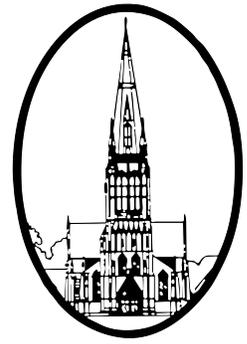


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be  
the best we can be.'*



26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March 2019, and we at St. Mary's will be taking part in this annual celebration of books.

On Thursday 7th March, each class will be taking part in a range of activities based around a class book with their teachers. These activities may involve drama, art, writing and poetry. Children are invited to bring their favourite book from home to share with their class.

In the afternoon the whole school will be take part in 'Buddy Reading'. This is where children from the older years will 'buddy up' with a younger reader in the school and spend time reading a book together.

On World Book Day, we invite children to dress up as their favourite character from a book and bring in their favourite book. The emphasis will be on children having a decorative and creative outfit rather than one that is expensive and elaborate. We do not expect parents to buy costumes. This is a chance for children to celebrate a love of books and to be creative. A prize will be awarded to one child from each class for the most creative character outfits.

On World Book Day, each child will receive a book token which can be used in exchange for one of 10 specially-published books for World Book Day. Children can also use this book token to purchase any other book and receive a £1 discount off the original price.

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.

Thank you for cooperation

Yours Sincerely

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