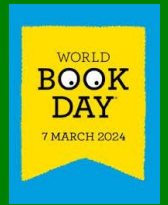




World Book Day 2024



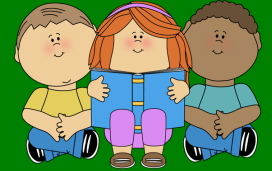
This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March.

Themes this year are:

- ◆ EYFS (Nursery and Reception) - The Tiger Who Came To Tea
- ◆ KS1 (Year 1 and 2) - Peter Rabbit and Beatrix Potter
- ◆ LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) - The Wind in the Willows
- ◆ UKS2 (Year 5 and 6) - King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table

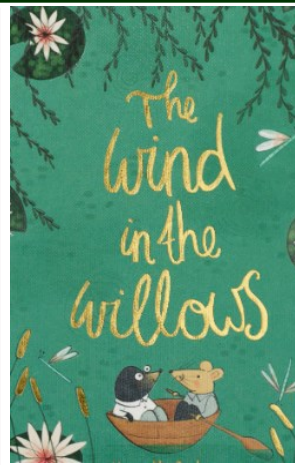
Children are invited to wear:

- ◆ EYFS (Nursery and Reception) - stripy clothes
- ◆ KS1 (Year 1 and 2) - brown, grey, white or black clothes
- ◆ LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) - the colours of your favourite animal
- ◆ UKS2 (Year 5 and 6) - grey or black clothes



We started the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday by receiving ashes. Lent is a special season when we can enhance and strengthen our relationship with God. It is traditionally a time for praying, fasting and giving.

In classes, children will be taking part in specially prepared class worships and assemblies. All children will also be taking part in the CAFOD Big Walk.



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we have organised for a theatre company to come into school and perform their adaptation of The Wind in the Willows for our pupils in years 1 to 6.

There is a charge of £2.50 per pupil—you can make the payment on your ParentPay account. If you need log in details, please contact the school office.



Our Year 5 and 6 pupils would like to invite parents to come and watch their presentation of the Stations of the Cross on

Wednesday 27th March at 9.15am.



Movie Night



Following the success of our two previous movie nights, our Caritas Ambassadors would like to host another movie night to raise funds for CAFOD .

The movie will be Peter Rabbit (Rated—PG) keep your eye out for more information next week.



Message from Mrs Eccles

As we journey through Lent, it is lovely to see the first signs of spring around school. As you can see from the newsletter, there is a lot going on in school despite this being a short half term. It is particularly pleasing to see so many of our parents enjoy our various activities in school. You are always very welcome.

School closes for the Easter holidays on Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm. School will reopen on Tuesday 9th April at 9am.



On February 26th, everyone at St Dunstan's had a day celebrating our continuing journey as a Rights Respecting School. The children learned all about the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child and how we as a school, will be supporting each other to ensure all children can enjoy their rights. Please ask your child to share with you what they have learnt.

Check out the 'Useful Links' page on our school website for more information on what is going on in our local community, help with finance, health & safeguarding.



Dancing for a Healthy Heart

Parents are invited to join an Afrocats session at school for an exciting chance to discuss improving heart health!

We'll be chatting about easy ways to lower blood pressure and offering free blood pressure readings for anyone who wants one. Plus, we'll be getting our groove on with a super fun fitness dance session!

We can't wait to see you there, so don't forget to mark your calendars and come prepared to have a blast!

Wednesday
March 6th
9:10am - 11am



afrocats



Manchester Local
Care Organisation

We would like to introduce our new Junior PCSOs.

Mable and Beauty from Year 6

As part of their roles they will:

- ◆ be helping Mr Parnell keep the road around school and the local area safe.
- ◆ help promote how important it is to keep school and our community clean and tidy.
- ◆ befriend anyone who is maybe having problems at school or at home
- ◆ help share information about how to be safe when using the internet

When you see them, please encourage them and remind them of the wonderful job they are doing.



During the Lenten period, our Caritas Ambassadors will be organising a CARITAS Care Drive.

We are asking for donations of unwanted clothes, cupboard items, old toys and books.

Please can all donations be brought to school before **Friday 15th March**.

Our Care Drive will be taking place on **Thursday 21st March at 9am** - families who are struggling in the current cost of living crisis are invited to come along and help themselves to free items.



We have a student social worker Mia Gbouma-Allieu working with us in school until the end of the year. She will help to support our families and is available for advice. Please contact the office if you would like to speak to her.

