



February 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Celebrating Reading

At Parsons Down, we aim for everyone to develop a love of reading with the skills to become brave, confident and inspired readers. As part of this vision, we have developed our reading provision and purchased high-quality texts from EYFS to Year 6. Reading is an important part of everyday life at Parsons Down. Reading is on the timetable everyday and the school library continues to be a place where the children can go each week to browse books, be inspired and develop their imaginations with a wide range of books to choose from.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. As a school, we celebrate reading every day and we will be marking the occasion by asking the children to bring in their favourite story or to choose one from the library during their library sessions. In the afternoon, each class will go to another class to share books with one another. I sent home the World Book Day tokens home on Friday 13th February so you can have the maximum amount of time to use it to purchase one of the titles on offer from many bookshops. The tokens are valid between **12th February – 15th March 2026**.

Once again, we are collaborating with the PDSA and have organized a **World Book Day Bake Off**. To enter, bake your favourite book character or find your favourite recipe book and have fun baking together! Entries need to be brought to the school office on Thursday 5th March. The School Council will be judging entries. There will be prizes for the winners, who will receive book vouchers to spend at the upcoming book fair.

All your goodies will be sold after school in the hall on Friday 6th March at our **World Book Day Bake off Cake Sale** from 3.15-4pm in the school hall. There will also be lots of books and pre loved uniform to raise money for the PDSA!

Travelling Book Fair

In March, we will be welcoming back the travelling book fair to the school between **Wednesday 18th March and Wednesday 25th March 2026** from **3:15-3:30**. The book cases will host a variety of titles. I will send more information regarding the location of the fair closer to the time. As a school, we get a percentage from the book sales to spend on books.

Last year, the money that was raised was used to purchase the new class books. We are grateful for any contributions you can make through purchasing a book and we will look to buy more books based on pupil voice with any money we have to spend. Thank you for your continued support with attending the fair if you are able to do so.

We will also have a selection of books we will be giving away for free. We did this last year and it was lovely to see so many books being given to new homes.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hayward
English lead

