



JYS News

Newsletter: 19 ~ 28th February 2025

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World Book Day - NEXT FRIDAY



It's nearly time for this year's World Book Day, an annual celebration of reading taking place in schools around the globe. As always, we'll be taking part with a day of exciting activities in school. This year's theme is "Read Your Way", with a goal of encouraging every child to enjoy reading, in whatever way they choose.

Dressing Up

To coincide with the theme of choice, what you wear on the day is up to you. You can either:

- Come in wearing pyjamas
- Come in dressed as a book character of your choice



Every year, there is a brilliant new range of children's books produced to coincide with World Book Day, each available for just £1. I'm pleased to say that we've once again teamed up with our local branch of Waterstones this year to set up a 'pop-up book shop', meaning pupils will be able to exchange their World Book Day voucher for their chosen book here at school on the day. This will ensure that every single pupil gets to exchange their voucher and take home a book of their very own to keep.

This Week

On Wednesday, six of our Year 5 pupils walked in the rain to the Westgate Centre to undertake their Bronze Ambassador training. These sports leaders aim to work with Mr Neaves and Mrs Dutton to help increase participation in sport at breaktimes and after school clubs, to promote "The Spirit of the Games" values, to be ambassadors and role models for PE and school sport and to do things such as lead warm up activities in PE lessons.

The children undertook challenges, were trained in how to lead warm ups, and were then split up into mixed school teams to do a series of activities.



We were delighted to welcome our tame Historian, Paul Ullson, back to JYS and on Thursday morning he was working with our Year 3s. They learned the story of stone, iron and bronze ages, and how the people lived in these periods. The children increased their knowledge about the stone aged people being nomadic, the iron age people being farmers and the bronze aged people being warriors! They finished the morning being "Time Detectives", making historical observations as they explored some amazing artefacts that had been brought in.



House Points

Children earn house points for different things throughout the week, and here are this week's results:



	This week	Term Total (Since Jan '25)	Year Total (Since Sept '24)
Ash	183	716	2337
Beech	148	705	2145
Maple	201	778	2337
Oak	249	790	2656

Important Dates Coming Up

- Wednesday 5th March - Corporate Challenge I
- Friday 7th March - World Book Day Celebrations
- Wednesday 12th March - Swimming Gala at Arun Leisure
- Wednesday 19th March - Y3 Trip to Butser
- Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day
- Friday 4th April - Last Day of Spring Term
- Monday 21st April - Easter Monday - School shut to pupils
- Tuesday 22nd April - Summer Term starts
- Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May - Half term holiday
- Monday 2nd June - INSET - School shut to pupils
- Friday 18th July - Last day of term