

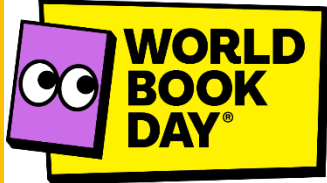
Grangefield Reading Newsletter



Grangefield Primary School



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2026



We are excited to be celebrating **World Book Day** in school on **Thursday 5th March 2026**. This is always a wonderful event in our school calendar and a fantastic opportunity to promote a love of reading across all year groups.

Why World Book Day is Important

World Book Day is all about celebrating stories, authors, illustrators and, most importantly, the joy of reading. Reading plays a vital role in children's development. It builds vocabulary, sparks imagination, develops empathy and supports learning across all subjects. By celebrating World Book Day, we hope to inspire every child to see reading as something enjoyable and meaningful, not just something they do in lessons.

Dress Up or Dress Cosy

Children are invited to come to school either:

- dressed as a favourite book character, or
- in cosy clothes / pyjamas, ready for a day of reading.

There is absolutely **no expectation to buy costumes** — simple or homemade ideas are perfect, and cosy clothes are equally welcome.

Bring a Favourite Book

Children are encouraged to bring in a favourite book from home to share with their class. They will have the opportunity to talk about why they enjoy their book if they would like to. This is completely optional, and children will never be pressured to speak if they prefer not to.

Activities During the Day

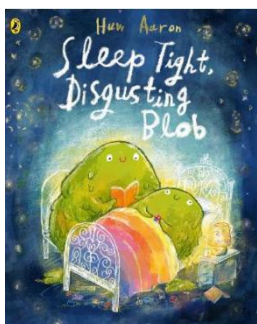
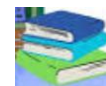
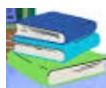
Throughout the day, classes will take part in a range of reading-focused activities, which may include:

- Book chat with another class
- A different class teacher reading to them
- Creative classroom activities linked to stories and authors
- Opportunities to recommend books to friends

Our aim is to make the day fun, relaxed and centred around the enjoyment of books.

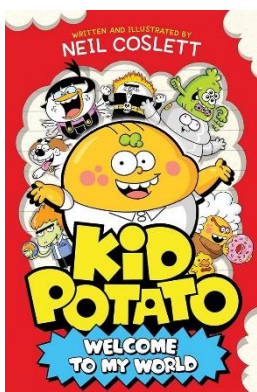
World Book Day Tokens

Each child will receive a **World Book Day book token**. These tokens can be exchanged for one of the specially selected £1 World Book Day books or used towards the cost of another book at participating bookshops and supermarkets. We encourage families to make the most of these tokens to help children choose a book of their own.



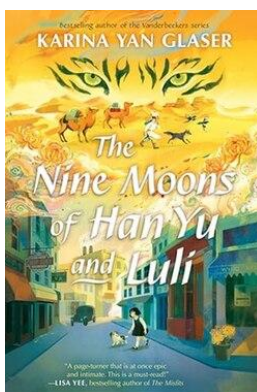
Sleep Tight, Disgusting Blob – Huw Aaron

Get ready to giggle and gasp with this wonderfully silly bedtime story! In *Sleep Tight, Disgusting Blob*, a little blob creature gets ready for bed ... but not without plenty of messy fun first! With hilarious rhymes and outrageous illustrations, this book is full of warmth and humour - and perfect for young readers who adore funny, wiggly characters. It's a read-aloud winner that will have everyone laughing as the blobs settle down for the night.



Kid Potato – Neil Coslett

Imagine being a potato - now imagine that potato having wild adventures! *Kid Potato* is a brilliantly funny collection of stories about Kid and pals as they tackle bizarre situations like alien encounters, runaway robots and more. Each tale is bursting with humour and bright, bold illustrations that make it a joyful read for children who love laugh-out-loud fun. This is a great choice for readers who like adventure with a side of silliness!



The Nine Moons of Han Yu and Luli – Karina Yan Glaser

For older readers who love rich storytelling, this *Newbery Honour* winning book blends history and adventure in an unforgettable tale. Follow two courageous eleven-year-olds - Han Yu in ancient China and Luli in 1930s New York - as they face incredible challenges and discover courage, friendship and hope along the way. With exciting journeys, thoughtful characters and moments that stay with you long after reading, this novel is perfect for Year 5 and 6 readers ready to dive into a gripping story.

Reading Picture Challenge!

To celebrate World Book Day, we are inviting all children to take part in our **Reading Picture Challenge!**

We would love children to take a photo of themselves **reading in an unusual or interesting place**. This could be somewhere different from their usual reading spot, for example:

- In a den or blanket fort
- In the garden or at the park
- In a favourite cosy corner at home
- On a bus or train journey
- Somewhere imaginative or funny

Children can bring their photo into school or send it to the school email address (if appropriate). We will create a **reading display** to celebrate all the wonderful and creative ways our pupils enjoy books.

Please ensure photos are taken safely and with adult permission.

We can't wait to see all the brilliant reading locations and continue to share the message that **reading can happen anywhere!**