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Dear Parents/Carers,

This year, World Book Day is held nationally on Thursday 6th March.

However, Weddington are super excited to be celebrating World Book Day, a day earlier, on **Wednesday 5th March**.

Our main theme for this year is, 'Journeys In Stories' and we aim to promote children's love of books and reading for pleasure whilst developing their oracy and vocabulary skills. On the day, we would like your child to bring in a book from home reflecting a 'Journey', which is either a physical journey, emotional or imaginative. During the day, the children will have the opportunity to share their story with other children.

In order to celebrate this theme, we would like the children to dress up as a character from a 'Journey-based story'. During the day, the children will take part in a 'World Book Day Parade' to showcase their outfits to children in another year group. **Please note**, we do not expect new outfits to be purchased for this event. We encourage imagination and creativity when preparing outfits so that all children can participate. I have attached two links and have provided some ideas for inspiration:

<https://www.sharkyandgeorge.com/blog/last-minute-world-book-day-costumes>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/blog/easy-world-book-day-costume-ideas/>

The Snail and The Whale – 'The Snail and The Whale'. Homemade snail shell and a whale cut out.

Beegu – 'Beegu' – Yellow alien onesie with ears.

The Jolly Postman – Postman's bag and letters

Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man or Lion – Ruby slippers, silver funnel hat, or straw-filled shirt.

Peter Pan, Wendy or Captain Hook – 'Peter Pan'. Green tunic and hat, blue dress with ribbons, or pirate gear.

Paddington Bear – 'Paddington' Red hat, blue coat, and a suitcase with a 'Please Look After This Bear' tag.

The Gruffalo or Mouse – 'The Gruffalo' – Brown fur and big purple prickles, or a small explorer's satchel.

We are also delighted to inform you that we will also be welcoming the **Scholastic Travelling Book Fair** to school on **Wednesday 5th March 2025**. The children will have the opportunity to look around the book fair before it is open to parents/carers. You will be able to visit the book fair, which will be located in the KS2 hall, and it will run from 3:15pm – 4pm. Please enter via the KS2 hall doors on the following dates:

Thursday 6th March – for parents/carers of children in **Reception and KS1**

Monday 10th March – for parents/carers of children in **KS2**

Like last year, the book fair will accept card payments (preferred method) as well as cash. To pay via card, you will need to scan the QR code, visible at the fair, select Weddington Primary School and make your payment. You will need to share the confirmation code with a member of staff to then take your book home. Alternatively, you can pay via the card reader available at the fair.

The children will also be able to use their £1 World Book Day voucher once against their purchase of books (excluding stationary).

As a school, we receive rewards for books purchased at the fair, which means, in turn, we will be able to purchase new books for the children at Weddington.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

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