



World Book Day 5th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, we are continuing to celebrate World Book Day across both Crawley Ridge Infant and Junior Schools. We have organised a range of activities all about reading to help honour and celebrate the day. On **Thursday 5th March**, if they choose, children at **Crawley Ridge Infant School and Crawley Ridge Junior School** are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Costumes can be as elaborate or as simple as you wish – e.g. your child can become Burglar Bill with jeans and a striped T-shirt, or they could be a cat with a simple cardboard headband with pointed ears.

We understand, however, that some children prefer not to dress up, and there is no obligation to do so. Instead, here are some suggestions of what you could do to be part of this important day instead:

- Wear a hat to represent a book character
- Bring a prop to see if your classmates can guess your chosen book
- Reading a book is often associated with bedtime so why not spend the day wearing your comfiest clothes or PJs.
- Wear your school uniform – there are many books involving school children.

When deciding what to wear, remember you want to be able to move around easily and play safely at break and lunch times.

On the day, there will be a special World Book Day assembly followed by a range of book related activities. Our CRIS and CRJS craft projects are going to be World Book Day rock painting! Keep your eyes peeled for any smooth faced rocks which you can bring in on the day. Weather permitting, CRIS and CRJS pupils will meet on the playgrounds to show each other their finished rocks and share stories.

As part of the day, each child will also receive a book token worth £1 which they can use to buy one of the specially published World Book Day books or use it towards the cost of any other book.

Use your World Book Day £1/€1.50 token to get one of these brilliant reads for free between 12 February and 15 March 2026.



We hope that children will take the opportunity to visit their local bookshop and enjoy delving into the world of books and reading!

Kind regards,

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