



St Aidan's Celebrates World Book Day 2023

Welcome to the first edition of our Literacy Bulletin for parents and carers.

What better way to launch it than by celebrating World Book Day? This year it falls on 2nd March 2023 and we are trying to communicate the message that it's not just about dressing up, it's about enjoying reading wherever you are! To support this idea, we have been gathering photos of our staff reading books in many different (and some extreme) locations.

It doesn't matter what you read or where you read it - just take time out to enjoy reading!

Watch out for our future bulletins,

Mrs A Parris



Mrs Gee enjoying some extreme reading at a location you may recognise from the film of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows"



Mrs Elliott multitasking on the slopes!



Mrs Styles working with a tough audience!



Mrs Collett catching up on her reading in a rehearsal break.

What is World Book Day?

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe.

The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

Free and discounted books

This year, the popular World Book Day vouchers have been produced digitally - get your voucher here!

You can use the voucher for a free short book from your local bookshop or against the purchase of any full price book (please note, this voucher cannot be redeemed in the library's £1 Book Sale). Starting on Thursday 2nd March, we have a £1 book sale of incredible bargains available in the school library. There are books suitable for all year groups (and their younger siblings). Many are ex-test copies from the Children's Book Awards long list. We expect this stock to sell very quickly, so don't miss out! Cash only, please.

Year 7 Author Visit - Tom Palmer

As part of the St Aidan's literacy programme we have invited author Tom Palmer in to speak to Year 7 during periods 2 and 3 of the school day on Wednesday 15th March. As the fantastic author of historical books, like his latest book "Resist" (about Audrey Hepburn's experiences in the WW2 Resistance), as well as sporty books like the Foul Play and Rocky of the Rovers series, it is an excellent opportunity for pupils to get involved with reading and to be inspired!

To enable the visit to take place, we are asking each year 7 pupil for a voluntary donation of £3, which is available to pay via ParentPay.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase signed copies of Tom's books on the day for either £6 or £7 depending on the title. If your child wishes to buy a book, they can order in advance by completing this [online form](#) and bringing money to the library (by Friday 10th March). A small number of books will also be available for cash purchase on the day. The books that will be available to purchase are:

Foul Play £7

Over the Line £7

Resist £7

D Day Dog £6

After the War £6

Arctic Star £7

Armistice Runner £7

Ghost Stadium £7

