



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 25th February 2026

Re: 2026: Lowercroft's Year of Reading and World Book Day



Welcome back after the half-term break...we hope you had a lovely week.

As we look ahead, we are excited to be embracing 2026 as our "Year of Reading" in school. Throughout the year, we will be placing reading at the heart of everything we do, celebrating books across the curriculum, sharing high-quality texts daily, introducing children to new authors, poets and genres and continuing to develop inviting reading spaces around school. Our aim is not only to strengthen reading skills, but to foster a genuine, lifelong love of stories and storytelling.

World Book Day – Wooden Spoon Character Competition



As part of this focus, we are delighted to be celebrating World Book Day in a creative way.

Thanks to the generosity of our PTA, every child will receive a wooden spoon to decorate as their favourite book character. These will be sent home today. Please do not feel any pressure to spend money (felt tip pens are perfectly fine). Decorated spoons should be **returned by**

Wednesday 4th March, ready for display in a mini exhibition in the hall. Prizes will be awarded for Early Years, KS1 and KS2 winners, judged by staff and the pupil leadership team. All children

are also welcome to dress up as their favourite book character on the day (Thursday 5th March).

Mystery Reader Invitation



Over the year, we would also love to invite family members to come into school to read a short story to a class as part of our Year of Reading celebrations. These sessions will take place at the end of the school day (2:45pm). Each class will have allocated days. We will share the finer details, including how to sign up and volunteer, in this week's newsletter.

The children will not know who their mystery reader is until you arrive, which will add to the excitement! This could be parents, carers or grandparents. You are welcome to choose a favourite short story, or we can recommend and provide a book for you. For the older children, you may wish to read an extract from a book or share a book which was your favourite as a child.

We are really looking forward to celebrating reading together and seeing the children's creativity shine through their character designs. Reading is something we value deeply at our school and we are excited to work in partnership with you to make 2026 a truly special Year of Reading for our children.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Kind regards,

The Lowercroft Team