

Thornwell Primary School & Nursery Unit



World Book Day News March 2026!!



Thornwell Primary School was buzzing with excitement as pupils and staff celebrated **World Book Day** with a full timetable of creative, book-inspired activities. This year's event was bigger than ever, filled with mystery, reading adventures, and school-wide fun designed to spark a love of books in every child.

A Whole-School Slumber Party... During the Day!

The school was transformed into a cosy reading retreat as pupils took part in a **school-wide slumber-party-themed reading session**. Children and staff arrived in their comfy clothes and pyjamas, armed with blankets, slippers, and favourite books. Classrooms were turned into reading dens, complete with fairy lights, cushions, and soft music to create a warm, magical atmosphere perfect for enjoying stories.



The Masked Reader

Back by popular demand, the **Masked Reader** had pupils guessing which staff members were reading excerpts from well-known books while disguised with masks, costumes or voice changes. Children gathered in classrooms to watch the videos, making predictions and sharing clues before the big reveal.

'The Traitors' Reading Challenge

One of the most talked-about activities of the day was the **World Book Day Traitors Game**, where children completed reading-themed challenges while trying to uncover the "traitors" hidden among them. The game encouraged teamwork, careful listening, and strategic thinking—all wrapped in an exciting, story-themed format that kept pupils engaged from start to finish.

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Peer-to-Peer Reading: Older Buddies and Younger Bookworms

A highlight for many pupils was the **peer-to-peer reading session**, where older pupils were paired with younger ones to share books, talk about favourite characters, and support early reading skills. This cross-phase activity helped build confidence, positive relationships, and a real sense of community across the school.



A Day to Celebrate the Joy of Reading

From mystery games to quiet story moments, the day offered something for every child. Teachers reported high engagement, excitement, and lots of smiles throughout the school. By the end of the day, pupils left with new story ideas, shared memories, and a deeper appreciation of books.

World Book Day once again proved to be a brilliant opportunity to bring the whole school together in the spirit of storytelling, imagination, and fun.