



Read all about it!

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Exciting news! Welcome to our very first reading newsletter. Here at Lower Halstow School reading has a high priority in our curriculum and we wanted to have a special place to share with you all wonderful reading events happening around the school, many of which we have included within this newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading all about some of our exciting events planned for Book Week and finding out about some of our reading events from around our school.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Stay safe and best wishes,
Miss Drayson (English Subject Leader)



Book Week



It is that time of year again when we celebrate Book Week at Lower Halstow Primary School. The week will begin on Monday 28th February and **World Book Day** is **Thursday 3rd March**. World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading.

In school there will be different activities taking place to promote reading for pleasure. Please see our timetable below for events which will be happening throughout the week.

Monday 28th	Reading Champion –We will introduce our reading competition for the week to be completed at home. How many books can your child read in one week? Certificates to be awarded for any child who enters. More details to follow.
Tuesday 1st March	ERIC – Everyone reads in class – this will be a fun activity taking place in classes where all the children (and adults!) will stop and read for 5 minutes throughout the day when they hear a special noise.
Wednesday 2 nd March	Book Swap – following on from the popularity of this event from previous years, children are invited to bring a book into school they no longer read and would like to swap for another book to take home.
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day – This is our dress up day and the theme this year is ' <i>Favourite book characters</i> ' so we are looking forward to seeing Snow White, wizards or even your own creations! Each child will receive a £1 book token that they can exchange for a £1 World Book Day book from participating book shops.
Friday 4th March	Reading extraordinaire! - In school the children will work in their house teams (within class bubbles) to complete a book quiz based on books they have been reading in class. It will be a great way to finish off an exciting week!

Please continue to encourage your child to read a variety of books as this is such an important part of their education. Reading magazines, comics, recipes, newspapers, signs, internet pages and instructions are all really valuable!

Reading around our School

From January 2022, we changed our non-uniform day from attendance to the class who had the highest percentage of children reading 3 times a week at home with their contact book/ reading record book signed. This term Willow and Acorn Classes have enjoyed wearing non uniform.



Please remember that you can still sign the contact book/ reading record book to show your child has read even if your child has chosen not to read their school home reader book.

A rich reading diet is important.

This term Mrs Jeffery, Mrs Atkins and myself held the very first Reading Café club at Lower Halstow with children in Year 4. We have very much enjoyed listening to the children read, playing reading games, listening to the children share their opinions during Book talk time and of course, no café would be complete without a drink and a biscuit. How lovely to be able to sit on comfy cushions reading your favourite book whilst sipping on hot chocolate!



Here is what some of the members of reading club have to say about our club:

"I liked listening to stories from the teachers"
Callum

"I liked the snacks and drinks whilst reading a book. It felt cosy"
Nadine

"I liked the games we played which involved reading"
Mila

Next term we will be offering this club to Year R and 1 on Thursdays after school.