

20th February 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

This year at Athersley South we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 6th March** and the children will take part in a 'bedtime story' experience to celebrate. Each child will listen to a variety of stories read by adults throughout the day, hopefully sparking their love of reading and enable them to branch out and discover different genres. We will also be inviting parents in to read with their child at the end of the school day from 2:45 where you will also have the chance to snuggle up, enjoy a book and a hot chocolate.

As part of our reading celebrations we are asking all children in school to bring their favourite book, comic or magazine to school on the day to share with their class. This will enable children to recommend books to one another and get ideas for future reading. Children will also be able to dress up as their favourite book character or come in their pyjamas to enjoy a bedtime story. Please remember that there is no need to purchase a costume, we love it when children are creative and resourceful and make their own original masterpieces!



The book tokens that have been sent home are valid from **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** to **Sunday 15<sup>st</sup> March 2026**, here is the link for the books available for free with your token.

We are also excited about a special themed lunch menu available that day, which will be communicated to you in due course.

If you look on the World Book Day website there are lots of ideas for fun activities, competitions and book recommendations. You can also access a range of FREE audiobooks via the following page



We are very much looking forward to sharing everyone's favourite books and thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wheelwright  
Reading Leader

