

## Mrs Kilminster

Today has been a very sad and emotional day for our school community as we said goodbye to Mrs Kilminster. We thank all the parents for their support in closing the school early and ask that you remember Mrs Kilminster and her family in your prayers.



## Book Week

World Book Week was a fantastic celebration of reading, writing, and creativity across the school. Throughout the week, each year group explored a different style of poetry in their writing lessons. From rhyming couplets to free verse and acrostic poems, students experimented with language and expression, developing their confidence and creativity as young poets.



A highlight of the week was the exciting poetry workshops with Jo Stokes, a talented poet who guided the students in creating shared poetry. Working collaboratively, they played with words, rhythm, and imagery to bring their ideas to life, producing wonderful pieces of poetry that reflected their imaginations and experiences.



In addition to their writing activities, students visited the book fair, where they had the opportunity to browse through a wide selection of books. Many children excitedly chose new books to take home, sparking their enthusiasm for reading and discovering new stories. The book fair was a great success, encouraging a love of literature throughout the school.

The celebrations reached their peak on Thursday with the much-anticipated dress-up parade. Students and staff arrived at school dressed as their favourite book characters, from classic fairy tale figures to modern-day literary heroes. The playground was filled with excitement as everyone proudly showcased their creative costumes, bringing the magic of books to life in a colourful and joyful display.

## Upcoming events

- WB 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March - Book Week
- Tue 4<sup>th</sup>/Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March – Poetry workshop for children
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – Ash Wednesday Mass 9.30am
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup>, Thu 6<sup>th</sup> and Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fair (after school in hall)
- Thu 6<sup>th</sup> character and bring the book along to share with their class)
- WB 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – Science Week
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Mar & Fri 14<sup>th</sup> March– Science workshop for children
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Mar – Police talk for Reception & Year 1 children
- Tue 18<sup>th</sup>/Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – Reception Book Look
- Thu 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y1-6 Book Look
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fire Brigade to visit Year 4 children



World Book Week was a truly special event, inspiring students to immerse themselves in reading, writing, and storytelling. It was a week full of creativity, imagination, and a shared love for books that will continue to inspire our young readers and writers throughout the year!



### **Prayer and Reflection**

This week, year 4 did a fantastic job of leading our Ash Wednesday Mass to mark the beginning of Lent.

As we embark on our journey through Lent and remember how Jesus went into the desert for forty days and was tempted by the devil, we try to pray more, eat less and give to the poor. During our Lenten experience, we need to make ready our hearts and minds and strengthen our good habits as it is a time for self-reflection, in preparation for Christ's resurrection at Easter.

### **Next Friday**

Next Friday is Comic Relief Day. The children can come in wearing their own bright clothes and there is a crazy hair day competition for the children...and the staff!!! Please send your children in with a cash donation towards Comic Relief. Thanks in advance.

### **LENTEN PRAYER**

*Teach me, O God, to take a good look at myself,  
To see what is good about me and what is not so good,  
To thank you for the good things  
And to ask your forgiveness for the bad things,  
So that, with your help, I can grow  
To be all that you would wish me to be.  
Amen.*

