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Dear parents and carers,

Book Week March 2026

We are so excited to share the details of our Book Week that starts after the February half term. We have organised events that provide opportunities to focus on reading for pleasure and embed the habit of reading.

Scholastics Book Fair – Tuesday 24th February to Friday 27th February

- You are able to buy books with your child after school on any of these four dates.
- There are over 200 books to choose from and they start at just £2.99, so there's pricing for all pockets.
- You can pay securely for these books and many more when you attend the Book Fair by using our online payment link at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/84591318>. Cash sales are not possible and as many of you remember from previous fairs, the Wifi in school is very unreliable. But, that hasn't damped our past sales.

Wooden Spoon Book Character Competition – Monday 2nd March

- Children are invited to choose their favourite character from a book and decorate a wooden spoon to look like that character. They can use craft materials such as fabric, paper, paint, wool, or recycled items to bring their character to life. The spoon can be as simple or as creative as they like.
- Class teachers all have a small supply of wooden spoons, primarily intended to ensure that any families with financial difficulties can still take part. You can either let the office know or your child can simply ask for their teacher. You could also use a wooden spoon you already have in the house if you won't miss it.
- There will be small prizes for creativity, effort, and imagination. Most importantly, it's about celebrating reading and having fun with books.



Author visit – Tuesday 3rd March

- Teresa Heapy will spend the day with us, inspiring and supporting the children by sharing her stories and encouraging them to create their own.
- You can find out more about her at <https://teresaheapy.co.uk/>
- She may also be selling and signing copies of her books after school on the day of her visit (tbc)
- We are very grateful to the PTA for funding this visit.

Family reading café – Wednesday 4th March (from drop-off till 9:15) and Thursday 5th March (from 3:00 till pick-up)

- All parents/carers are invited into the sports hall for a chance to read with their children. You can come into the hall when you drop-off on Wednesday, have a cup of tea/coffee and your child will join you at 08:50 as soon as they are registered. Alternatively, you could come on Thursday at 15:00.
- Your child can either bring any book with them to read or you might want to bring a book from home that you are enjoying together. You can also mix up whether you read to them or they read to you.
- If you are able to, you are welcome to come on one or both days.

- If you know that another parent is not able to attend, it would be wonderful if you could also read with their child.
- Please let your child know if you are coming as this makes it easier to collect them. Please also let them know if you are bringing a book with you to share.

Dressing up Fundraising day – Thursday 5th March

- All the children are invited to come to school dressed as their **favourite book character**. Ideally, they will also bring that book to school with them to share in class as this is a great way to engage reluctant readers and give children a chance to talk about their book.
- Please do not go to any expense in purchasing an outfit as there are so many characters that you could create with clothes in your house. You can find ideas at <https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents-and-carers/>
- We are asking for a **voluntary £1 donation** on this day which will go towards **Book Aid International** which provides books and supports libraries in communities all over the world.



Secret Reader – Friday 5th March 3:00pm

- Class 1 and 2 would love to have a secret parent reader make a surprise visit to the class to read a picture book of their choice. Your child should not know that you are coming so they are also surprised when you arrive.
- Please email office.3250@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk if you would be interested in being a Secret Reader and you are free on Friday 5 March at 3:00pm.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L Rees".

Mrs Lisa Rees