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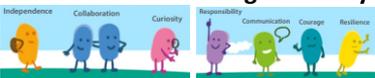


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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that we will be marking **World Book Day 2026 on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** with a range of exciting and engaging activities across the week in and out of school. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate books, stories and a love of reading, and we have planned events that will inspire children's imaginations and enthusiasm for reading throughout the school and wider community.

Date	Activity	Description
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026	<b>Whole School Reading Assembly</b> 	Mrs Lynch will launch the week with a whole school assembly where staff from the school share experiences of their favourite childhood stories.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Year 2 and 6 visit to <b>Burnside College</b> 	Pupils will be able to look around the library, listen to some readings from a librarian and take a book home.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	<b>Year 3 online author session with</b> Rebecca Lewis-Oakes 	Children can expect readings, humour and an interactive activity inspired by wishes and words!
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 4 and 5 will visit <b>The Wallsend Library</b> to meet author Tom Vaughan 	Children will have the opportunity to listen to an author talk about their career, listen to them reading an extract from one of their books and use their £1 book token to choose a book to take home.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Children from our Early Years Unit will visit <b>The Reading Shed</b>	Staff will read stories in our cosy Reading Shed where pupils can relax on beanbags and rugs.



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Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 1 and 2 drawing and reading session with published author Alice Hemming 	Pupils will join an online event with bestselling author and illustrator, Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater. Children can expect an engaging story time, some fun creative activities, and a super silly draw-along session all about beloved characters Squirrel and Bird.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 4 online author session (Jamie Gregory) writer of Bone Head 	Pupils will join Bone Head creator Jamie Gregory for a wild mix of chaos and comedy, featuring live drawing and an exclusive first look at this highly illustrated fiction series that's destined to top everyone's wish list.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 6 online author session with Emily Hourican 	Children will learn about the building blocks of a murder mystery and then become a detective themselves as they solve some mysteries of their own at the Ivy Hotel!
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 5 and 6 The Great Big Footy & Booky Quiz 2026	The online quiz will feature two rounds of questions (one football-themed, one reading-themed) pitched by footballing heroes and famous writers.

#### Additional Activities

During World Book Day on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026, the school will continue with their annual **STOP, DROP and READ** activity. During this time, a bell will sound and all pupils and staff must stop what they are doing, pick up a book and read for a short period of time.

Across the week, all pupils will have the opportunity to visit our school **Treehouse Library** where they can listen to some poetry read by an adult in school.

At the end of the day on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026, children will have a **Mystery Reader** (in disguise) visit their classroom and read a chapter from their current class read.

If you have a pre-school aged child, come along to our **Toddler Group Reading Session** on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 : 9:00am-10:00am. Grab a coffee and a biscuit and relax whilst your children enjoy listening to stories read by some of our older children in Year 5 and 6.

A £1 book token is attached which can be exchanged at North Shields and Wallsend Community Hub and Library until Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Please note, Years 4 and 5 will be given them on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 when they visit the Library.

*'I think it's the books that you read when you're younger are the books that live with you forever'* J.K Rowling

We hope it will be a fun week that sparks curiosity, fosters ambition and celebrates the wonderful world of books.

Mrs Lynch, Deputy Headteacher/English Lead

