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Penrose Learning Trust

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be participating in World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, 2026.

World Book Day is a great opportunity for the children to explore and celebrate authors, illustrators and books. The children can enjoy reading for pleasure, supporting their autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits.

This year, the theme for World Book Day is 'Reading for Pleasure' and 2026 is the 'National Year of Reading'. The children will have the option to dress up and, this year, the theme is to dress up as their favourite book character. During the day, the children will be taking part in reading based activities in their classes linked to this year's theme as well as having the opportunity to visit our library and look at some new books.

Linking to our dressing up theme, we are excited to announce the EPSA *Create a Book Character* competition! The children are invited to design and make their favourite book character using recycled materials. We would love to see as much creativity and imagination as possible!
Entries cost £1 each and can be brought into school from **Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th March**, ready for our winners to be announced on **World Book Day**. There are **10 fantastic prizes** to be won!
With half term just around the corner, this could be a brilliant creative project to enjoy at home. Start collecting those recyclable materials and let your imagination run wild – we can't wait to see what wonderful characters are created!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Mrs Harmer
English Lead