

# MALMESBURY NEWSLETTER



## RAMADAN MUBARAK TO OUR MUSLIM FAMILIES AND COLLEAGUES



### COMING UP...

Monday 3rd March:  
EYFS early reading  
workshop for parents

4th/5th/6th March:  
reception height and  
weight screening

Thursday 6th March:  
World Book Day

Eid holiday closure:  
Monday 31st March

Spring term parent,  
teacher consultations  
Tuesday 1st April and  
Thursday 3rd April.

With many of our families and colleagues beginning to mark the Holy Month of Ramadan, the values of **caring and sharing** promoted within this special time for our Muslim families and colleagues are ones we can all embrace over the next few weeks.

In school, we will support our oldest children (y5/6) who may wish to begin fasting on some days during Ramadan. We have sent letters home to these year groups about working together to ensure children remain healthy, focussed and successful in their learning.

We will be shut for our Eid holiday on Monday 31st March. On Tuesday 1st April, we look forward to learning and celebrating together with our Eid assemblies and parties.

We will also have an after-school Eid food sale on Wednesday 2nd April.

With a spotlight on reading next week, **Glynis will be holding a reading workshop for EYFS families on Monday 4th March at 9am.** She will be sharing some of ways to best support children with reading at home and some of the techniques we use to develop early reading in school.

## World book day 2025 on Thursday 6th March 2025.

We will be celebrating world book day next Thursday. This is an opportunity to put a spotlight on reading.

Reading for pleasure is a key indicator of a child's future success. When children learn to read at an early age, they have greater general knowledge and a wider range of vocabulary, their reading is more fluent, and they have improved attention spans.

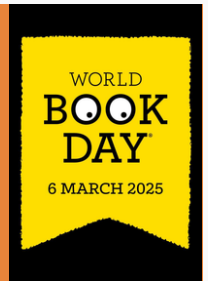
Achieving good standards in reading is key to unlocking the rest of the curriculum and is an indicator of future success in further education, higher education, and employment.

Children are welcome to:

- Dress up to celebrate a love of reading
- Bring their favourite book in to talk to classmates about.

In school we will be:

- holding special world book day assemblies
- Buddy reading (our older children reading with our younger children)
- talking about favourite books in class and hopefully inspiring other children to try some new books.



Our book fair will run for two more evenings: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March.

This is a great opportunity to buy books at discounted prices.



Scan the QR code to find out more about World Book day for families including simple, cheap costume ideas!



Thank you to Yusuf Ali in Victorians for his beautiful handwriting in our WBD poem and to Layla and Yusuf for their fantastic illustrations.



*I opened a book - Julian Donaldson*  
I opened a book and in I strode  
Now nobody can find me.  
I've left my chair, my house, my road,  
My town and my world behind me.  
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,  
I've swallowed the magic potion.  
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a King  
And dived in a bottomless ocean.  
I opened a book and made some friends.  
I shared their tears and laughter  
And followed their road with its bumps and bends  
To the happily ever after.  
I finished my book and out I came.  
The cloak can no longer hide me.  
My chair and my house are just the same,  
But I have a book inside me.

### This week's attendance

We are starting to see our attendance recover after last 1/2 term's bout of illnesses. Thank you for helping children be in school every day.

Whole school attendance this week: 94.5%

- The top 3 classes this week:
- Y6 Victorians: 98.8%
  - Y3 Yorkists: 97.6%
  - Y4 Tudors: 97.5%