



30th January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

This is the International Year of Reading which means there will be even more to celebrate on this year’s World Book Day! This year the school theme for our World Book Day is ‘Shakespeare’. We will have lots of brilliant activities going on in school based around our chosen texts. This will include a ‘Midsummer Night’s Dream’ workshop for every class, culminating in a whole school performance. We are very grateful to the PTA for giving all of the children the opportunity to be involved in this exciting workshop. KS2 will also participate in a special workshop from celebrated author, Erin Hunter, of Warrior Cats series.

If you would like to explore some of the Shakespeare stories with your child, CBeebies have some wonderful adaptations on iPlayer. [CBeebies Loves Shakespeare! - BBC iPlayer](#)

As usual, we would like to invite the children to choose a character to dress up as. We encourage using items of clothing you already have at home or being creative with props – **costumes do not need to be bought**. Ideally, we hope that there is a Shakespeare character for everyone to choose from, you could embrace modern adaptations such as West Side Story, Baz Luhrmann’s Romeo and Juliet (12 rating), Gnomeo and Juliet, or even choose the Bard himself. We have given a few suggestions below to help the children think of ideas, but please note that if your child really would rather not dress up, they do not have to.

| Play | Character |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macbeth • The Tempest • Midsummer Night’s Dream • Julius Caesar • Anthony and Cleopatra | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witch, king, soldier, queen, tree, ghost • Lizard/ creature, wizard • Fairy, Fairy king/queen, Bottom, Greek man/lady • Romans • Egyptians |



We would also like to invite families to create a “story in a jar” to celebrate the day and form part of a whole school display. These can be any character from a favourite story or can even be a mini-me of your dressing up idea on World Book Day. These can be brought into school on World Book Day.

Author Erin Hunter, will be interviewed by KS2 pupils on the day but will be signing copies of her books for all the children. These will **not be available to purchase** on the day, but can be brought in for her to sign. Please see here for more details on the titles available: [Home | Warrior Cats | Warrior Cats](#)

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either me or the school office. We will be in touch again soon with more information about the events during the day.

Yours sincerely

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