



Lydgate Junior School

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Celebrating with



Dear families

World Book Day is just around the corner!

On Thursday 6 March our school will be joining in the celebrations to encourage all our children to read for fun. The World Book Day theme this year is 'Read Your Way!' and the aim is to encourage everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations. We hope that World Book Day will be another way to empower children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms. **We won't be asking children to dress up in costumes but do want them to come to school in comfy clothes, PJs or onesies so they can cosy up and read in their own, comfortable way.**

Big Book Swap

All four year groups are planning lots of opportunities to celebrate reading and books during World Book Day. We'll also be hosting 'A Big Book Swap' in every year group. Our hope is that the children and staff will inspire each other to continue enjoying reading by celebrating and 'sharing' books that they've loved. This will happen during the week beginning Monday 3rd of March. We will be asking children to:

- Choose a book that they've enjoyed and think that someone else in their year group will love too.
- Ensure that the book is in good, used condition.
- Hand it in to their year group's "Big Book Swap" stall during morning playtime on Tuesday 4th or Wednesday 5th March.
- Receive a 'Big Book Swap' voucher to exchange for a nearly new book of their choice on World Book day (Thursday 6th March).

We're sure you'll agree that this is a great way to get the children talking about and sharing books. You might want to use the half term holiday to start thinking about which book to bring to the swap.

100 Books

All of our class libraries contain copies of the books from the 100 book list. These lists are and are a carefully chosen selection of great reads for Y3-4 and Y5-6. They are available on our website in the English section and in classrooms for the children to refer to. We try to restock these books (which are really popular!) as much as possible and really value support from our parent community in doing so. Did you know that you can donate through ParentPay so that we can buy one of the 100 books to add to a class library? This would be a great way to celebrate World Book Day and help all our children enjoy reading.

National Book Token Competition

Looking for something to do in the half term holiday? National Book Tokens are running a great, creative completion. Details are attached and you can enter via the link. We'll also have entry forms available in the school library during the week beginning 3rd March.



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We're really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school. We'll send reminders in the days before and plenty of shares on our facebook page during the day.

Thank you for your support,

Katy Rougvie

(English Leader)

Design a National Book Token Competition 2025



Our sponsors, **National Book Tokens**, are inviting children of all ages to share their creativity – and their love for books and reading – by designing their own fabulous gift cards.

Six winners will bag HUNDREDS of pounds worth of National Book Tokens for their schools and themselves!

TO ENTER

Design a National Book Tokens gift card on the theme of **Read Your Way**.

One OVERALL winner will receive a **£10/€12** National Book Tokens gift card in their design **for every child in their class*** and a class visit to a bookshop to spend them!

FIRST prize in each age range wins:

- **£350/€400** National Book Tokens for the school
- **£100/€115** National Book Tokens for the pupil

SECOND prize in each age range wins:

- **£200/€230** National Book Tokens for the school
- **£50/€60** National Book Tokens for the pupil

The closing date for entries is Sunday 6 April 2025

For full details and to download the entry form, visit [worldbookday.com/competition/design-a-nbt/](https://www.worldbookday.com/competition/design-a-nbt/)

*Up to 35 gift cards; see terms and conditions for home-schooled students



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