



# Axbridge C of E Academy

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Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.

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IN.**

12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Book Week Celebrations

Dear Families,

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, when we celebrate all things reading across the school! This also ties in beautifully to the National Year of Reading 2026, whose message is 'Go All In' - <https://goallin.org.uk/>

Below is an overview of some of the activities that are taking place for you and your child to enjoy in the week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

This year, the PTA are running a book/uniform/cake sale on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February after school, where they will also be requesting **any donations of old book week costumes** that could be sold at the same time. It is a wonderful way to re-home and re-use these items, as well as saving money buying them brand new.

### Parent/Carer Reading Guests

This year, we are inviting parents in to come and share a favourite story with their child's class, taking place at the end of the day from 3:00pm - 3:15pm. If you think you would like to do this, then let your class teacher know. There are only 4 days that this can take place during the week (Mon - Thur), so if you're keen, please make contact sooner rather than later!

### The Book Fair

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Between 3.20pm - 4.00pm in the school hall.**

All children will have the opportunity to browse the book fair during the week and read the many exciting new texts. All profits from sales at the book fair go towards buying more books to support our existing reading scheme and library area. The children have already begun creating their wish lists of books wanted!



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Every pupil is entitled to a World Book Day £1 reading voucher. These are being handed out to children in the week prior to the Book Fair. These can be redeemed against the **purchase of a book** priced at £2.99 or more. If you are unable to visit the fair, we can help your child to choose a book. We can arrange for payments to be made at a time convenient for you. *We can only accept card payments during the book fair.*

If you are able to help us to run the book fair, please let us know. We are always grateful for any help because the Book Fair is extremely popular and can get very busy!

### Bedtime Stories

Tuesday 3rd March 1.20pm- 3-10pm

Bring a teddy, pyjamas, dressing gown and slippers to change into after lunch. Visit different classrooms and settle down for a story with teachers and other special visitors! Stop off in the school hall for a real bedtime treat of hot chocolate and a chocolate cookie, courtesy of the P.T.A. Please make your class teacher aware if you have any dietary requirements around this (milk, gluten etc)

### World Book Day

Thursday 5th March - All day

Dress up as your favourite book character and bring a book to school to share with your class! In school, we will be designing posters and doing lots of reading for pleasure! The teachers will be dressing up too - I wonder what the theme that have chosen will be this year? On top of this, we will be welcoming Storyteller Jane Flood to the school, who will be entertaining the children with her tales from around the world, as she visits everyone from Busy Bees up to the Year 4. This is always such an amazing experience for the children and one the staff love too!



**Jane Flood** has been telling traditional stories since 1994 . Her work has taken her to East Africa with UNICEF, Nepal, and Tibet with the Himalayan Broadcasting Company and Peru and Ecuador with The British Council. In the past ten years her focus has moved nearer to home in response to a growing awareness of Climate Change and Environmental Issues . She has been Storyteller in Residence for The Mendip Hills, The Blackdown Hills, The North Somerset Coast and most recently the Avalon Marshes.

Currently she is working on an ongoing project in Zanzibar which involves collecting traditional stories from village elders with the task of crafting these stories to be made into a book to be used in Swahili speaking schools. Stories are her passion and she strongly believes that, as well as offering entertainment, they are tools for discovery of the self and a way to grapple with the complicated conundrum of what it means to be human.

### Family Reading Event

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm- 3.10pm

Come into school and read with your child/children. We have many books in our school library for you to share and this is always a wonderful opportunity to share your love of reading with your child. If you can't make it, grandparents and family members are invited to attend too. Jane Flood will also be back in on this day, to share more of her stories and tales from around the world.

Other activities taking place:

- Extreme Reading Challenge - Take your reading to the next level, with our 'Extreme Reading Challenge'. Send in a photo through ClassDojo of you reading in an extreme place or unusual position! We've had readers up a tree, under a bed and even in the swimming pool! The winner will be judged by Mrs Crompton and Mrs Page, with a certificate and badge up for grabs.
- 60 second sell - We invite the children to take part in the '60 second sell. This involves your child being recorded as they try and convince others why they should read their favourite book. You could use props and even dress up should you want. This will be done at home and any entries sent to your respective class teacher, via ClassDojo. The winning entrant will have their 'sell' shown on World Book Day. The overall winner will also receive a £10 book voucher too. The deadline for both these competitions is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

It is always a wonderful week, but a busy one. Therefore, we hope that this letter being sent out now will help you with preparations and planning.

With warmest wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Shillabeer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Mr Dominic Shillabeer