

Friday 6 March 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Reading at River Academy

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the fantastic work we have been doing around reading and to let you know about some of the exciting opportunities and events we have lined up for this term.

### World Book Day

World Book Day took place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Students have taken part in a variety of activities all focusing on reading for pleasure. I held an assembly about what reading for 'fun' means, what 'counts' as reading and how reading can help us 'go all in' with our hobbies. Students have had a chance to take part in a 'guess the member of staff from their favourite book' challenge, with the chance to win a £5 book voucher for our upcoming book fair. Students have also had the chance to design a book token for a national competition.

Lessons on Thursday opened with teachers sharing a section of a book that they think is important with their classes and we spent time at lunchtime sharing our favourite books.

### Scholastic Book Fair



SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Find your **NEXT FAVOURITE READ** at the **BOOK FAIR**

AND EARN **FREE BOOKS** FOR OUR SCHOOL

*Free books are subject to terms and conditions.*

Books featured: *Fearless* by Kate Bernet, *Beth is Dead* by Katie Bernet, *The Enemy* by Charlie Higson



Between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March we are excited to be holding a Scholastic book fair in school. Students will have the chance to explore the fair during lunchtime and during a designated time within an English lesson. We will also be inviting parents in to purchase any books.

While this is a fantastic opportunity to buy books for students at home, every penny spent at the fair will also build up rewards that we as a school can spend on books to stock our library. Last year, with just one year group, we earned over £400 in rewards to be spent on the library.

We have worked with Scholastic to ensure the fair is filled with high-quality and age-appropriate texts for all Year 7 readers. The book fair is a great opportunity to explore the latest and most popular books for children and young adult readers.

The book fair will be cashless, but if students would like to purchase a book, we will provide them with a wish list form that they can then share with you. As we do not want students bringing cash into school, you are able to purchase a book voucher online that they can then spend at the fair (these do not need to be printed, we can access a record of who has bought a voucher). Please be aware that we cannot refund or give change for vouchers.

### [Book Fair Gift Vouchers - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)

When purchasing a voucher, please put your child's name down (even in brackets) so it is clear who each voucher is for.

During the week, students will be taken down to the book fair during an English lesson to explore the fantastic texts on offer.

We would also love to invite families in to browse and buy books on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March between 3.45pm and 4.15pm in 0.99 (opposite our LRC). There will be the option to online using a QR code at this time, but again, cash will not be accepted. Vouchers are still the easiest form of payment, because mobile data connectivity is weak in this part of the school, you may have to log on to the Wi-Fi to complete an online payment.

Kind regards,



Ms E Myers  
Head of English

