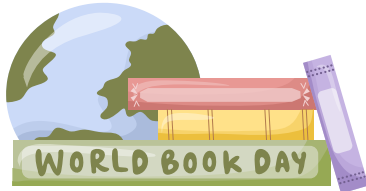


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The children will once again be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. On that day, children will be encouraged to dress as a character from a book. If you are struggling for ideas, rather than go and buy a costume, perhaps consider one of these ideas:

- Pyjamas and dressing gown - The Midnight Gang
- School uniform - Matilda
- A bandana and stripy top - The Indoor Pirates / Peter Pan
- Remember that comics count as books so any Marvel or DC superhero costumes can be worn

Please could you also send children in on that day with a favourite book (if they have one) so that this can be shared with their class.

READ ALOUD COMPETITION

After half-term, we are delighted to be launching the annual Fair Oak Junior School Read Aloud competition, now in its fourth year, which celebrates children's reading, confidence and oracy skills through an enjoyable whole-school challenge. Find out more about our Read Aloud competition [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 11th February
6.10pm-8pm
Yr 6 Movie Night

W/C 16th February
Half-term holiday

Thursday 26th February
The Elsa Study

Friday 27th February
Winning house team iced bun and dress down day

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day

Monday 9th March
PSA special person/Mother's day shopping event

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March
Years 3-5 Parents' Evening

16th-27th March
Walk Wheel Cycle Trust's Big Walk and Wheel

Monday 16th March
Yr 3 Bug Day

Friday 27th March
Inset Day

Year 3 News

Year 3 Bug Day

We are pleased to confirm that Bishopstoke Invertebrates will be visiting the school on Monday 16th March to support our Spring 2 Science topic, 'Animals, including humans'. Full details can be found [here](#).

Year 4 News

Swimming

As part of our ongoing Year 4 swimming programme, we kindly remind parents and carers to ensure children bring all the correct swimming kit to school. For details on required items and each class's swimming day, please click [here](#).

Year 5 News

Stubbington Residential Trip

If your child is attending Stubbington on Wednesday, all information about the trip, including the kit list, can be found on our Year 5 website page [here](#).

Year 6 News

Year 6 Movie Night

Fair Oak Junior School PSA are excited to see the children at the Year 6 movie night tomorrow evening. A reminder that the children must bring their own water bottle. More information about the event can be found [here](#).

Sports News

Cricket Trials

Cricket trials will take place in the first week back after half term. Boys' trials will be held at lunchtime on Monday 23rd February and girls' trials on Tuesday 24th February, with a 'mop-up' session on Wednesday 25th February for anyone who misses their day. Pupils should have first sitting lunch and then meet Mr Stredwick on the astro turf; PE kit is not required unless it is already a PE day. With a limited number of team places available, we may be unable to select every pupil, but we value and celebrate everyone who participates.

General Information and News

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust's Big Walk and Wheel

Fair Oak Junior School will once again be taking part in the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust's Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school walking, cycling and scooting challenge, running from 16th to 27th March 2026. Pupils, staff and families are encouraged to choose active travel for the journey to school, with walking, cycling and scooting all counting towards our school's result.



A free Bike Doctor session will also take place in school on Wednesday 11th March to help pupils get ready. All cyclists must hold a valid cycling permit. Please visit our website [here](#) to find out more information and how to take part.

CAMHS Resources for Parents

We have been provided with a range of helpful CAMHS videos covering topics such as ADHD, sleep and EBSA, with practical strategies to support children and families. Please click [here](#) to access the resources.

Year 5 and 6 Vocal Festival - Thornden Hall

For those children taking part in the Vocal Festival at Thornden Hall, tickets are available to purchase online at <http://www.thorndenhall.co.uk/>. Alternatively, you can phone the box office on 02380 246555. Please ring if you require an accessibility booking, and Thornden Hall will endeavour to fulfil your request. Please purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment as this is always a popular event and has sold out in the past.

Parents' Evening Years 3, 4 and 5

We are pleased to provide details of Years 3, 4 and 5 Parents' Evening meetings. These will take place on the 10th and 11th March and appointments are to be booked using Arbor. Bookings will be available from 10am on Tuesday 24th February and will remain open until 11am on Monday 9th March. Further information can be found on the letter [here](#).

DON'T FORGET

Our school is offering optional in-school testing on 26th February as part of the University of Birmingham's ELSA study, which screens children's risk of developing type 1 diabetes; full details can be found [here](#). **The deadline to apply for the study is midnight on 19th February.**



PRESENTS THE

Someone Special

SHOPPING EVENT

MONDAY 9TH MARCH

The PSA are thrilled to bring back our Someone Special Shopping event!

This activity gives the children a chance to choose a gift for someone special ready for Mother's Day weekend.

Gifts cost £4.00 each, and children can buy for parents, siblings, grandparents, friends or extended family.

With support from the PSA team and teachers, children will select their gifts, which will come home already wrapped, ready for Mother's Day!

Orders can be placed via our PTA Events Portal ([link below](#))

ORDER NOW

PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS:
FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY.

Please send your child in with a carrier bag on the shopping day to bring their gifts home.

