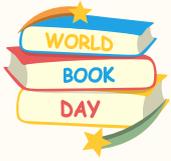




# South Borough News



6th March 2026



## A WORLD BOOK DAY TO REMEMBER!



This year, our World Book Day celebrations have been extra special as we fully embraced the **National Year of Reading**. From custard-filled workshops to cozy story swaps, the school has been buzzing with a love for reading.

### Inspired by "Invisible"

The heart of our celebrations this year centered around the beautiful and moving book, Invisible. Every class, from Nursery to Year 6, has been using this as a springboard for their own writing. We are currently preparing an amazing school-wide display to showcase the children's work and celebrate the diverse talents and voices of our pupils

### Authors, Artists, and... Custard?

We have been incredibly lucky to host two author visits as part of our celebrations. Yesterday, Gary Fyles joined us for a day of high-energy creativity. With giant sheets of flip chart paper on the floor and felt tip pens flying, Gary led sessions for the whole school. There was even some custard involved!

### Spreading the Joy of Reading

Teachers swapped classrooms to share their favourite stories. It was a joy to see, with even our oldest pupils fully embracing the experience, including a very enthusiastic rendition of We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

### Eco-Warriors "Reads for Seeds"

Our Eco-Warriors kicked off the week with a brilliant book sale. Thanks to your generosity, they raised over £120, which will go directly toward buying new plants and flowers to brighten up our playground.

### Free Books

Every single child was able to take home a FREE book to keep the magic of reading going at home.

### Celebrating Our Winners

The creativity didn't stop at the classroom door. We were blown away by the entries for our Story Writing Competition. A huge well done to everyone who entered! A special congratulations goes to our Waterstones Book Voucher winners: Oliver (2A); Adele (4B) and Izabella (6B)

### The Happy Dress Up

We also loved seeing everyone's personality shine during our "Dress Up Your Way" parade. Whether it was a favourite character or simply "whatever makes you happy," the playground was a sea of smiles.

### Extreme Reading Challenge

Finally, a massive thank you for the hilarious and impressive photos sent in for the Extreme Reading Challenge. Seeing our pupils reading in the most unusual places has been a highlight for all.

We truly hope the children have enjoyed this week as much as we have. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a lifelong love of reading. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Watts and Mrs Ford for organising such an exciting array of events. Without the dedication and countless hours of extra work put in by these members of staff, these exciting opportunities simply would not have happened.

## CELEBRATION CORNER... OLIVER'S DOUBLE GOAL!

Take a look everybody at a future footballing legend... Oliver. Oliver's U7 Bearsted football team won their match 4-3 on Saturday, 28th February 2026. Oliver was extremely proud to have scored 2 goals and won the player of the match award for an outstanding performance!

Congratulations to Oliver for this amazing achievement and to the whole U7 Bearsted team for the overall win!



## Staff shout out!



### Mr Marsh

This week, we want to say a huge thank you to Mr. Marsh, one of our incredible Higher Level Teaching Assistants. Mr. Marsh is known across the school for his kind, gentle, and meticulous nature. He is a truly fantastic teacher, frequently "stepping into the shoes" of colleagues from Nursery all the way up to Year 2. What makes Mr. Marsh so exceptional is his ability to adapt to last-minute changes with absolute ease and a positive attitude. Mr. Marsh works tirelessly to keep our school website and Facebook page up to date, alongside expertly organising the logistics for our Power of Purple events. Thank you, Mr. Marsh, for your dedication and versatility!



## Useful information for parents... statutory assessments

As we approach the season for statutory assessments, please rest assured that our staff are working hard to ensure your children feel confident and supported. These checks are just one small part of their learning journey. To

help you feel equally prepared, the Department for Education (DfE) has released leaflets explaining what the tests involve, what your child will experience, and how results will be shared.

Please click the links below relevant to your child's year group to find out more:

Year 1 Parents: [Phonics screening check: information for parents](#)

Year 4 Parents: [Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#)

Year 6 Parents (KS2 SATs): [2026 key stage 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents | Assessment results at the end of key stage 2: information for parents](#)

## Key Dates for Your Diary

Please make a note of the dates of these key assessments and avoid making holiday and withdrawal from learning requests during these times.

### Year 1: Phonics Screening Check

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

### Year 4: Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

### Year 6: Key Stage 2 Statutory Tests (SATs)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

### Parents Evening

18/19<sup>th</sup> March 3:30  
-6/7pm. Booking now  
open and closes on 17<sup>th</sup>  
March.

### No Make Up

In line with our uniform  
policy, children are not  
allowed to wear make  
up to school.

# Power of Purple Awards

We are so proud to let parents know children across the school who have been awarded one of our Power of Purple Awards.

Nursery Oscar M	
Reception A Daisy G	Reception B Celine G
Class 1A Oscar C	Class 1B Nilaasha R
Class 2A Richard K	Class 2B Lilah F & Zendaya M
Class 3A Amelia S	Class 3B Boo J
Class 4A Jaxon C	Class 4B Khalid R
Class 5A Sophia K	Class 5B Eliasz S & Riley B-C
Class 6A Brooke S	Class 6B Thomas W
Staff N/A	

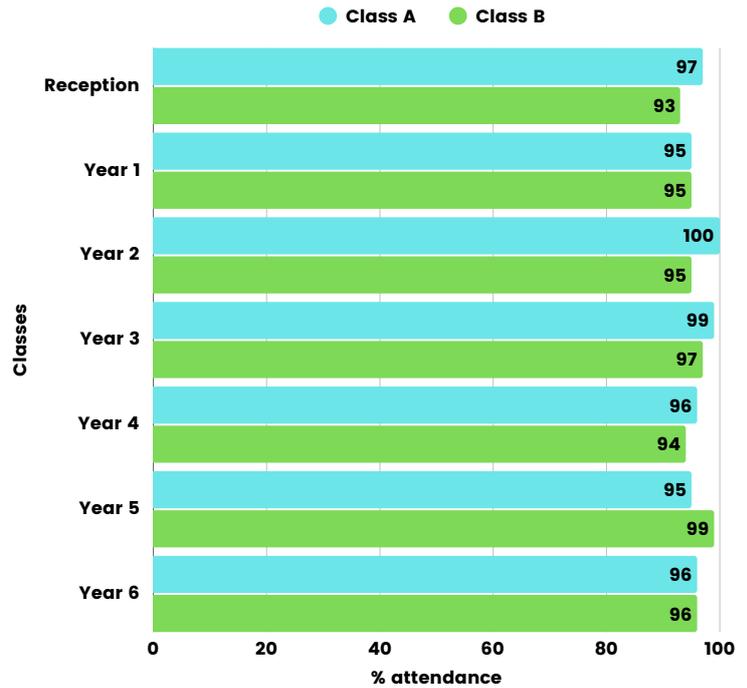
## CREATIVITY

This word mean: the ability to think of new ideas, connect things in unusual ways, and find original solutions to problems.



# ATTENDANCE

Take a look at last week's class attendance figures. Classes who achieve 96% or above attendance get to roll the dice in our Classopoly game in assembly. Congratulations to **RA, 2A, 3A, 3B, 4A, 5B, 6A** and **6B** this week!



Whole school attendance up to 95.8% last week from 95.4%... well done everyone!

# SUCCESS SHOWCASE!

There have been so many successes celebrated so far this year, but this week was a lower than average week. We must keep up the momentum, if we are going to reach or exceed our goal of 100. We know there are loads more gems just waiting to be celebrated.

Keep sending them in. A photo and brief message to Mr Currie on Class Dojo is all it takes!

# World Book Day 2026

