



**Pleckgate**  
HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent or Carer,

At Pleckgate we encourage reading for pleasure as an integral part of our pupils' daily diet. Research shows that reading for pleasure can promote better health and wellbeing, as well as an increase in reading attainment, writing ability and self-confidence. Reading at home can create connections to the wider community and provides insight into the world view of others.

Next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day and we are holding a variety of events in school to celebrate this National event.

On the day, we are asking pupils and staff to wear an accessory to represent a book e.g. Matilda - red headband, Harry Potter - cape/glasses, Alice in Wonderland - rabbit ears etc. This accessory should be worn alongside their school uniform.

**Throughout the week the following events will be taking place:**

**Meet the Author – Nathan Parker**

Nathan Parker is an independent author and spoken artist from Blackpool. Proud of his northern roots, Nathan is a keen champion of northern voices, committed to enabling people of all ages to engage with words, stories and conversations.

Nathan Parker will be visiting Pleckgate High School on World Book Day (Thursday 6th March 2025) and holding assemblies for years 7 - 9 giving an introduction about himself, explaining why he got into writing and what inspires his work. This will be followed by two writing workshops for pupils in year 10.

**Book extracts and reviews**

On World Book Day Year groups 7 - 10 will be given the opportunity to watch a book trailer and read an extract from five different books throughout the day. Pupils will then complete reviews on these books. This activity will give pupils suggestions of some books that are available for their age and give them a sneak peak of the book.

**Competitions**

● **Design a bookmark competition – Year 7 only**

We are running a competition for Year 7 only to design a bookmark to be used with the Tutor Reads Aloud books. The design should be completed on the template, which can be collected from Mrs Hanson in the library).





The winning design will be made into a bookmark to be used during tutor time reading. The winning pupil will also receive a Waterstones book voucher. The deadline for this is Friday 28th March.

- **Picture This competition**

To enter this competition pupils are being asked to take a photo of themselves reading a book in an unusual place. The stranger the better!

Winners from each year group will win a Waterstones voucher. The deadline for this is Friday 21st March.

- **Design a National Book token competition**

This is a National competition for World Book Day week. You are being asked to design a National Book token (gift card).

**Entries need to be completed on the template from National Book tokens which you can collect from Mrs Hanson in the library.**

There is also an opportunity to compete against pupils from all over the country and win the National competition and have your book token made into a real gift card.

Details of the national competition prizes are on the attached social media image.

Winners from each year group will win a Waterstones voucher. The deadline for this is Friday 21st March.

**Tutor time and Lunchtime activities**

During the week, tutor groups will complete activities including 'Which teachers are reading?' by guessing the teacher's identities as their face is covered by a book, 'Guess the Book title' from an image that represents the book as well as 'Teacher Shelfies', guessing which bookshelf belongs to who.

During each lunchtime, pupils will be able to visit the library to complete a variety of quizzes and word searches.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs D Hanson**  
**School Librarian**