

School Newsletter – 26th February 2024



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Attendance

Last week:	95.4%
Sep23-Feb24:	94.3%
Sep22-Feb23:	92.5%
Target:	96%

Dates

- Year 1 West Town Farm Visit - **27th February**
- Year 1 Multi-Skills - **6th March**
- Year 5 to watch West Exe School Production - **6th March**
- Year 6 Wellbeing Workshop - **6th March**
- **World Book Day - 7th March**
- Red Nose Day - **15th March**
- Rocksteady Performance - **20th March**
- **FOSS Disco - 22nd March**
- Year 5 Handball Festival - **27th March**
- Easter Holidays - **29th March-12th April**
- First day back - **15th April**
- **FOSS Quiz Night - 19th April**

Mr Jenkins' Message:

As you know school budgets are tight so every extra penny we have is so valuable. The Friends of St Thomas School (FOSS) work so hard to raise funds so I wanted to let you know how your money is being spent! We now have 10 new chess sets for an after school chess club I will be running, more details to come. Over the last year, they have bought OPAL equipment, BBC microbits, and subsidising trips by making large contributions towards travel expenses. If you have any time to volunteer, whether running a stall in the summer fayre or selling sweets at the disco just get in touch.

FOSS Disco

The next FOSS school disco for the children will be held on **Friday 22nd March**.

Tickets are £2 and payable on the door. There will also be the opportunity for children to purchase drinks, sweets and other party bits.
KS1 **5.30-6.30pm**
KS2 **6.45-8pm**

FOSS Quiz Night

The FOSS would like to invite parents, families and friends of St Thomas to attend the school quiz night on **Friday 19th April**. It is a 7.15pm arrival for a **7.30pm start** and costs £2.50 per person. Please bring your own snacks and drinks along for the event.

Year 1 Multi-Skills

On **Wednesday 6th March**, year 1 will attend a multi-skills event at West Exe School. The children will get to take part in a range of fun activities with their class. They will be walked their by members of staff from St Thomas. Children should wear their PE kit in on that day as usual please.

Year 5 to West Exe

On the morning of the **6th March**, year 5 have been invited to watch West Exe's performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to see what they can be a part of once they are at secondary school.

World Book Day

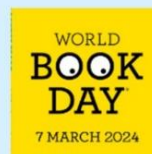
World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March** and to celebrate this year, the school will be focusing on using our love of books to learn about more ways to help protect our planet. To reduce waste and additional spending, **children are to come to school in their school uniform**.

Mrs Morgan has also organised a book swap where all children will be able to choose a pre-loved but new-to-them book to take home. We are accepting donations up until the **7th March** so please bring them in to your class teacher.

Please take a look at our posters below for any further information.

Safeguarding - If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team. If outside of school hours, please refer to MASH and complete their online referral form. If you deem a child to be at immediate risk, please contact the police on 999.





WORLD BOOK DAY

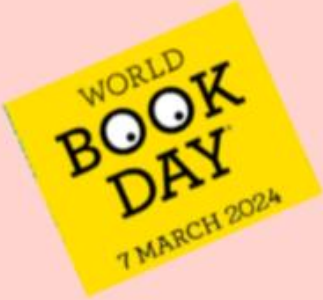
THURSDAY 7 MARCH

For World Book Day this year, we have chosen to use our love of books to help us learn more about ways to protect our planet. Each class will be using a book related to one aspect of sustainability to inspire their learning for the day. Children will be researching, reading, making crafts/costumes related to their topic and buddying up with other classes to share their books and learning.

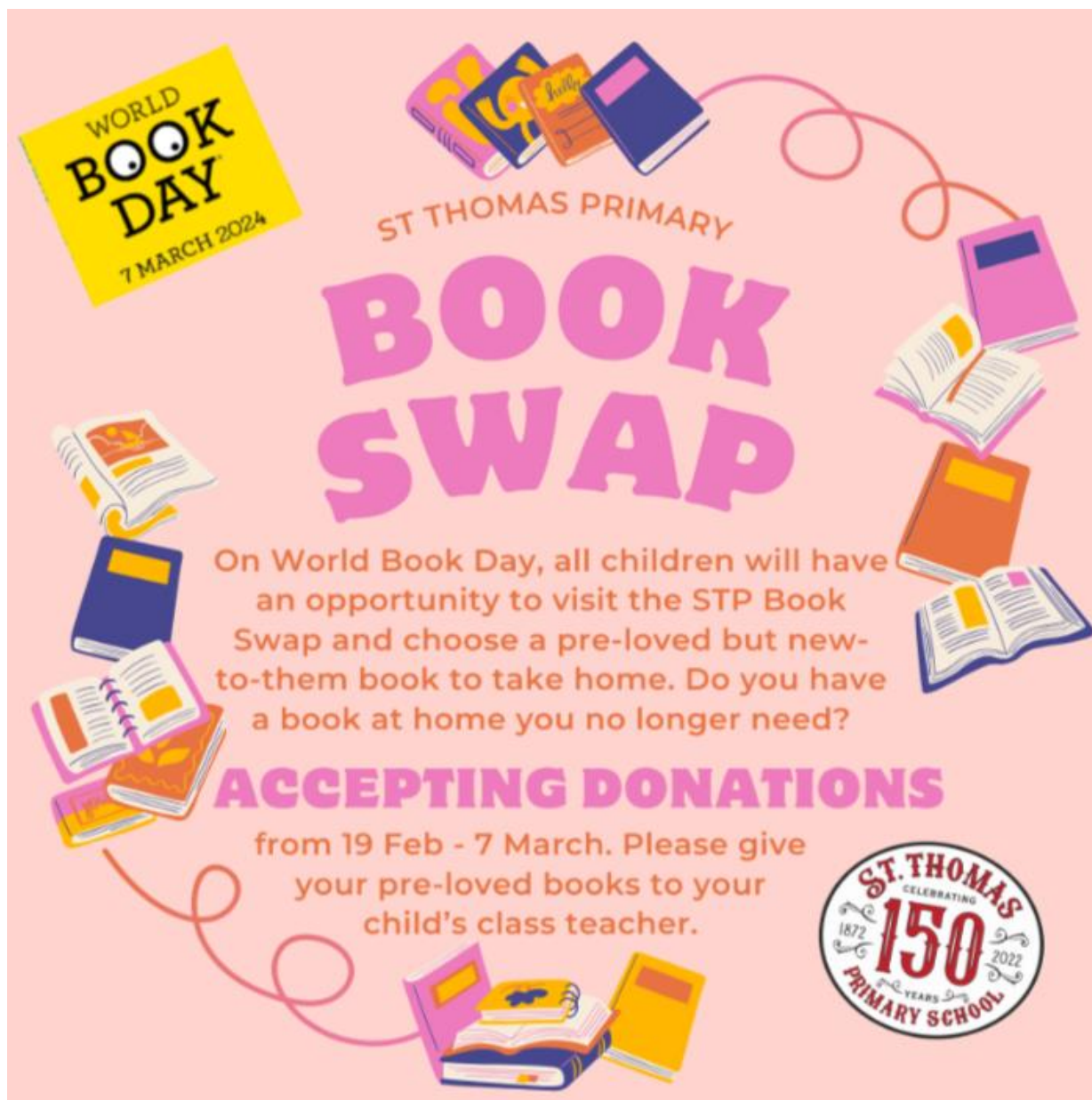


In an effort to reduce waste and additional spending, children should **come to school in their school uniform on World Book Day.**





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7 MARCH 2024



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BOOK SWAP

On World Book Day, all children will have an opportunity to visit the STP Book Swap and choose a pre-loved but new-to-them book to take home. Do you have a book at home you no longer need?

ACCEPTING DONATIONS

from 19 Feb - 7 March. Please give your pre-loved books to your child's class teacher.



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