



Holyoakes Field First School Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026

National Year of Reading 2026

Here at Holyoakes we are 'going all in' to get behind the national drive to inspire our children to get reading. We will be following this initiative in school so why not get behind it too. Use the link below to listen to Nick Sharratt reading 'Caveman Dave'.



[National Year of Reading 2026 - The Children's Literacy Charity](#)

The National Year of Reading 2026 which is jointly led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust, aims to tackle the decline in reading enjoyment.



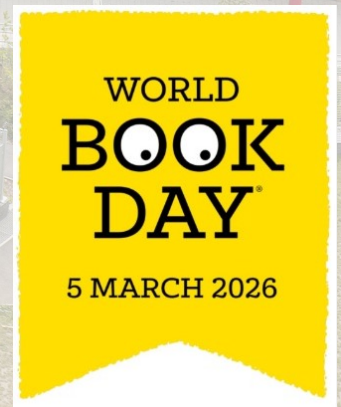
Reading for pleasure is so much more than a hobby - it's a crucial part of a child's development, linked to improved wellbeing, literacy skills and even higher earnings later in life.

The dedicated [National Year of Reading Go All In website](#) and calendar of events are now live, providing a roadmap of inspiration for families and schools throughout the year. So please do take a look and help us to engage all our young people in a love of reading.



A heads up about World Book Day.....

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. We know how much our children look forward to this day. This year we are promoting 'Bedtime Stories' and to help set the scene, pupils can come to school dressed in their pyjamas. Please note this is entirely optional, pupils can come into school in their usual school uniform or just bring in a dressing gown to wear over their uniform and still take part in the planned activities.



This will be a fun way for us to celebrate our love of books together both at school and at home. To help run the 'Bedtime Story' sessions, we are looking for a few parent volunteers to come and work alongside staff to run these special story time sessions.

If you are interested and can spare some time during World Book Day please email the school office to register your interest at office@holyoakes.bmat.co.uk



More information about how we will be celebrating World Book day

Bumped heads in school



From Monday 26th January, we will be introducing an additional measure to further strengthen our existing first aid procedures when treating head bumps in school.

- Any pupil who suffers a head bump will be issued with a **"red bumped head wristband"**.
- A **red wristband** will be given to any child who has been seen by a first aider having had a bump to any part of their body from the neck upwards (including eyes, ears, nose, lips etc).
- Staff will continue to share information with other staff and speak with parents at the end of the day as appropriate however this additional measure will ensure that all adults working in school, are alert to any head bumps or injuries that may have occurred.
- This will mean that even if there is a change of staff in class or the child attends an after school club or Funzone, they will remain on the radar of any supervising adults/ school staff. It will make it visible to all adults working in school that a head bump has occurred.
- Parents will still receive a text from the school informing them that their child has bumped their head.
- The wristband simply provides an additional mechanism through which parents can see that one of our First Aiders has assessed their child and at the time it was not thought necessary to refer him/her for further attention.
- The wristband will have the **date of the incident**.
- Children will be told that this band **must remain on their wrist** until they get home to show parents/carers, including if they attend an after school club.
- Please be assured that if the injury is assessed as more serious then we would immediately contact parents and emergency services as appropriate.

If your child has had a head bump or injured themselves over the weekend and comes into school with a bruise or other signs of injury, it is really useful if you can let the school know about this. This helps with both our first aid procedures as well as our safeguarding procedures.



After the HUGE success of last year, the Worcester Brick Festival returns on 8th February, and it's gearing up to be the biggest brick-tastic celebration for LEGO fans!

Immerse yourself in a world of creativity and fun as families, collectors, adult builders, and every LEGO-fanatic imaginable come together for a day of brick-filled bliss!

Wondering what's on at a Brick Festival event? Hold onto your bricks, as Worcester Brick Festival is unleashing a whirlwind of excitement! With new LEGO activities that include lightning-fast speed building competitions to super creative mosaic making rounds, minifigure hunts, a dedicated building area, and so much more – this festival is a LEGO lover's dream come true for all ages to enjoy!

Browse through traders selling loose bricks, brand new or rare & retired LEGO sets, minifigures, accessories and all other LEGO themed items you could imagine – it's the ultimate treasure trove for LEGO enthusiasts and collectors alike!

But that's not all - Worcester Brick Festival showcases a brand new unique selection of LEGO displays crafted by master LEGO builders from across the country! Get up close and personal, chat with the LEGO building maestros about their latest projects, snag some insider tips, and leave brimming with inspiration!

Hurry and book your tickets in advance to secure your spot on this brick-filled day, as these events regularly sell out! Early Bird tickets fly off the shelves, so make sure to snap these off before they go! These offer an extra hour of LEGO fun and a FREE LEGO gift upon entry too!

Whether you're a die-hard collector or a casual LEGO fan, Worcester Brick Festival at University of Worcester Arena is the place to be. Secure your entry online now – adult tickets from £8, child tickets from £6, and there's even an extra value family ticket available too!

Don't miss the chance to be a part of the most epic LEGO celebration! Grab your tickets and get ready for a day filled with building, creativity, and endless fun!

Book now at www.WorcesterBrickFestival.com

Save the date: 8th February

Where: University of Worcester Arena

Find out more – www.BrickFestivalEvents.com

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

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WORCESTER BRICK FESTIVAL

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This banner features a collage of LEGO bricks, a green Creeper minifigure, and photos of people at the festival. It includes the event name, date, and location.

8TH FEB

WORCESTER BRICK FESTIVAL

MILLIONS OF BRICKS

CHARITY TOMBOLA

LEGO DISPLAYS

RETIRED SETS

ACTIVITIES

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[WORCESTER BRICK FESTIVAL .com](http://www.WorcesterBrickFestival.com)

This poster features a vertical stack of images: a display of LEGO sets, a charity tombola, a LEGO display, retired sets, and people at activities. It also includes a QR code, the event name, date, location, and website.