



Edenfield C of E Primary School



National
Year of
Reading
2026

25th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Read with my Grandparent Day - Thursday 6th March

As you know, ***Reading Week*** will take place week commencing 2nd March, arranged to coincide with World Book Day. Every class will be planning a wide range of exciting activities based on the theme of award winning contemporary fiction, and I am delighted to announce that we will be hosting our much loved ***Read with my Grandparent Day***.

On 5th March, we will be inviting grandparents (or a close relative) to visit your child's class to share a reading session and look at the work the children have been completing during guided reading and English lessons. In order to manage this event successfully we will be allocating time slots for each class as follows:

- Class Reception: 9.30am - 10am
- Year 1: 9.30am - 10am
- Year 2: 10am - 10.30am
- Year 3: 10am - 10.30am
- Year 4: 11am - 11.30am
- Year 5: 11am - 11.30am
- Year 6: 11.30am – 12pm

Parents or grandparents are asked to come to the main reception entrance where they should sign in before being escorted to their child's classroom or the school hall. **We would be very grateful if you could complete and return the slip overleaf** so we can plan ahead for the number of visitors attending. We expect the children will love sharing their work, and equally, family members will enjoy the opportunity to celebrate the children's work and progress. In cases where children are unable to invite a visitor, we will ensure they are paired up with another child and included fully in all the activities. A waiting area and refreshments will be provided for those visitors attending more than one session.

We are looking forward to a successful week of reading challenges. Please keep checking the website gallery for a range of photographs capturing the week's events.

Yours faithfully,

C L Garner
Headteacher

READ WITH MY GRANDPARENT DAY

Name of child Class

Name of guest attending on 'Read with my Parent or Grandparent Day'

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Relationship to child

Please return to school by Monday 2nd March 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, school are planning an exciting reading week to coincide with World Book Day. This year is the *National Year of Reading*, a DfE initiative in collaboration with *The National Literacy Trust*. The initiative reminds us that reading expands our world and sharpens our minds, yet fewer people are making time to read. The campaign aims to tackle the profound decline in reading enjoyment in the UK and reconnect people of all ages with reading as a relevant and immediately rewarding activity. It asks the nation to **Go All In** on their passions and interests for 2026 and discover how reading can unlock the things they already love – be that music, football, baking, family-time, sci-fi, or ... anything.

As such, instead of a specific theme or class book, the main theme for reading week will be **Go All In** and read for pleasure. The week will still include old favourites such as: the readathon; read with my grandparent day (Thursday 5th March); and the dressing up parade as well as new initiatives such as: book detectives; reading café; book talk; book club; desert island reads; and much, much more. Children will be making video clips, creating podcasts, hosting reading Bingo and developing reading art. The older children will also be completing book audit identifying where the school may have gaps in the book selection. In this way, we hope to cater for all the interests of the children as we re-launch the library. We are hoping to raise lots of money from the readathon to purchase new books to fill any gaps identified by the children, during the week.

On World Book Day, the dressing up day and parade will not be confined to a theme but can be based on your child's favourite book or character. However, please note that football kits and sports kits are not allowed; there is no need to buy anything new but please encourage your child to use their imagination and be inspired by a special book. Also, please avoid oversized, inflatable costumes as these can be a hazard in school.

Some old favourites will also return such as:

- The Readathon (see separate letter)
- D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) initiative throughout the week
- Class teacher swap sessions to share the teachers' favourite classic children's books and stories
- Book Oscars – books will be nominated by pupils and a final vote will result in the Book Oscar Awards
- Lots of exciting reading and writing activities linked to different books

- Whole school presentation for parents and carers on the work and activities enjoyed by the children
- Read with my 'book buddy' (at the book café)
- Read with a Grandparent Day (at the book café)

Character Champion Challenge (Competition)

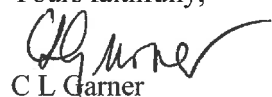
In addition to all of the wonderful activities taking place in school, we would like the children to get involved with our reading theme week by getting creative at home. We are asking the children to create an image of their favourite book character of all time using a medium of their choice. This could be:

- A painting
- A drawing
- A sculpture
- Any 3D image
- A knitted or textile image
- A graphic image
- Or any other idea your child wishes to explore ...

There will be prizes for each key stage for the best entries. In order to raise money for school and to cover the cost of competition prizes, we are requesting an entry fee of £1.00 for each character champion – please see entry slip below. Please bring in your entry no later than Friday 6th March, clearly labelled with your name and class.

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Yours faithfully,



C L Garner
Headteacher

Character Champion Competition 2026

Poster entry from: **Class**

I have paid my child's entry fee via ParentPay

Signed: **(parent / carer**





Readathon

**“Through books we learn the mastery of words,
the essential skill that will enable us to achieve our potential.”**

Michael Morpurgo

25th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following its ongoing success where we have raised in excess of £3000 to purchase new reading books for school, we are running another **Readathon** as part of our Reading Week, and are encouraging as many children as possible to take part. This will be an excellent opportunity to raise extra funds for school and additional resources for the children. Last year, we were able to use the money raised to purchase many more reading books to support our phonics programme, as well as beautiful reading books for the school and class libraries.

The Readathon will help motivate reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. It works because children choose what they want to read - they are not being assessed and it is very much concerned with reading for fun. We would like you to support your child by encouraging them to take part, sponsoring them if possible, and by encouraging friends and family members to also sponsor them. Any money raised will be used to buy more new books for school!

How the Readathon will work...

- A Readathon sponsorship form has also been sent home alongside this letter; please encourage your child to find as many sponsors as possible. (We suggest approximately 50p per 10 pages.)
- During reading week, children will be given free time in class to read, (identified by the Readathon bell ringing), and the number of pages each child reads will be supervised by class teachers. Children are free to bring in their own book(s) or borrow one from school.
- At the end of the week, the total number of pages read will be calculated, and children will then collect their sponsorship money from friends and family. Money collected ideally should be paid via ParentPay. If you would prefer to bring donated monies, we can accommodate this due to it being a fundraiser. All sponsorship money will be spent on new books for school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and happy reading!

If you have any queries about the Readathon, please do not hesitate to call the school office.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Garner
Headteacher

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