



Dear Parents and caregivers.

It's that time of the year again – time to celebrate the children's love of reading!

This year **World Book Day** at Priestley will take place on **Thursday, 7 March 2024** and we hope you will join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and love books.

Every year on World Book Day, we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community and we would like to continue to keep our celebrations as inclusive as possible.

With this in mind, this year we will be sharing our favourite bedtime books by dressing in pyjamas for a day of sharing bedtime stories. Children may wish to bring their favourite bedtime book to share with a friend. Pyjamas, dressing gowns and snugglies are ALL welcome. Even slippers – but please remember to wear suitable shoes for outdoor play too!

Other events to celebrate World Book Day

- Celebrate at home with the World Book Day [digital events](#) and [Author & Illustrator Academy](#) where children can meet the creative minds behind this year's £1 books.
- Do a [World Book Day activity](#) at home and bring it into school or ask a parent/caregiver to send a picture.
- Find World Book Day related events and activities at worldbookday.com/partners

Use your £1 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book!

Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can help your child choose their £1 book by showing them the exciting 'Look Insides' at worldbookday.com/books



World Book Day Cake Competition

We are also hosting our regular cake competition (as you are all so amazing at making cakes) on the same day. Where you are invited to make a cake in the style of a favourite book or favourite book character. Cakes need to be delivered to school by 9.00 am on the morning of Thursday, 7 March. You will need to provide the child's name and class name and provide a list of what ingredients you have used to make your cake.

The competition will be judged by the School Governors during the afternoon of Thursday, 7 March. There will be a prize awarded for each phase of school - EYFS, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 & Year 5/6.

Following the competition and once the prizes have been awarded, the cakes will be sold off after school in the school hall. The money raised will go towards buying books for the children.

See below for some great ideas. Happy baking!



You can also enjoy World Book Day's **World of Stories FREE audiobooks**. Check out our brand-new set of brilliant audiobooks below for all readers, available until **Sunday, 31 March!** <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

World Book Day's 10 Minute Story Sharing

World Book Day's 10 Minute Story Sharing. Did you know that reading together and sharing stories for ten minutes a day contributes to a child's future success?

You can explore a 'pick and mix' of book readings to help you find new ways to love reading and new stories to share at.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/10-minute-story-shares/>



Brilliant Book Lists for Everyone

Wondering what book to pick up next? Keen to try a new author? Looking for a book to inspire a reluctant reader? We're here to help you discover your next read and to give children and families, ideas of what books are suitable and brilliant for each age and stage of reading.

Whether you love books about [animals](#), [poetry](#), [tales of adventure](#) or [books that make you laugh out loud](#), enjoy having a browse and choosing your next read. <https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/>

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



There are also lots of fun reading ideas and resources for you to enjoy with your child at home on the [World Book Day Family Hub](#) as well as brilliant book recommendations for all ages.

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school on **Thursday, 7 March** and hope you will join in too with your child at home.

World Book Day could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you, you make it happen!

Reading together is a valuable, social experience which boosts creativity and imagination, improves well-being and is a positive experience for everyone!

Best Wishes and Happy Reading

The Priestley Team