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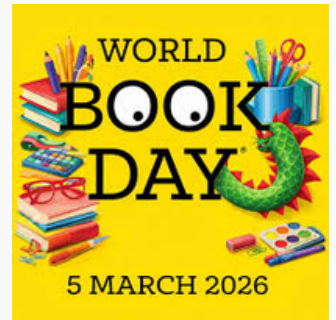
# NEWSLETTER



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## Getting ready for World Book Day @ Malmesbury

Next Thursday marks World Book Day. This is always a special day here at Malmesbury. It is also always one of our highest attendance days each year. The purpose of the day is to shine a spotlight on reading for pleasure.



## COMING UP...

**Y1-6 Special Guest Assemblies** with Leah Chowdhry BCM (first British Asian woman to swim the channel):  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**World Book Day:**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Spring Term Parent teacher consultations:**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> (ping home today)

**Eid Holiday:**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

### Why does reading for pleasure matter?



It is 'vital because it boosts mental wellbeing, fosters empathy, and strengthens social skills. Children who read for enjoyment are more likely to achieve higher academic success, develop better language skills, and experience reduced stress. It also builds confidence, enhances imagination, and promotes lifelong cognitive benefits.' (Book Trust Research)

### How will we celebrate world book day?

Children are welcome to dress as a book character. For some families, this is an opportunity to enjoy being creative, for others something simple is great. Click on the QR code for easy costume ideas. Our breakfast club on Tuesday - Thursday will also provide opportunities for children to make world book day headbands and/or masks if they would like.

In school, we will be talking about favourite books and memories of reading them.

We will also have our world book day assemblies and partner reading sessions when our younger children enjoy the opportunity to read with some of our older classes of children.



We have our book fair running from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. This is always popular. Children can spend their £1 book token vouchers (coming home on Thursday) at our book fair or most other book shops.



Following Safer Internet day, Sumaiya from Y6 Victorians, wrote her own letter about the challenges and opportunities of AI:

AI can be both positive and negative. In one way, it can help you but in another, it can challenge you. AI first discovered by a group of people named, John McI, Marvin Minsky, Nathaniel Rochester and Claude Shannon. McCarthy is known as the father of AI as he came up the name.

How is it positive?

AI is considered to be 'positive' as it creates efficiency. All people have to do is get a device and search up their questions. Also it can usually get rid of human error (however AI can still some times get things wrong). AI can think faster than a human can imagine and has more efficient and productive work.

How is it negative?

AI can be considered bad as it uses a lot of energy - for example water and electricity. It can also do many human jobs making it harder for humans to find jobs - particularly young and starting to work. Research suggests that AI can cause cognitive decline which is when a person becomes so dependent on it that they can no longer think as independently. AI has many additional challenges as well, some of them being: Bias, cyber risks, and concerns about who owns the work (intellectual property).

If you use AI make sure that you keep all personal information private.

My wish is that we learn how to use it safely and use it as a positive tool. I would like teacher, specialist teachers and parents/careers to help us with this.

Our Y5/6 children are due to have more safer internet training shortly by the Breck Foundation. This will include AI.



# MALMESBURY PTFA UNIFORM GIVEAWAY



Pick up some extra uniform

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

8:40 am to 9:20 am  
by Main School Reception

To donate good quality uniform, please email [malmesburyptfa@gmail.com](mailto:malmesburyptfa@gmail.com) or bring it along to swap. Please also get in touch if there's any uniform you need and would like us to source in confidence.

## PE in action



In our PE lessons, our children work towards an outcome every half term. This half term, our year 3 classes have been planning, performing and evaluating their own group gymnastics routine. The quality of their performances was amazing as was their ability to articulate clearly what they were doing using the correct technical gymnastics language. It was really great to see each group in Y3 Lancastrians perform. We have some very talented gymnasts!

It was also great to hear how many of our children do gymnastics, martial arts or parkour outside of school: all of which support children's strength, flexibility and discipline.

**This week's attendance:**  
94.8%

Y3 Lancastrians 98.93%

Y6 Victorians 97.58%

Y2 Lionhearts 96.15%

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