

### 4th February 2025

**Dear Parents and Carers,** 

We are excited to announce that World Book Day will take place at St Thomas More on Friday 7th March 2025, and we hope you'll join us in celebrating this special event.

# **Dress-Up & Creative Costumes**

This year, we are inviting both staff and students to dress up as their favourite character from a novel. Those with the most creative costumes will receive a special invitation from The Witches' Snake (inspired by Roald Dahl) to an exclusive event in the hall in the afternoon.

### Book Fair & £1 Book Tokens

Throughout the week, we will be hosting a book fair in the library, where students can purchase surplus books for just £0.50 per book. This is a great opportunity to recycle old books and discover new ones.

All students will also receive a £1 book token during form time, which they can use to claim a free book. For more details on participating retailers, please visit: World Book Day Books & Tokens

# **Celebrating Female Authors**

To mark both World Book Day and International Women's Day on 7th March, we will be highlighting female authors throughout the week:

- · Our social media will feature St Thomas More teachers' favourite female authors.
- These novels will be available in the library for students to read.
- In English lessons, we will explore crime and historical fiction written by influential female writers.

For more details on supporting International Women's Day, visit: International Women's Day Resources

WBD Scavenger Hunt – Starts 3rd March

From 3rd March, students can take part in a World Book Day scavenger hunt, where they will need to match a series of blurbs to their correct book covers—each hidden with different members of staff! Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

#### Sponsored Read-a-thon – 6th March

On 6th March, we will also be running a sponsored Read-a-thon to raise funds for our library and to support our wonderful librarians in expanding our growing collection of books.



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World Book Day Activities – 7th March

On World Book Day itself, we have an exciting range of activities planned, with a special focus on Roald Dahl. Our goal is to inspire a love of reading, provide valuable cultural capital opportunities, and encourage students to develop a passion for English beyond the classroom.

Last year, we were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and creativity of the St Thomas More community, and we look forward to another fantastic celebration this year.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me directly at: ashaw@stm.srscmat.co.uk

Kind regards,

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