Dear Parents & Carers,

World Book Day 2026 is fast approaching and we are excited to let you know Bracken Leas' exciting plans! We are delighted to be involved in World Book Day on **Friday 6th March**. The day will be dedicated to reading and book related activities based on a whole school theme of 'This Is Me!' using picture books as a stimulus. In the run up to World Book Day, we will be holding another 'Read Your Way!' competition and 'Book in a Box' competition – read on to find out more and how to enter!

Snuggle Up with a Good Book! (optional)

This year, we invite the children to snuggle up in their favourite pyjamas to wear to school. They are welcome to bring in a cuddly toy or blanket during our 'Drop Everything and Read' time in the afternoon but please ensure all items are labelled.

Bracken Leas 'Book in a Box' Competition

You will need a box, which can be a cereal box, shoe box or equivalent. Choose your favourite book and decorate your box (inside and out) to represent the different parts of the book.

- You could draw or cut out pictures of the characters or significant objects from the book.
- You could recreate a scene from the book inside.
- You could Include interesting quotes from the text.
- Don't forget to include the title and author of the book too.
- Make it as colourful and exciting as you can.

How to Enter

Label your box clearly with your name, class and year group and bring your box to the classroom by Monday 2nd March 2026 for judging. There will be prizes for Early Years, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2.

Bracken Leas 'Read Your Way!' Competition

Families are asked to take a photograph of their children reading in various locations over the half term holidays, and send them in to us. Photos will be shared within school and Class Dojo with prizes for the most imaginative entries. There will be prizes for Early Years, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2 which will be announced in our World Book Day Assembly.

How do you like to read…your way?

How to Enter

Simply take a photo of your child doing their 'read your way' in an interesting or unusual location. This could be at home, in the garden or anywhere that you like to read in your own way.

Send it in to us via email - use the title wording **WBD Photo** followed by your child's full name and class. All emails should be directed to enquiries@blps.thlt.academy

If you have more than one child, please send a separate email for each one to assist with judging.

Please note;

- Only one entry per child
- You will not receive an individual response to your email due to volume
- Closing date for entries is Thursday 26th February 2026 by 3:15pm
- Electronic entries only please, paper copies will not be accepted

Sharing a story and further resources

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-english-world-book-day-10-minute-storysharing/zjyc96f These videos are from World Book Day's 10 Minute Story Sharing, where you can watch and listen to a selection of book readings with some of World Book Day's favourite authors, including extracts from stories.
- https://authorfy.com/ Is a fantastic website which is free this year! Access hundreds of author and illustrator videos, book extracts, resources, writing challenges and lots more!

World Book Day tokens

All children will receive a £1 book token as part of the World Book Day event. This can then be used as part payment for a more expensive book, or they can be exchanged for the specially published £1 books. You can view the books available to buy on the website and also find a list of booksellers who stock the books. https://www.worldbookday.com/books/

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Monday 16th March – Thursday 19th March and you are welcome to use your token here.

If you have any questions about World Book Day please do not hesitate to email enquiries@blps.thlt.academy or call. We can't wait to celebrate a special day full of reading with you all!

Many thanks and happy reading,

Mrs Betts

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