



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Friday 13th February 2026

Dear parents/ carers,

We are excited to share our plans for World Book Day, which we will be celebrating in school on Thursday 5th March. The national theme this year is 'Go All In', linked to the National Year of Reading, and as part of this we are delighted to reintroduce Snuggle Up with a Book (a separate letter on this will be issued soon).

Dressing Up

For World Book Day, children are invited to join in with the fun by dressing up in one of two ways:

- **Snuggle-Up Style:** Children may come to school dressed in pyjamas that are appropriate for school and suitable for the weather.
- **World Book Day Costume:** Children may instead choose to come dressed as a favourite book character. Please think creatively about how you can use own clothes to create a costume/ possibly swap with others who may have outgrown costumes from previous years.

Please note: Some children have PE on this day, and PE lessons will go ahead as normal. Please keep this in mind when choosing outfits so that children can still take part safely and comfortably.

Celebrating in School

Throughout the day, we will be embracing our love of reading in a variety of exciting ways:

- **Snuggle Up with a Book:** We are reintroducing this cosy tradition to help foster a love of reading in a relaxed and enjoyable reading atmosphere.
- **Books Across the Curriculum:** Teachers will be using a range of texts within different lessons throughout the day to highlight just how central reading is to all areas of learning. Each class will have the opportunity to take part in a live lesson and complete special activities.
- **School story:** Throughout the day the children will work together in classes to create part of a story. This will then be passed to each class in turn until all classes have contributed and our whole school story is complete.

In addition, we would like to invite all children to **bring in their favourite book**, or a book they love reading, to share with the class. We hope this will inspire book recommendations among

the children and celebrate the joy of reading together. Plenty of time during the day will be dedicated to reading and exploring books.

Competition

We are also offering an **optional World Book Day competition** for any children who would like to take part. This year, we invite pupils to:

- Design a brand-new storybook character
- Create the character as a sock puppet
- Write a short story featuring their character

All entries need to be brought into school by Tuesday 3rd March. Entries will be judged in school, and we will be awarding **prizes for EYFS, KS1, and KS2**. We can't wait to see the creativity and imagination the children bring to this challenge!

We look forward to celebrating this special day and sharing our love of reading together. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. N. Baldwin

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