



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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CCH English Week 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to share our plans for the annual CCH English Week and World Book Day. This will take place **from Monday 3rd March-Friday 7th March**. This is always a highlight of our school calendar and is also a fantastic opportunity to highlight the huge importance of books and reading.

Non-Fiction Focus

This year, we will be focussing on the power of non-fiction. Each term, the children read and write non-fiction texts so this will show that we can also read non-fiction for pleasure. As part of this, throughout English week children from Years 2-6 will look at the impact of the news and explore fact vs opinion. All children across the school will collaborate on a class book full of non-fiction writing about their hobbies and interests. Please talk to your child at home about the things they enjoy. This could be a club, craft, game or something simple like riding their bike or reading a book. There will also be lots of opportunities to enjoy reading non-fiction too!

Author Visit

We are lucky to be inviting Kev Payne to school on Friday 7th March to end our English Week on a high. Kev is a former teacher and now an author, illustrator and poet. He has written a fantastic non-fiction book full of unusual animals that match each letter of the alphabet. Kev will lead a whole school assembly before working with all classes in a series of workshops throughout the day. Please see the attached letter for how to purchase Kev's books which he will sign when he visits.

World Book Day

World Book Day will be celebrated on **Thursday 6th March**. As usual, children are invited to dress-up as their favourite book character – children and staff alike always have lots of fun! It is also one of the many ways in which children can start a conversation about books. We do understand that things remain difficult in the current financial climate. Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, use things you already have at home to make a creative costume or focus on a few props a character is known for. Alternatively, wear some comfy home clothes that you'd like to read in. If you have any questions, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

On this day, children will also receive their token to swap in return for a free book. There are some great titles on offer this year and we encourage everyone to choose their favourite so that every child can get a new book at no cost. Tokens can also be used to get £1 off a full price book or audiobook. Tokens are valid until Sunday 23rd March 2025. Full terms and conditions can be found on the World Book Day website.

We are thankful to the Friends of CCH who have arranged a World Book Day Disco where children are invited to attend in their costumes. Tickets can be purchased through the Friends of CCH and this promises to be a fun-filled end to the day.





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Breakfast and Books

At the children's request, and after last year's popularity, we are bringing back our family event: Breakfast and Books. All families are invited into the school hall on **Friday 7th March at 8:25am** to share a light breakfast and a book with your child/children. Each class will be curating a basket of books they would like to share with you so there is sure to be something for everyone!

As well as all of these events, there will be lots of other things going on throughout the week including an assembly by our Reading Ambassadors, book recommendations being shared on the playground and opportunities for children to think about themselves as a reader. It promises to be a great week where children can hopefully find some peace and joy in reading. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Stephanie Ealey
English Lead