



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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## WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

World Book Day happens every year and brings joy to many children up and down the country. It was fantastic to see all of the children participating in the celebrations.

On Monday, your child was sent home with a £1 book voucher which they can use in many supermarkets and bookshops all around the local areas. The importance of reading is well documented and at St. Paul's we champion this area of learning. Reading is a strength of the school with ring-fenced time for Destination Reader and Phonics. It was particularly pleasing to see many of the children dressed up as book characters from texts that they have explored at school. Thank you for all your efforts in preparing the costumes and enabling the children to have a great day!

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## MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

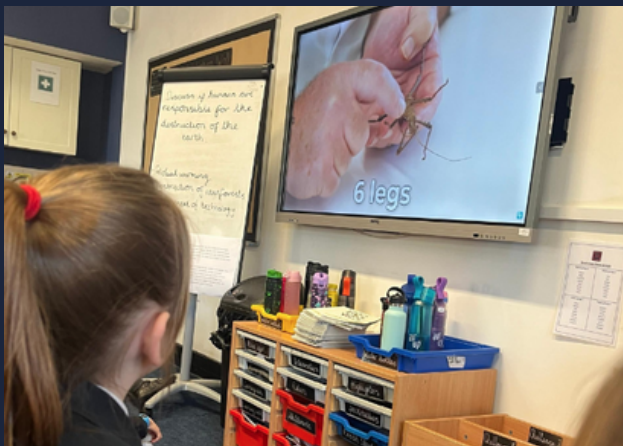
This week, we celebrated World Book Day, a time when we highlight the joy and importance of reading in our children's lives. Did you know that children who read for pleasure have been shown to achieve better results not only in literacy but also in other subjects? It's true! According to research, children who read for pleasure are more likely to excel academically, develop empathy, and have better social skills. As we reflect on the lessons learned through literature, one of my personal favourite books is "War Horse" by Michael Morpurgo. This poignant tale not only immerses readers in the historical context of World War I, but also teaches invaluable lessons about loyalty, courage, and the bond between humans and animals. As Morpurgo beautifully puts it, "The story of War Horse is a lesson in history, but also a lesson in friendship, and a lesson in courage, and a lesson in love." Let's continue to encourage our children to explore the world of books, where they can learn, dream, and grow. Together, let's inspire a lifelong love of reading.



*Johnson*

## DEVELOPING EXPERTS LIVE LESSON

On Friday, the children in KS1 and KS2 were treated to some LIVE science lessons by our science curriculum provider 'Developing Experts'. The lessons were all about insects and their different features. The children learned about the life cycle of particular insects and even got to watch as our leaders held delicate insects. The live stream had a message option where we were able to communicate with the hosts! We look forward to more events of this nature and continue to support all children to flourish in science.







## A young boy with light brown hair, wearing a red jacket over a blue collared shirt, is smiling at the camera. He has a white bunny-ear headband on his head. The background is a blurred indoor setting, likely a school hallway or cafeteria.

