

2 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that St Dunstan's School will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 5th March 2026. This annual event, organised in support of UNESCO, promotes reading for pleasure and encourages young people to discover new authors, genres and ideas. This follows on from our poetry readings, library stories and visiting authors in recent weeks, which students and staff have participated in with great enthusiasm for the written word.

In a departure from previous years, students will not be asked to dress up; instead, we will be looking to promote and celebrate reading for pleasure in the following ways:

- A **Shelfie Quest** – students will take part in a mysterious literary treasure hunt
- **Hidden Books** placed around the school site for students to discover
- **Staff Shares** – members of staff will share extracts from books that have inspired them
- Continuing our **Reading Challenge**, which several schools in the area are involved in and we are excited to collaborate on

All students will/have received the official World Book Day £1 book token, which can be redeemed at participating bookshops.

Our aim is to celebrate reading in an engaging and inclusive way, reinforcing its importance in developing imagination, empathy and academic success. We look forward to a day filled with reading, discussion and creativity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the English Department.

Thank you for your continued support with inspiring the literature fans of the future.

Yours sincerely

St Dunstan's School