

Thursday 13th February 2025

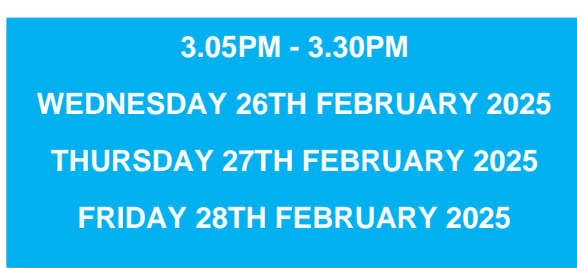
Dear Parents and Carers,

Ensuring every child has the necessary skills they need to read is an essential component of their education. It enables children to not only learn across the curriculum but also to access numerous aspects of daily life, influencing the opportunities that they have available to them in the future

Next half term, to celebrate reading at Northenden, we will be taking part in the following:

The Scholastic book fair

The book fair will be arriving on Monday 24th February. The children will be invited to view the books in school time on Tuesday 25th February. From the 26th to the 28th February, we will be holding a book fair for Parents and Carers, where families can come and purchase a book/books after school.



We hope that as many families as possible will be able to support our book fair as the money raised allows us to buy more books for our children in school.



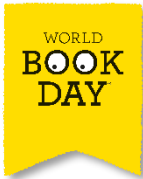
On Monday 24th February, the children will be given World Book Day £1 book tokens, which are valid from the 13th Feb – 23rd March 2025 and can be used at the Scholastic Book Fair. Please look out for these in your child's School bag as we have only been sent a limited number and lost vouchers won't be able to be replaced.

Secret Reader

Thank you to all the grown-ups that came into school last week to share a story with their child's class. It was wonderful to see the surprise on the children's faces. During the week of World Book Day, we will be organising more secret readers for the week commencing 3rd March. Please email admin@northenden.manchester.sch.uk if you would like to get involved this time.



World Book Day Dress up day



Although world book day is on Thursday 6th March, due to children going swimming on Thursdays, we will be inviting the children to come to school on Friday 7th March dressed as either their favourite book character or in their comfy PJs. Children should also bring to school their favourite book from home to share with the class.

See Myself in Books Festival



Read Manchester's *See Myself in Books Festival* runs from 18th – 28th March. Our KS2 children will be taking part in an online author visit from Serena Patel, where she will be talking about her journey to becoming an author. <https://serenakpatel.com/>

Our Key Stage 1 children will be taking part in an online author visit from Sufiya Ahmed, where she will be sharing readings from her books 'The Best Eid Ever' and 'Under the Great Plum Tree' along with an activity to learn to draw henna patterns. <https://mbalit.co.uk/client/sufiya-ahmed/>



As a school we continuously strive to support every child to become a fluent reader who enjoys books. When families and schools work together to foster a love of books, it sets our children up for success in so many ways. Thank you for your continued support in building strong reading habits at home.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'R. Byrne'.

Ruth Byrne
Headteacher