

13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

We are delighted to let you know that our school will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of reading with all our children and to encourage them to explore stories, authors, and books they love.

As part of the celebration, children are welcome to **dress up as a book character** if they wish. Costumes do not need to be shop-bought — simple, creative, home-made ideas are encouraged and very welcome. Children may also choose to bring **one item or prop linked to their favourite book character** instead of a full costume. For children who prefer not to dress up, we ask the children come to school on the day dressed in an outfit in which they are 'ready to read!' This gives the children plenty of opportunity to be creative in their choice of outfit without the need to buy an expensive costume. Children may want to come dressed in their pyjamas so that they are ready to cosy up with a book, or they may want to wear a comfortable sporty outfit as reading 'exercises' our minds. Alternatively, they may want to wear a colour that makes them happy to celebrate how books brighten our world or even wear a t-shirt with a positive message on because we 'positively love books' here at Ashlands. It will be exciting to see the interesting choices the children make.

Throughout the day, children will take part in a variety of reading-themed activities designed to celebrate books, inspire imagination, and promote a lifelong love of reading. We would also like to offer a **Book Swap** - Children bring a pre-loved book from home and swap it with someone else. We look forward to a wonderful day filled with stories, creativity, and shared enthusiasm for books.

We look forward to seeing the children arrive on the day, ready to read! Please do ensure that children come to school with **a coat and appropriate footwear**. Year 5 and 6 will still have PE as usual in the afternoon, therefore will need to bring their PE kits to change into.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Kenway
English Lead