



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week's Book Week culminated in World Book Day, which was filled with so much fun.

We are truly blessed to have staff who are passionate in making learning come alive, a big thank you to Miss Thompsett, who led the proceedings and all the staff who came together to make it so successful.

It was a week where we encouraged the children to be creative and discover more ways to enjoy reading and writing. The week was filled with activities, events, and opportunities for all year groups to celebrate the joy and inspiration of books.

A real highlight was to welcome the author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who was a huge success. She had the whole school enthralled during her assembly, where we listened to inspirations behind her stories; from a crude scribble on an envelope to a fully-fledged picture book and also witnessed great examples of her illustrations.

We held a whole school parade where the children and staff had an opportunity to display and celebrate the array of costumes; the creativity was amazing and proved difficult to judge. We are grateful to you parents as always for your continued support and for encouraging the children to take part and with such enthusiasm. The time and effort that the staff and children put into their costumes and the cross-curricular learning activities was tremendous and we hope that experiences such as these will help continue to foster a lifelong love of books.

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Last week certainly made me reflect on the hugely successful week. There are times in leadership when you witness an organisation in its 'flow state' - when it's heart beats loudly and when everyone is absolutely focused on a common goal, for the sake of others and the wider community - and when this happens it is a salient reminder of how fortunate and privileged we are to be able to lead outstanding people who care so deeply and, in doing so, hopefully make a positive difference to their lives.

We can all look back with fond memories of 'World Book Day 2024.'

Kind regards,

**David Leggett** 

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