



NEWSLETTER

What a fantastic fortnight we have had since being back after half term! Half term seems so long ago now! World Book Day is always a highlight in March and this year, again, it didn't disappoint! The children looked absolutely amazing in their costumes - from classic book characters to creative modern favourites and a mix of pyjamas too. Thank you so much for all your support in helping make the day so special; the excitement around reading has been wonderful to see.

It has also been fantastic to welcome the Scholastic Travelling Book Fair into school again this week. The children have loved browsing the shelves and choosing books that spark their imagination. Once again, thank you for supporting this; it makes such a difference in promoting a love of reading across our school.

Our World Book Day competitions were a huge success too, with so many brilliant and thoughtful entries. Well done to everyone who took part, and a big congratulations to our winners!

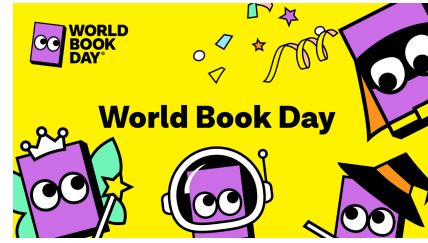
We've also been enjoying a welcome change in the weather - it's lovely to finally see some sunshine making an appearance! As the children begin to spend more time outdoors, please ensure that names are clearly written in jumpers and cardigans so we can reunite any stray items with their owners.

Finally, we'd like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils, who have now all received their high school places. This is an exciting milestone, and they can look forward to the next steps - including visits and open days in the summer term- as they prepare for the transition ahead.

Please see the email from the Parking Enforcement team at Wolverhampton City Council due to parking around the school site- they have changed their approach. Any vehicle parked in contravention of restrictions near schools will now receive a Penalty Charge Notice immediately, without a prior request to move. If a driver leaves the location after the issuing process has begun, the PCN will be issued by post to the registered keeper of the vehicle.

Thanks for your continued support.
Mrs Darby, Headteacher

6TH MARCH 2026



Class Dojo



Last week, the winners were 1/2PM and 3/4M

This week, the winners were 1/2PM and 3/4M again!

Attendance



The winning class for last week was 3/4B with 98.7%

The winning class this week was 3/4B again with 99.7%

Tidy classroom

Last week, the winning class was 1/2C

This week, the winning class was 1/2NC



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SCHOOL UPDATES

Good Luck Year 6!

This week was a big and exciting milestone for our wonderful Year 6 children as they found out which secondary school they will be attending in September! We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them. They have worked hard, grown in confidence and shown resilience throughout your primary school journey. No matter the name of the school on the letter, remember - hard work, kindness and determination are what truly matter. This is the start of a brand new adventure filled with new friends, new opportunities and new achievements. Good luck, Year 6 — your next chapter begins very soon!

Sporting Success!

Last Friday, eight Year 5s and 6s had a wonderful morning at the Academy Dome at the Sir Jack Hayward Training complex taking part in a mixed football tournament. Our team were placed in a tough group and finished a commendable 3rd place: winning 2, drawing 1 and scoring 12 goals in total (giving us the 5th best goal difference out of all the schools)! Unfortunately, they didn't progress to the knockouts but everyone had a wonderful time and represented our school brilliantly. Well done to the team

Parking update - We have received this email from the Parking enforcement team:

Good afternoon,

I am emailing on behalf of the Parking Enforcement Team at City of Wolverhampton Council. We are continuing to experience significant issues with parents and carers parking on restricted areas during school drop-off and pick-up times. Unfortunately, despite previous engagement efforts, the situation has not improved.

Until now, our Civil Enforcement Officers have approached drivers observed parking in contravention and requested that they move their vehicles before issuing a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). Increasingly, drivers are relying on this warning and continuing to park unlawfully until instructed to move. These restrictions must remain clear at all times to ensure the safety of pupils, parents, and carers.

To address this ongoing issue, we will be changing our enforcement approach. Any vehicle parked in contravention of restrictions near schools will now receive a Penalty Charge Notice immediately, without a prior request to move. If a driver leaves the location after the issuing process has begun, the PCN will be issued by post to the registered keeper of the vehicle.

We wanted to make you aware of this change and kindly ask that you share this information with parents and carers. We hope that a firmer approach will encourage greater compliance and help us maintain safer environments around our schools.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Matthew Bowden - Senior Parking Service Officer



Dates for your diary

March 2026

- 9th - British Science Week - Theme: Curiosity what is your question?
- 12th - Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm
- 13th - Y1/2 Mother's Day - Stay and Play event
- 16th - Reception egg delivery - More details to follow
- 17th and 19th - Reflexions leading Feelings and Emotions Assemblies
- 18th - Freshwater Theatre in school - KS1 workshops
- 23rd - Freshwater Theatre in school - KS2 workshops
- 24th - Hockey Tournament - More information to follow
- 25th - Final RockSteady Concert 9.30am
- 26th - Year 3/4 Trip to Exotic Zoo – Telford - See Class Dojo for details
- 27th - Break up for Easter (3.10pm)

Celebrating Success

Niall - Lifeguard award and kickboxing

Kian D- Swimming

Jacob Mc - Football and Kickboxing

Harleen - Football

Freddie M - Swimming

Cameron G - Football



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HEALTH & WELLBEING

As we celebrate World Book Day, it's the perfect moment to reflect on just how powerful reading can be in our lives. Beyond building vocabulary, strengthening imagination and supporting academic progress, reading also plays an important role in supporting our mental wellbeing. Books offer a unique kind of escape - a chance to pause, breathe, and step into another world for a little while. Whether it's a funny story that lifts your mood, a gripping adventure that helps you focus your thoughts or a gentle tale that brings comfort at the end of a busy day, reading can calm the mind and ease stress. For many children (and adults!), getting lost in a good book is a simple but incredibly effective way to unwind.

Reading also helps children develop empathy by seeing the world through different characters' eyes. It encourages emotional resilience, offers reassurance during challenging times and gives children the chance to explore feelings in a safe and imaginative space.

As a school, we love seeing our pupils discover books that spark joy, curiosity, and confidence. World Book Day reminds us not only of the fun of dressing up and celebrating favourite stories, but also of the long-lasting wellbeing benefits that regular reading can bring. Here are some top tips:

1. Choose books that make you feel good - Reading for pleasure is strongly linked with improved wellbeing, so let children pick stories that spark joy, curiosity, or calm. Enjoyment is key — not the level, length, or type of book.
2. Make reading a relaxing daily habit - Even a few minutes of reading each day can help soothe the mind, reduce stress, and create a sense of routine and safety. Research shows regular readers report higher levels of social and emotional wellbeing.
3. Create a cosy reading space - A comfortable corner, blanket, or quiet spot can help reading feel like a treat rather than a task. This calm environment encourages children to unwind and escape into a story.
4. Read together - Sharing a story strengthens bonds, boosts confidence, and offers a gentle way to talk about feelings. Family reading time can be grounding and reassuring for everyone.
5. Mix it up with audiobooks and comics - Audiobooks, magazines, graphic novels, and short stories all offer the same wellbeing benefits as traditional reading - and can be more accessible for some children. Many libraries offer free access to audiobooks, which are great for relaxation.
6. Let reading be an escape - When life feels busy or overwhelming, stepping into someone else's world for a little while can provide relief and perspective. Stories offer comfort, distraction, and hope - a powerful combination for mental wellbeing.

We hope this week inspires families to keep enjoying books together — whether it's sharing a bedtime story, exploring the shelves at the book fair, or discovering a new author. A few minutes of reading each day can make a world of difference.



5 Ways to wellbeing

...here are 5 things that you can do in your everyday life to help YOU feel good



For more information visit www.sheffield.gov.uk/wellbeing

WORLD BOOK DAY

5 MARCH 2026



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WORLD BOOK DAY

Celebrating a Love of Reading!

It has been a wonderful week in school, filled with activities that celebrate books and the joy of reading. Our week began with the arrival of the Travelling Book Fair, which offered a fantastic selection of both brand-new titles and well-loved favourites. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the event. Your support has made it a great success. At the time of writing, the fair has raised over £1,200, which means the school will receive £600 to spend on new books for the library. We are incredibly grateful, as this will allow us to continue expanding the range of books available for our children to enjoy.

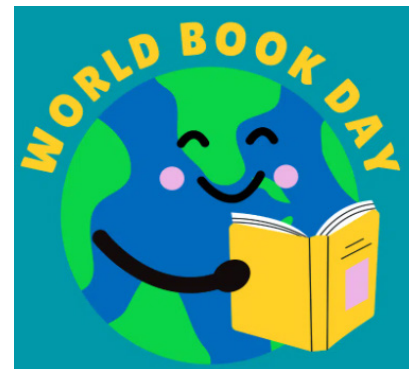
The celebrations continued as we looked ahead to World Book Day 2026, which took place on Thursday 5th March. This year's theme, "Go All In," links with the National Year of Reading 2026 and encourages children to explore their interests—whether that's sport, gaming, history or something else—through reading for pleasure.

During the week, pupils took part in a Book Character Mash-Up Competition, where they were challenged to invent a brand-new character by combining elements from two different stories. We received many brilliant entries and it was clear that both pupils and families put a great deal of creativity and imagination into their ideas. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to our winners.

We also held a creative writing competition, where children were given an opening line to spark their storytelling. It was fantastic to see the range of ideas and the effort the children put into their writing.

On World Book Day itself, the school was filled with colour and creativity as pupils arrived dressed as their favourite characters from books. From magical wizards and brave pirates to classic storybook favourites, the costumes were wonderful to see. Some children also chose to come in their pyjamas, ready for a cosy day of reading! Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped prepare the costumes and made the day even more special.

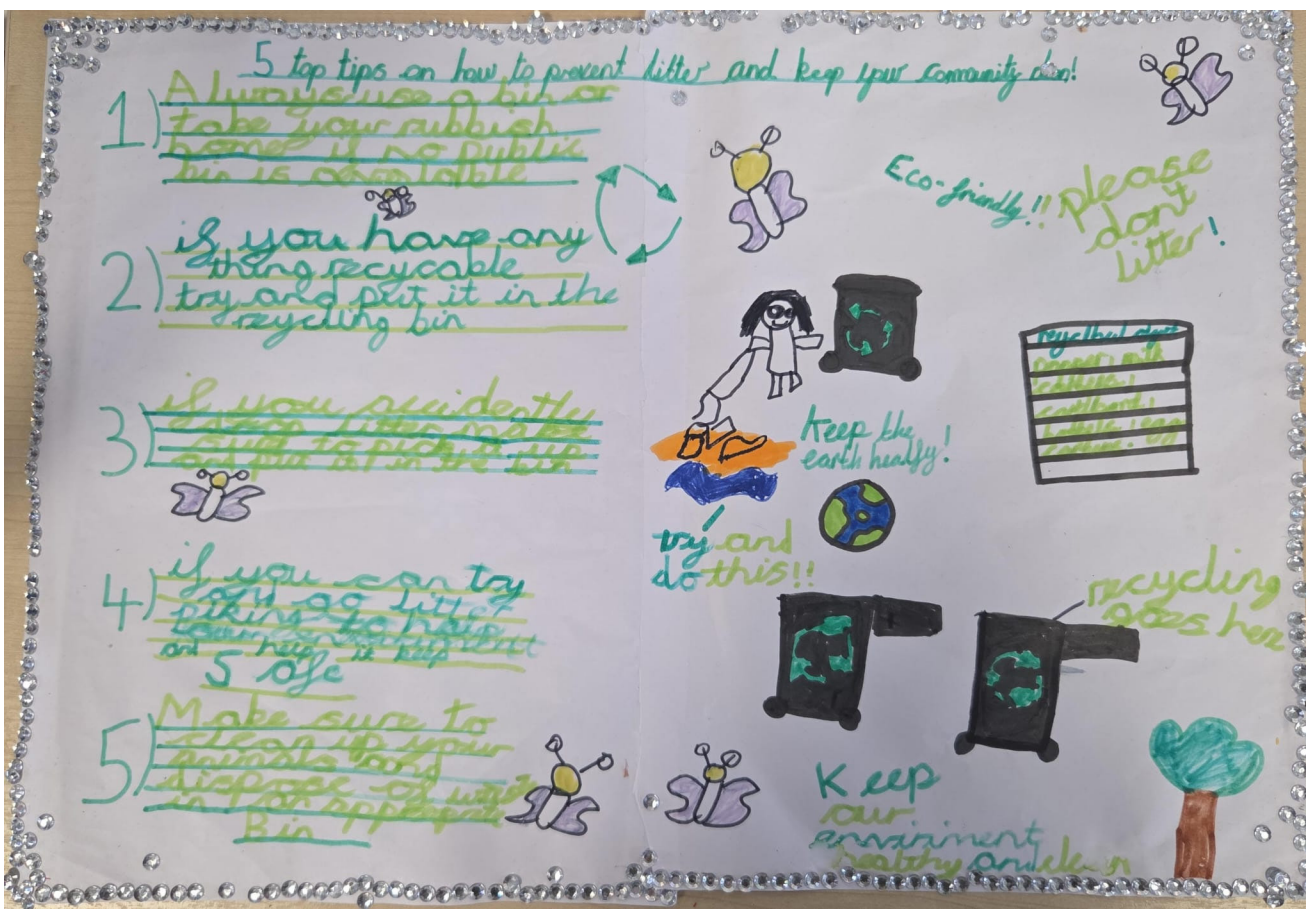
Overall, it has been a brilliant week that truly highlighted the enjoyment that books can bring and the many ways reading can inspire imagination.



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ECO TEAM UPDATE



Here is the next 'Top 5 Tips to prevent Littering' poster created by our Eco - Team!

Well done Eco Team!

