



30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

**World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

At Halsford Park School, we believe that every child is a reader and endorse the importance of reading for pleasure! We are always looking for ways to promote good reading habits and introduce the children to new and exciting books. Through the global celebration of World Book Day, we will continue to promote reading for pleasure, give children choices and support the children in creating lifelong reading habits as we join together and celebrate the day in a variety of ways.

**World Book Day Dress up – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

To celebrate the introduction of our new phonics, reading and writing programme - Read Write Inc – the **staff** will be dressing up. Their costumes will be linked to a phoneme (sound) from the programme. For example, they might be dressing up as a **horse** for 'h' or a **builder** for 'er'.

The **children** have a choice. They can either join the staff in representing a sound in some way, or can dress as their favourite character from a book.

There are many ideas for costumes on the World Book Day website which can be made from everyday items that you have at home see the World Book Day site for ideas!  
<https://www.worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day/dressing-up/>

For children who do not wish to dress up, we suggest that they bring a book they would like to share with others. Please ensure that children are wearing appropriate dress and footwear so they are still able to take part in all their learning on the day e.g. PE

Each class will be involved with a selection of book-related activities throughout the week.

As in recent years, the children will receive a £1 World Book Day token to spend at local bookshops or online.

Yours sincerely,

The Reading Team

(Mr. Stepney, Mrs. Sloane, Mrs. Scanlan)

