



St. James' CE First School and Nursery

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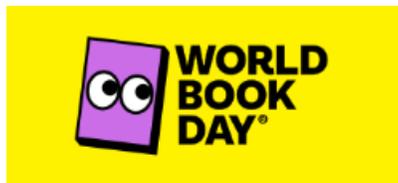
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026. This is an exciting opportunity for all of the pupils and staff at St James' to celebrate a wide range of books and authors and enjoy lots of fun book-related activities.

Dress Up

We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other. Please could your child come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters and if possible, bring in a copy of the book featuring this character. For playtime and if your child has P.E, please could you make sure they have suitable footwear.

Author Visit

As part of our love of reading celebration, we have invited children's author Maudie Smith to come and share her stories with the children and run workshops in all classes. During the day, she will work across the school talking about her books, how she wrote them and inspiring us to be both readers and writers. There is an opportunity to pre-order one of her books which she will then sign on World Book Day. You can pre-order your book on the Arbor shop now – the deadline is Monday 23rd February.



My Must Have Mum

Jake's mum is not like most mums. Say there's a skip in the street, most mums will pass right by without a second glance. Not Jake's mum. "Look at this, Jake!" she'll shout. "We must have this! We must have this, too! And we simply must have this!" That's Jake's mum for you. She's a must-have mum. So when Jake's mum upcycles every last thing in the apartment, Jake begins to worry that the only thing left to change is...him! Will Jake's mum try to change him too? *A heart-warming story about the unbreakable bond between a mother and her son, and a little boy who learns that he is perfect just the way he is.*

£10.50



A Hat Full of Sea

Grandpa Jim can only see a small square of blue sky from his hospital window so Cora decides there's only one thing for it – she will bring him some sea to go with it! First, she brings him a hat full of sea. Then she brings him a hat full of countryside. She even brings him the moon, the black velvet night and the shimmering, glimmering stars. She empties them all out onto the hospital bed for her beloved Grandpa Jim to share. Can Cora bring the hospital ward to magical life until her grandpa is ready to go outside and play with her once more? A heart-warming story about one very special hat. Or should that be one very special girl?

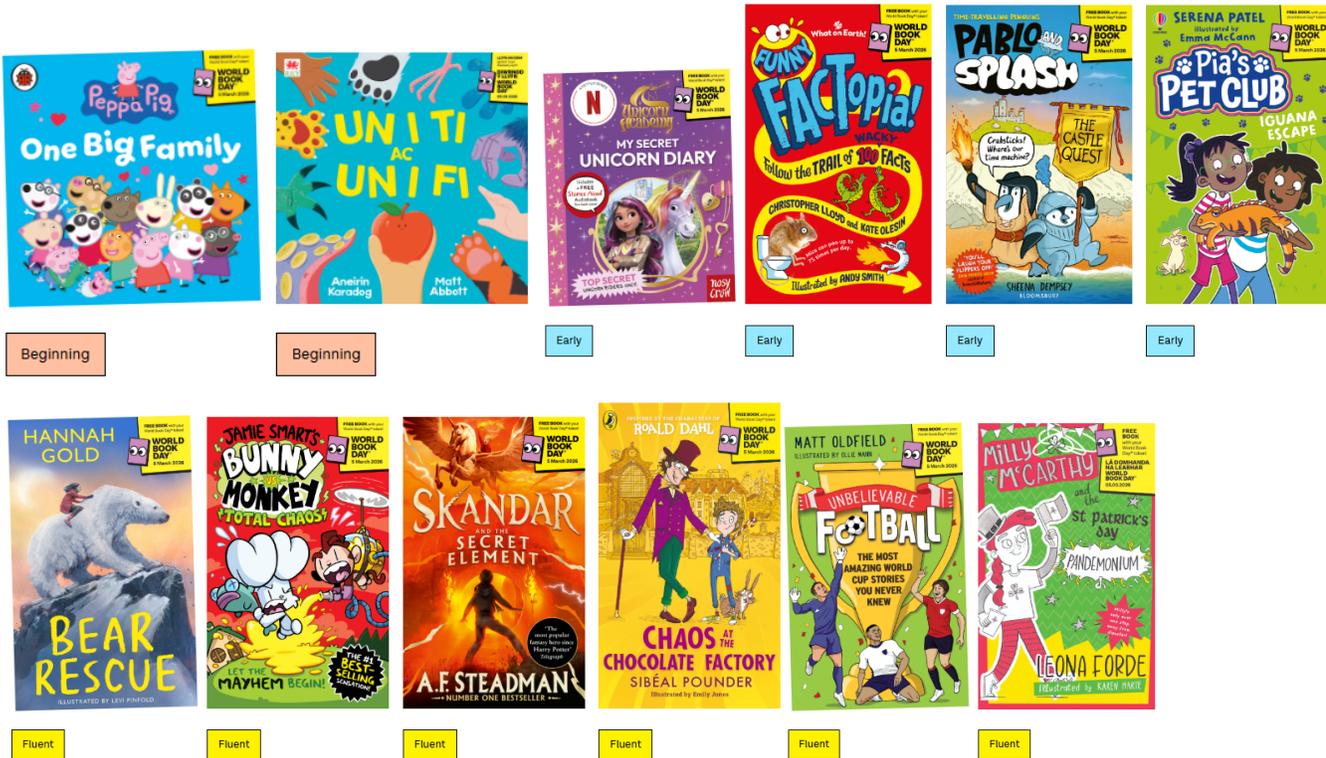
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Book Tokens

With reading for pleasure the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, World Book Day aims to promote a love of reading. As part of the day, the children will receive their National Book Token which can be exchanged for one of twelve special World Book Day Books at participating book stores. [Click here](#) to see the full range of books.



Activities

During the day, staff will share with the children their favourite books, lead some interactive activities and the children will have the opportunity to complete some buddy reading. In addition to this, the children will enjoy showcasing their costumes in our whole school worship.



Story in a box competition:

We would like to set the children an **optional** challenge to create a story in a shoe box. Please send all entries into school on Wednesday 4th March 2026 so that we can reveal the winners on World Book Day. Please can we ask that entries are not brought in any earlier than this due to the limited space we have to store these. We look forward to seeing the children's wonderful creations.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any further questions or visit the [World Book Day](#) website to find out more.

We are looking forward to a fantastic day celebrating a love of reading.

Kind regards,

Miss Laura Roberts

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