



ST MARTINS SCHOOL

6 March 2026

What a fantastic celebration of reading!

A huge well done to all our pupils, staff – and parents – for supporting World Book Day with such enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see our school buzzing with a love of books and stories.

On **Thursday**, pupils and staff came dressed as their favourite book characters and brought along much-loved books to share. Thank you for the generous **£1 and book donations**, raising over £100, which will go towards enriching our school library. Children who chose not to dress up attended in full school uniform, as expected. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of **book and reading themed activities**, and we were delighted by the creativity and effort that went into the costumes.

Our **Nursery children** celebrated in a particularly cosy way, enjoying bedtime stories by coming to nursery in their pyjamas, bringing their favourite bedtime book and a cuddly companion. It was a lovely, relaxed way to enjoy stories together. Mr Wilko managed to co ordinate his costume with Mr Riley!



There was some debate whether Mr Machin was “Mrs Doubtfire” or “Gangsta Granny”, I will leave that for you to decide! Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us inspire a lifelong love of reading.

It was amazing to see a packed year 11 parents evening yesterday, the countdown to GCSE has most certainly begun.

I will be emailing parents with details of our Trust Parent Survey. The deadline for completion is 27th March 2026, using this link: <https://edurio.com/poll/3AWZpPIFS8KollHtyT9HRmEtPzj>

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Pope



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Dates for the diary

5 March—year 11 parents evening

12 March—year 8 university trip

23 & 24 March—whole school show Oliver Twist

24 & 26 March—primary parents evenings

30 March—easter holidays begin

30—2 April—Holland trip

13 April—school re opens after easter

14 April—NURSERY re-opens after Easter

Easter Service times for primary students have been confirmed and are as follows:

Tuesday 24th March, KS1, At St Martins Parish Church 2:15pm (Years 1&2)

Wednesday 25th March, KS2, At St Martins Parish Church 2:15pm (Years 3,4,5,6)

Further details will come out nearer the time regarding consent and collection arrangements.

26th March, EYFS, In school, with Rev. Jermy, just for the children.

Year 6 girls again joined some year 7 netballers on Wednesday this week to continue to learn more about the sport.

They have started to show more skills in defence and tried other positions. Fantastic effort from all. And well done for demonstrating positive teamwork in your own time.



More World Book day fun with a reading themed quiz!

All primary classes are invited to make an A4 picture, to be submitted by Friday the 13th of March. Please hand your entry to your class teacher, making sure your name and class are on the back of your picture. The theme this month is Easter, so things like eggs, chicks and bunnies would be lovely. An example is on the winners board.

The winner from KS1 and KS2 will be featured on the board opposite Mrs Jones of-fice and will get a chocolate surprise!