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Value for this half term: **Love**

Theme for this week (27 Feb - 4 March 2023): **Love for others and our world**

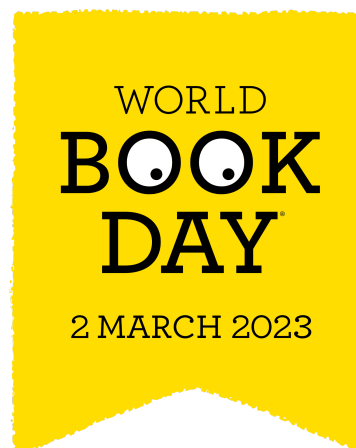
Life Skills theme for the week: **We are resilient**

World Book Day

We are very much looking forward to World Book Day 2023 on Thursday 2 March. Please read the separate WBD flyer for information about the various celebratory events taking place in the secondary phase.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their family income. Key outcomes are listed here:

- There is a strong correlation between regular reading for pleasure and mental wellbeing ([NLT 2018](#))
- Better performance in subjects other than English ([Millenium Cohort Study](#))
- Reading for pleasure is one of the most important predictors of test scores (e.g. GCSEs in the UK) at age 16, regardless of background ([OECD](#))
- Reading improves a child's empathy skills ([Oatly 2016](#))
- Improvement in vocabulary, in comparison to non-readers ([Millenium Cohort Study](#))
- Correlation between regularity of reading for pleasure and ability in reading - each reinforcing the other as students get older ([Cremin 2019](#), [Torppa 2020](#))



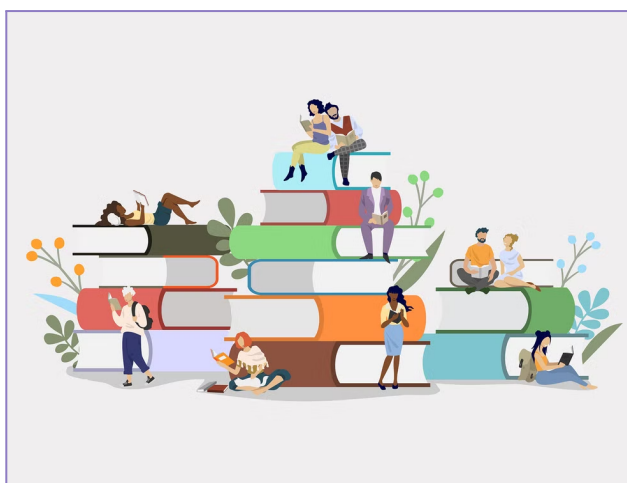
[What if my child doesn't like reading?](#) - read this short Booktrust article for some tips!

A poem by [Brian Bilston](#) for World Book Day:

One thing
that I've learnt
as I've got older

is that literature
lights up love
and makes it smoulder

for beauty
is in the eye
of the book holder.



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Lent is a time for reflection

During these six weeks before Easter, we will consider the ways in which we can Look IN and Look OUT this Lent. Using resources from the Archbishops' Young Leaders Award, each week we will focus on a different community that our students are part of.

Last week's resources focused on *Family*; this week's AYLA resources - focusing on ***Friends*** - can be found [here](#) (slides 7-10). The resources encourage us to reflect on words from the Bible, and then to look outwards, to speak, give, act and pray.

A Prayer for Lent ([The Church of England](#))

Holy God,

Our lives are laid open before you:

Rescue us from chaos and sin

And through the death of your Son

Bring us healing and make us whole

In Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

Attendance Matters

Over the last few weeks I wrote about the importance of excellent attendance and the key role it plays in helping every student to flourish. Regular school attendance is an essential part of giving children the best possible start in life.

As a school, we will always try and work with parents to encourage and support attendance levels that are as high as possible. We understand that there are factors that create barriers to positive attendance. However, to quote from the Norfolk Local Authority attendance information: "parents are legally responsible for ensuring that their child attends school regularly. If this is not achieved, the school may refer you to the Children's Services attendance team, who may issue you with a summons to appear in court. If parents are convicted in court, they may be fined up to £1,000. In some circumstances, if the parents have knowingly allowed their child to be absent from school, they may be fined up to £2,500 or even sent to prison for 3 months." Obviously, no one wants to reach this point, so if you have concerns about your child's attendance then please contact Mrs Hunt, Attendance officer in the secondary phase who will help to put you in touch with the form tutor. For additional information from the Local Authority please click [here](#).

Key events

w/b 27 February: Y11 Exams 2 continue this week

Weds 1 March - NEU Strike Day (East Midlands, West Midlands and Eastern Region)

Weds 1 March - Year 11s in school as usual

Weds 1 March - Drama trip taking place

Thurs 2 March - World Book Day

Tues 7 March - Geography Field Trip

Thurs 9 March - Norfolk Skills & Careers Festival (Year 9)

Fri 10 March - MPs Question Time (Year 11)

The [school website](#) is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.

School Clubs

- [Here](#) is a list of lunchtime and after-school clubs.
- All clubs are FREE and students do not need to sign up - they can just turn up on the day.
- For any lunchtime sports clubs, students should put on their trainers (they won't change into full sports kit). For after-school sports clubs, students will need to be fully changed into their PE kit.

