

Tuesday 10th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, **World Book Day** falls on **Thursday 5th March 2026**, but at EHA we will be celebrating in style all week **from Monday 2nd March** until **Friday the 6th March**. World Book Day 2026 continues to promote **Reading for Pleasure**, supporting the **National Year of Reading 2026**. During the week, pupils will enjoy a variety of fun, book-themed activities, designed to inspire a love of reading and give every child the joy of owning and exploring their very own book.

Children will be receiving their £1 book token which can be spent on one of the specially made £1 books available in bookshops and supermarkets or it can be used for £1 off any other book.

If you would like more information about World Book Day and the £1 books available, then please visit the World Book Day website at www.worldbookday.com/books.

Here are the highlights of the week:

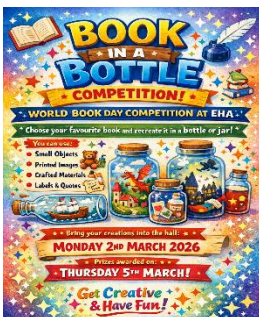
Monday 2nd March

Masked Reader:

Children will have the opportunity to listen to five masked readers, and they will have to guess who they are. This is going to be an exciting event; there could be some familiar faces and some surprises along the way! Last year's unveiling was explosive and was the highlight of the week. It's a given that this activity is repeated.



Book in a Bottle Competition:



Children will be designing and creating a miniature scene from their favourite story inside a bottle / jar, using recycled materials and items from home. This project will be set as homework on Google Classroom just before half term, giving children a full week to plan and create their designs. Completed creations should be brought into the school hall on **Monday 2nd March**, where a gallery will be set up to showcase everyone's work. Entries will be judged, and prizes will be awarded on **Thursday 5th March** for creativity and originality. We kindly ask that you encourage and support your child with this exciting competition.

Tuesday 4th March

Author

We are delighted to announce that award-winning author Cliff McNish will be visiting our school for a very special day. He will lead an inspiring whole-school assembly, sharing his fascinating stories and experiences, followed by fun and engaging writing workshops with different year groups.

Cliff's lively and interactive sessions are designed to spark imagination, boost creativity, and inspire a lifelong love of reading and writing. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to learn from a real author and storyteller. On the day, Cliff will be selling and signing copies of some of his popular novels after school, with prices starting from £7.00. A separate letter will be sent out with further details about the books available for purchase.



Wednesday 5th March

World Book Day Dance Workshop



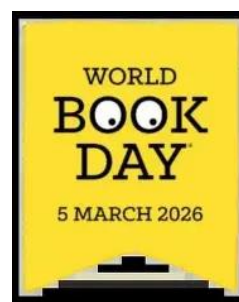
We are thrilled to welcome **Primary Workshops For Schools** for a special **World Book Day Dance Workshop**. Throughout the day, all year groups will bring stories to life through movement, creativity, and hands-on activities. Selected year groups will have the chance to explore the magic of storytelling in a fun and engaging way, combining dance, imagination, and learning.

Thursday 5th March:

Dress Up Day / Unveiling of the Masked Readers in Assembly

The children and staff are invited to **dress up as their favourite book character**. Costumes are encouraged to be made at home, or a costume could be borrowed from a friend. We will have a costume competition for the **most creative costume** in each class, and all the class winners will get a bookmark and a certificate.

Please help your child to design a costume to show off characteristic features of their favourite story character. Please send in their favourite book to school too. Children will be expected to talk about the choice of their character and why they like the book they have brought to school.



Reading Buddies: In the afternoon, reading buddies will make this day super special! The children will enjoy reading buddies and join another class for a session of reading for pleasure together. Younger readers particularly Reception children will benefit from stories read to them by older readers from 6 to promote our Force for Positive Change driver as well as reading for enjoyment.

Guest Reader:

Children will enjoy a special story session where a staff member from another class will read to them. They will share one of their favourite books and use interactive story-time prompts to engage and inspire the children.

Book Swap:

Our Outreach Team will set a stand for BOOK SWAP from 3pm until 4 pm outside the main office. Please bring a book from home to be swapped for another book on offer.

Friday 6th March

Mega Story

Throughout the week, each class will contribute ideas to create their own **Mega Story**. Each class will be given a unique **title and prop** to inspire a short story, which will be shared during Friday's assembly. This activity will link with their English lessons and the **Imagination Generation** unit, using stimuli to develop creativity, enhance storytelling skills, and build confidence in sharing their ideas.

Guess the Staff:

Children will be shown pictures of staff members whereby their faces have been covered by their favourite novel; children will have to guess who the staff member behind the book is and then have the opportunity to ask that staff member questions about their favourite book.



Parents/Carers' involvement:

We warmly invite you to take part in it if you can; we welcome all the parents and carers who could come and read stories to their child's class in English or your mother tongue to celebrate multicultural aspects of our EHA community. Please speak to Miss Michael or your child's class teacher if you can help. It would be great for children to hear stories in different languages. Thank you.

We hope that the World Book Week will be a massive success.

With my very best wishes,

Philippa Michael
English Lead