reading Relay** — a fun event where staff race between classrooms reading to all the children
- **The Masked Reader**, based on the popular TV show — can the children guess which member of staff is behind the book or mask?
- A variety of reading games and activities in class

We are really looking forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes and favourite books on the day.

Kind regards,

Sarah Hughes
Year 6 Teacher

