



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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*Diocese of Plymouth*

Dear Parents and Carers,

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a Festival of Reading for two weeks from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. During this time, the children will take part in a range of activities to engage them in reading. These will include competitions, peer reading sessions, a Book Bistro, a Readathon and a book fair (more information about these will follow) and of course lots of book sharing.



**On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March it will be World Book Day** and we invite children to dress up. This year we have a special theme which is linked to a book we will be sharing with the children called *The Planet in a Pickle Jar*. All the children will be thinking about what they would like to preserve for the future. For dress up day they can choose **one** of these things and dress up to illustrate it.



Here are some ideas of things we might want to save for our future. You will also have some lovely ideas of your own.

oceans	an animal	books	love
kindness	music	forests	beaches
flowers	art	laughter	compassion
friendship	earth	rainforests	smiles



We will also be inviting children to design their own "Shoe Box Sanctuary" in which they can create items they would like to save. It could be one item or a few items. (see examples below).

This will be launched on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March to be handed in by Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March. There will be prizes for the winning designs in Reception, KS1 and KS2. Good luck!



We are looking forward to an exciting two weeks enjoying the fantastic world of books.

Mrs Wrann (Reading Lead) and Mrs Eddy (Early Reading lead)

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