



26<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so excited to be thinking about another amazing World Book Day for your children to enjoy.

World Book Day falls nationally on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, we will be introducing the fabulous activities we will be offering on this day during a whole school assembly. Due to other curriculum commitments we are going to dedicate the afternoon of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March to a love of books and reading for pleasure at Botley. On Friday we are inviting all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (please note this is a change of day from the previously advertised Thursday).

The theme for reading this year is 'Read your Way', a celebration of books and reading wherever and however you wish to enjoy them. We would love you to send in photos of your child reading wherever they want to, this could be in the garden, the park or in the car....wherever you find reading enjoyable! These photos will be shared during our celebration assembly on the Friday afternoon. Please email photos to:

[a.hayes@botley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:a.hayes@botley.hants.sch.uk)

As a further part of our World Book Day celebrations, we are planning to hold a children's book swap. We have run this a few times in the past and it has always been a great success. If your child would like to take part, please bring in a book to swap on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. To ensure the swap works well, we will accept **one book per child**. The book should be in good condition and appropriate for primary aged children. Please hand the book in to your child's class teacher and it will then be passed on to Mrs Hayes in the library. On World Book Day, children taking part will be issued with a book swap voucher and they will visit the library at some point in the day to choose their "new" book.

The organisation of this event means it is impossible to return a book so **please** could you make sure that your child understands this and that they do not bring in books which are precious or of sentimental value.

Throughout the afternoon children will be invited to Drop Everything And Read so they will also need a favourite book of their choice to bring into school ready to take part when the DEAR bell rings!

We have lots of ideas and activities ready to enjoy with the children and are very much looking forward to this wonderful afternoon. Thanks for all your support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hayes and Mrs Gray