



World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading. As World Book Day founder, Baroness Gail Rebeck, recalls "We wanted to do something to reposition reading and our message is the same today as it was then."

WBD in numbers:

- **1.03 million** books gifted in 2020
- **25,000,000** hours of shared reading was encouraged last year
- **95.9%** children have heard of World Book Day

1. Resources for the whole family

Celebrate World Book Day and try something different this weekend by visiting the official website and trying some of the fun activities created especially for this year:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/>

2. Free audiobooks on any device

Follow the link to access a range of audiobooks for all ages. Perhaps you or your child have never tried an audiobook before. Why not give it a go this week:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

3. Reading on YouTube

This site encourages young people and families to engage in reading from a totally different perspective; from games to authors, story readings to book reviews there are hours of entertainment to explore: <https://www.youtube.com/c/WorldBookDayUK>

4. Top 100 stories to share

This is the ultimate list of stories to share for all ages to give young people ideas of what to read, discover and share next. Perfect for those stuck in a 'reading rut':

<https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/100-stories-to-share/>

5. Reading Recommendations

Following on from No. 4, this final link gives a comprehensive list of books, broken down into themes and ages. Maybe clicking on this link might just take you to your next book obsession: <https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/>

Abbey Park School have received the allocation of World Book Day vouchers and these have a validity until 28th March with certain retailers honouring the tokens after this date, whilst stocks last. They will be given to pupils on their return to school. Please check <https://booksellers.org.uk/wbd> for information about retailers open near you and contact them for information about ways to redeem the token before you visit.