



25<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear HTSS parents and carers,

### World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day again this year, supporting the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading!

#### A variety of events will be taking place across the school and week, including:

- Magic Box interactive story-telling sessions
- British Library workshops
- In-person author workshops with children's authors John Hegley and Terrie Chilvers
- Book sales and signing
- Online author workshops and events
- Mystery staff story-times and 'drop everything and read' sessions
- A whole school book swap organised by PiP
- World Book Day Quizzes
- The opportunity for children to dress up and/or bring their favourite book into school

#### Dressing up/bringing books into school

We are inviting children to dress up again this World Book Day, as it is something that children have told us they particularly enjoy. It is also an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other. The book choice is key – even if it's just a prop or a clue, make sure your child is recommending something to read with their costume. **Please pop £1 in the bucket at the gate to take part** (all money raised will go towards covering the cost of the workshops).

In order to ensure that our World Book Day is fun and inclusive for all:

1. We encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume. You can find ideas here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents-and-carers/>
2. Use our PiP organised **costume box swap**, available all week from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the playground by the lost property box. Parents that would like to donate costumes towards this can do so via the school office from Thurs 26th February.

**Books for all:** all children will receive a World Book Day book token to take home with them.

Simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR use it to get £1 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. Our nearest bookseller is Owl Bookshop in Kentish Town.

**PiP HTSS book swap:** for the third year running, PiP are hosting another HTSS WBD book swap! Drop off any unwanted books (for children only please) in the school office from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, then come and browse on World Book Day! Please feel free to take something you would like to read, whether you've donated a book or not.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support and generosity of parents and carers – thank you for your enthusiasm in helping your child to love reading and books!

Many thanks,

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