



4th February 2026

World Book Day 2026

Dear Year 7 Parents & Carers

We are delighted to invite our Year 7 cohort to celebrate World Book Day 2026 at GMS by dressing as a character from their favourite book on **Thursday 5th March**. There will be photo opportunities and house prizes to be won on the day. Please note this is optional and although encouraged, there is no obligation to dress up. Students who do not wish to do so can just wear their usual school uniform.

This year's World Book Day theme, '**You Are A Reader**' is all about encouraging young people to see reading as something enjoyable, social and part of everyday life. World Book Day 2026 also aligns with the **National Year of Reading 2026**, a UK wide campaign encouraging children and families to build reading habits that last beyond the classroom.

If you feel buying a new costume may be difficult due to pricing or time restraints, here are some excellent but cheap last-minute ideas:

The Midnight Gang:

- Pyjamas
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Percy Jackson:

- Ordinary clothes, zipped hoodie, t-shirt and jeans
- Shield or lightning bolt made from cardboard

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory:

- Ordinary clothes – Polo shirt, jumper, black school trousers
- Homemade golden ticket and a chocolate bar

Baby-sitters Club / Lottie Brooks / Summer I Turned Pretty

- Ordinary clothes i.e. jeans / top
- Summer dresses

Our local charity shops and re-selling sites can also be a great source of inspiration for a lower cost.

Please note we do not allow football kits to be worn for World Book Day – thank you.

Every student will also receive a World Book Day £1 voucher during their library lesson which they can exchange for a book of their choice so please do encourage your children take full advantage of this. There will be lots of other exciting activities happening that week during our **GMS Literary Festival** which takes place the same week **2nd – 6th March** and further information on this will be sent out under separate cover the week prior.

For any queries, please contact info@gms.bucks.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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