

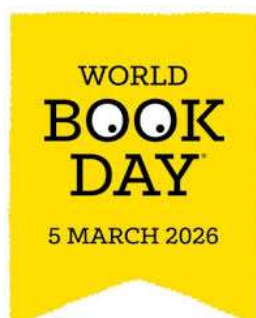


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St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

Library Newsletter

World Book Day 2026



On Thursday 5th March 2026, we celebrated World Book Day. KS1 had the theme, *Dazzling Dinosaurs* whilst KS2 worked with *Magical Myths and Monsters*. There were wonderful costumes on display with both children and staff fully immersing themselves in the fun! We were all reminded of the pure joy and adventure that books can bring. Please do remember to use your World Book Day tokens to purchase a special book.

Clare Harlow Author Visit to KS2

On Wednesday 4th March 2026, KS2 were lucky enough to receive a visit from Clare Harlow, author of *TideMagic: The Many Faces of Ista Flit* and *TideMagic: The Impossible Key*. Clare presented to both Lower and Upper KS2, talking about the process of writing her books and especially focusing on the creation of monsters!

Following her visit, all of the children had a go at creating their own monsters with amazing, sometimes, terrifying results! Many books were signed by Clare and given to the children who had made advanced purchases. I look forward to hearing the children's feedback when they have read the books and maybe parents and carers could have a read of them too! They are some of my favourite books of all time, even as an adult reader!



5S Class Worship

Class 5S presented their class worship to the KS2 children on Wednesday 11th March, focusing on the National Year of Reading. All the children performed brilliantly, providing us with some important information. Some of the children shared their reading promises for the year ahead. These included, reading a different genre each month, promising to read for at least 10 minutes



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per day and reading a certain number of books by the end of the year. Maybe you could ask your children to think about making their own reading promise?

Book donations

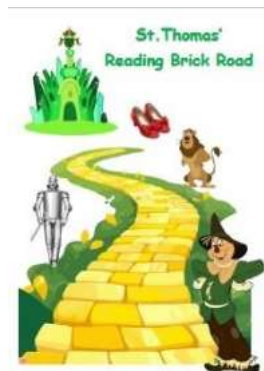
If any of our school families have books lying around that are no longer needed or used, our school libraries would love to give them a new home! We are especially in need of good chapter books and any graphic novels as these are particularly popular with our children at the moment. The only books not needed, that we have a very large amount of are David Walliams books, Diary of a Wimpy Kid books and Tom Gates books. All other books would be gratefully received. If you are looking to have a clear out and create a bit more space at home, these books can either be sent in with your child or dropped off at the school office. Many thanks in advance!

St Thomas’ Bookopoly & Reading Brick Road Reading Awards



The awards are still coming in thick and fast this half term! We have now awarded 201 Bronze awards, 90 Silver awards, 47 Gold awards and 18 Platinum awards!

The children have also been extremely busy in KS1! We have now awarded 172 Bronze Scarecrow awards, 93 Silver Tinman awards, 47 Gold Lion awards, 28 Ruby Slipper awards and 10 Emerald City awards! Well done to all of the children who have received an award, keep on reading!



And finally...

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and peaceful Easter holidays and we look forward to an exciting Summer term!

Mrs Claire Ware

School Librarian