



WEEKLY NEWS

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WORLD BOOK DAY
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On Wednesday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day with the children.

As part of World Book Day every pupil will be given a World Book Day token, which can be exchanged for one of a selection of special books or provide a £1 discount on a different title.

On the day the children can come dressed as their favourite book character. Over the years we have seen some incredible costumes but please remember that World Book Day does not need to cost anything. You do not need to purchase something for the day. Children can simply come to school with the book, with a prop from the book, dressed in the character's colours or holding a home made mask of a character.

On the day the children will be taking part in a Stand Up, Sit Down challenge as well as playing Name That Book - a quiz where we have written ten songs about children's books. All the children need to do is Name That Book. It's sure to be a fun day.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO WORLD BOOK DAY DISCO THIS YEAR.

REMINDER: WE ARE STRICTLY A NO NUT SCHOOL

Spanish:

Puede traducir este boletín a 41 idiomas en la dirección a continuación

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يمكنك ترجمة هذه النشرة الإخبارية إلى 41 لغة على العنوان أدناه

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Możesz przetłumaczyć ten biuletyn na 41 języków na poniższy adres

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Ви можете перекласти цю розсилку 41 мовою за адресою нижче.

<https://tinyurl.com/APStranlatenews>

This is reminder that Anson Primary School **does not allow nuts in the school building.**

If your child brings nuts into school they will be removed and handed back at the end of the day.

This includes packets of nuts, chocolate spread and some snack bars.

We must do everything we can to safeguard staff and pupils with severe allergies.

Please also note that break time healthy snacks in Key Stage Two must be a piece of fruit or a vegetable or a packaged version of dried fruits or vegetables. Packets of crisps, snack bars and chocolate will be taken away and returned at the end of the day.



DATES

Thursday 26th February

London Sports
Boccia Finals Event (selected)

Friday 27th February

Oral Health Coffee Morning
9am - 10am

Tuesday 3rd March

Dental Screening
Reception & Year 1

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Friday 6th February

Bake for Books

Wednesday 11th March

Nursery Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening

It looks like Eid will fall on the planned date for our next Parents' Evening. With staff absent on this day (and families unable to attend) we will be moving the event to a new date.

Please watch out for the new dates soon.

Please help to keep ALL our children safe - never park on our Zig Zags

SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR

WORLD BOOK DAY AT HOME

World Book Day is a special occasion that encourages children to dive into the wonderful world of reading and creativity. This day is the perfect opportunity to inspire kids to develop a lifelong love for books. Celebrating World Book Day with your children doesn't have to be a one-day affair; it's a chance to spark their imaginations, broaden their horizons, and have a little fun. Here are a few creative ways to celebrate World Book Day beyond the actual with your family courtesy of Active Camps:

Reading Aloud Together

There's something magical about reading aloud, and World Book Day is the perfect time to do it. Whether you're reading together as a family or creating a reading group with friends, reading aloud promotes a love of stories, helps children develop literacy skills, and improves their comprehension. Let your children pick a book they love, or read a new book together to celebrate the occasion.

Author-Inspired Cooking

Turn your child's favourite book into a cooking adventure. If they love the "Willy Wonka" series, why not create your own chocolate factory at home? Or, bake a "Rabbit's Carrot Cake" from "Peter Rabbit." This can be a fun, hands-on way to connect the books they love to real-world experiences.

Create Your Own Storybook

Encourage your child to write and illustrate their own story. You can either do this together or give them the freedom to create their own characters and plot. Once they've finished, read the story aloud to the family, or bind it into a homemade book to treasure. This can help your child understand the creative process behind storytelling.

Book Swap Party

Host a book swap party with friends to celebrate World Book Day. Encourage kids to bring in books they've already read and are willing to trade with others. This is a fantastic way to introduce them to new genres and authors while promoting the joy of sharing and discovering new stories.

Host a Book-Themed Scavenger Hunt

Create a scavenger hunt based on clues from books your children enjoy. Hide items around the home that represent characters, objects or themes from the books. For example, if you're reading "The Gruffalo," you can hide toy animals or a miniature Gruffalo and provide clues for the children to find them. This can be doodles, pictures or objects. This activity is a fun way to incorporate reading and exploration into a hands-on game.

Create a DIY Book Nook

Encourage your child's creativity by making a DIY book nook. Using simple materials like cardboard, paint and craft supplies, help your child create their own little reading corner or a mini book scene based on a favourite story. Not only will this spark creativity, but it will also make reading more exciting for kids as they'll have a special space dedicated to books

Visit a Local Library or Bookshop

Take a trip to your local library or bookshop to celebrate World Book Day. Let your kids explore the aisles, pick out their favourite books, or even participate in any special events or story times the library may be hosting. This can encourage them to see the library as an exciting place to discover new books.



WHY READ TO YOUR CHILD?

Reading to children offers benefits far beyond learning to read. From birth, exposure to rich language builds the brain pathways needed for communication, literacy and thinking. Books introduce wider vocabulary and more complex sentence structures than everyday conversation, strengthening comprehension and preparing children for school. Research shows that children read to daily hear hundreds of thousands more words, boosting vocabulary and general knowledge.

Stories also develop empathy and emotional awareness. By exploring different characters and experiences, children learn to understand others' feelings and reflect on their own. Books create safe opportunities to discuss big emotions and real-life challenges.

Shared reading strengthens the parent-child bond, providing calm, focused time together that supports cognitive development, especially through physical closeness and conversation. Whether print or digital, and in any language, what matters most is meaningful interaction.

Reading regularly — even after children can read independently — nurtures literacy, curiosity and connection as they grow.

If you are already reading with your family that's fabulous. If not, why not use World Book Day to begin setting time aside each day to make reading a part of your daily or weekly routine.