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World Book Day: Thursday 5th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to yet another fantastic World Book Day at Southover on Thursday the 5th of March. Over the week, there will be plenty of opportunities for book-related fun but we welcome your children to dress up on the **5th of March** as their favourite book character, author or they can even dress up as a word! The choice is theirs. World Book Day will be filled with **lots** of reading, hopefully some virtual book-related events and a 'Guess the Teacher' challenge. This year, we are continuing with our beloved '**Get Caught Reading**' competition, as it is always such a huge success. Children are invited to send in their snaps of them reading – the more bizarre places, the better. These then need to be handed to Ms Hayward-Tapp, or emailed to reading@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk by the **4th of March latest**.

Last year, we were blown away by the scrap book competition entries that we were given and they looked fantastic up in our library. As we love hearing your children's book recommendations, we thought we would return to this competition this year. We would like your child to create a scrapbook entry telling us all about a book they've loved. They should try to include: a clear title of the book, a summary of what the book is about, information about a favourite moment and/or character and a reason why we should read it. You can be as creative as you can and use whatever art medium you would like.

Last year, we had stickers, pull outs, incredible illustrations and brilliant writing. If you'd like to see some examples, simply google 'reading scrapbook page' and lots of images will inspire you. I've included some here too. Your children will need to bring these in and hand them into Ms Hayward-Tapp or the office by the **4th of March latest**. There are prizes to be won and we cannot wait to see your children's pictures and read their recommendations.



All children will receive a £1 book token on the day, which they can spend (in selected stores like *Waterstones* and *Bags of Books*) on one of the 12 new books that have been written especially for World Book Day. The children will have heard all about the books on offer in reading assembly so please encourage them to go and enjoy spending their token. We cannot wait to see all of your children dressed up on the 5th of March and to immerse ourselves in the world of books!

Many thanks,

Ms Hayward-Tapp (English Lead)

