

BILTON NEWS

Newsletter April 2025



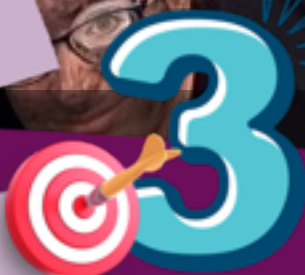
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6 MARCH 2025



ATTENDANCE TARGET

No more than 3 missed school days across the academic year.



MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Be the best you can be!



A fantastic Spring term



A fantastic Spring term comes to an end and the onset of British Summer time has brought with it bright,

joyful weather. Bilton students have been globetrotting this term with trips to New York and Paris widening students' cultural capital experiences and supporting their learning far beyond the classroom walls. We had a full sporting calendar with a variety of sporting successes as well as our Duke of Edinburgh students demonstrating their resilience with the preparations for their final expeditions. Rehearsals have been in full flow for our production of Newsies which will be performing in the first week back after Easter. Charity events have been seen through Comic Relief and the

ongoing collection of crisp packets by Year 9. The crisp packets are used to create sleeping bags for homeless people. Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 have all completed their mock exams and have received full support for their final steps towards their external exams. We have been developing our teaching practice with mini whiteboards being effectively used to check students understanding as part of our 5 cultural norms for staff and students. Routines have been embedding and progress and curiosity for learning is palpable in lessons across the school. Easter is a time for reflection and relaxation for these students, so they balance their time between revision and rejuvenation thus achieving the success they deserve. I wish you all a restful, enjoyable Easter break.

Ms Delves, Headteacher

Drama

In Drama, Year 7 have been exploring The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe and using Physical Theatre to bring the story to life.

Miss Hemsworth's groups, 7A1 and 7B3, used great creativity and teamwork to create the Wardrobe. **Well done to everyone involved!**



Careers Week



During careers week (3rd – 8th March), all year groups have been learning about different roles and jobs within each subject area.

Teachers have presented students with their subject specific careers posters and held class discussions on various roles and the skills needed within the different industries. Tutors have also presented short clips to each year group on relevant career apprenticeship routes and jobs. Students were questioned on the purpose of learning about 'Careers education' at school.

We hope that our students now feel well supported with selecting possible careers pathways and options.



Creatures and Critters Club

It was lovely to see some new faces at Creatures and Critters Club, welcome to our new members!

Olympia, our crested gecko always loves coming out of her enclosure and was happy to be passed around for a cuddle; everyone was so gentle with her and for some it was the first time that they had held a gecko!

The Indian Stick insects were a hit too, although it is not always easy to spot them as they are so good at hiding within the branches and disguising themselves!

Some pupils enjoyed handling our African Land Snails; it is always difficult to decide which one to choose as we have such a variety of sizes. One pupil told us that snails have thousands of rows of tiny teeth!

If anyone is interested homing any of our snails, then please contact school for further information.

We would love to see some new faces at creatures and critters club; it is held on a Tuesday lunchtime in K18, we handle the animals, clean them out and feed them. You can eat your lunch first if you want to and then come and join us.

Hope to see you there!



World Book Day competition winners!

Congratulations to Harry Brown, Harkamal Lall and Sadie Eva Drage for winning the Teacher's Favourite book competition!

A huge well done to Shriya Verma for winning the Bake Off with her Harry Potter themed cakes!



Rugby Theatre Trip

Our 6th form A- Level English Literature students had the opportunity this week to watch “A Streetcar Named Desire” at Rugby Theatre this week with a Q &A session afterwards with the cast and director. The opportunity enhanced their understanding of the play and will allow further critical analysis .

We were also thrilled to see and chat with a key cast member- ex-Bilton student Archie who continues to impress with his acting ability . We cannot wait to see what you do next !

Do go and see this powerful and gripping show which has had phenomenal reviews .

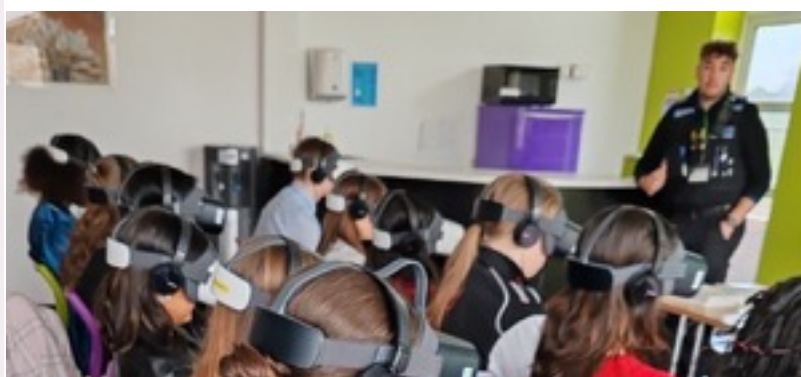


Road Safety



Year 7 have learnt about Road Safety. The focus was on distractions and how easy it is to be distracted and consequently miss important details. This essential part of their Character and Culture education definitely caught the attention of our pupils!

As part of Child Exploitation Week, Year 12 attended a workshop delivered by Rugby's Youth Engagement Officers as part of their education surrounding knife crime, it used VR headsets to demonstrate the impact of knife crime on those involved. The workshop equipped students with an awareness of the dangers and consequences of knife crime in the wider community.



Science Week

Key Stage 3 students have been extremely busy this week in Science with all year groups having different projects. Students were getting very creative and produced some amazing structures.

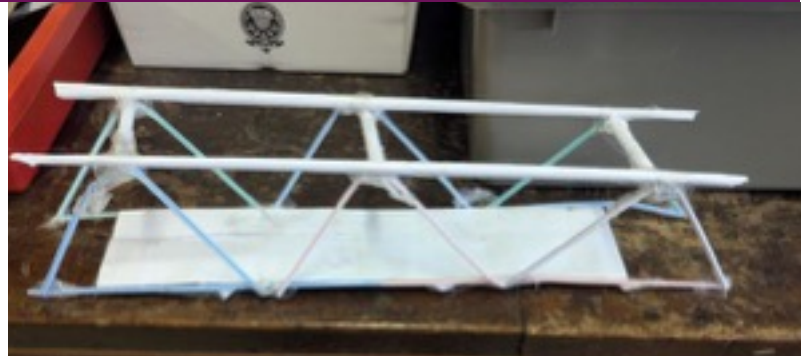
Year 7 created Marble Runs, aiming to make the marble run through their structure as slowly as possible. The best times lasted over 4 whole seconds. This was excellent work and students showed great teamwork and leadership skills

Year 8 had the task of creating the tallest tower possible. Most students redesigned the Eiffel Tower creating free standing towers reaching nearly 2 metres!

Year 9 were aiming to create the strongest free standing bridge (with bonus points for the most creative design). We had a variety of designs and were very limited with resources; students had to choose which equipment would make their bridge the strongest. Several groups had to find additional weights as they held over 2000g.

It was lovely to see students working together with such premise and challenging each other with healthy competition. I look forward to the next challenge

Mr Rotheram



Comic Relief



On Friday 21st March, Bilton had an amazing day fundraising and creating awareness for Comic Relief on its 40th anniversary. Students and staff got involved by wearing something red and coming along to our amazing bake sale led by Student Council. Thank you to all those who donated and helped to create a fantastic buzz for Comic Relief.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we managed to raise an amazing £379 for Comic Relief!

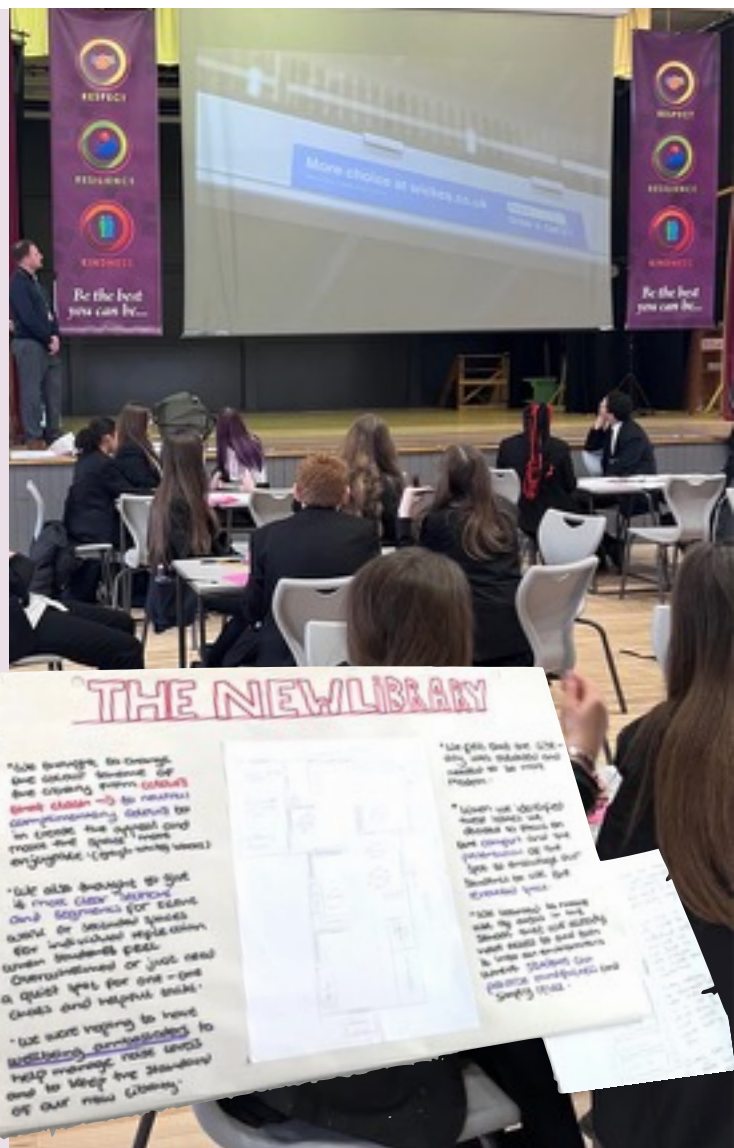


National Careers Challenge

All of our Year 10 students participated in the National Careers challenge on Friday 21st March.

Students worked in their teams to pitch their design ideas to meet a Wickes wellbeing challenge brief. They had to pitch their final idea for designing a wellbeing new space for the school, to their peers and the external facilitators panel. Each of the large groups, had two overall winning groups and students will receive their certificates. Well done to the group who pitched the Community Nature Area and the Wickes app for a smart phone, whose winning design ideas stood out on the day. It was a great day.

We were all proud of how our students worked together on the day.



Knife Crime Workshop

As part of our Character & Culture education, Rugby's Youth Engagement Officers delivered a session on issues surrounding knife crime to Year 11. The session included VR headsets to demonstrate the impact of knife crime on those involved and equips students with an awareness of the dangers and consequences of knife crime in the wider community.



Employee Spotlight

TECHOGNITION

Bilton School

TECHOGNITION is a national celebration of technical support staff, recognising the importance of their essential roles in school and college education.

This one-day event celebrates the work of school and FE college technicians with the aim of publicly showcasing their vast range of skills and the variety of tasks that these jobs entail.

At Bilton School we want to say thank you to all of our technicians in Science, Technology and all departments across the school! Your expertise and hard work is appreciated.



#TECHOGNITION



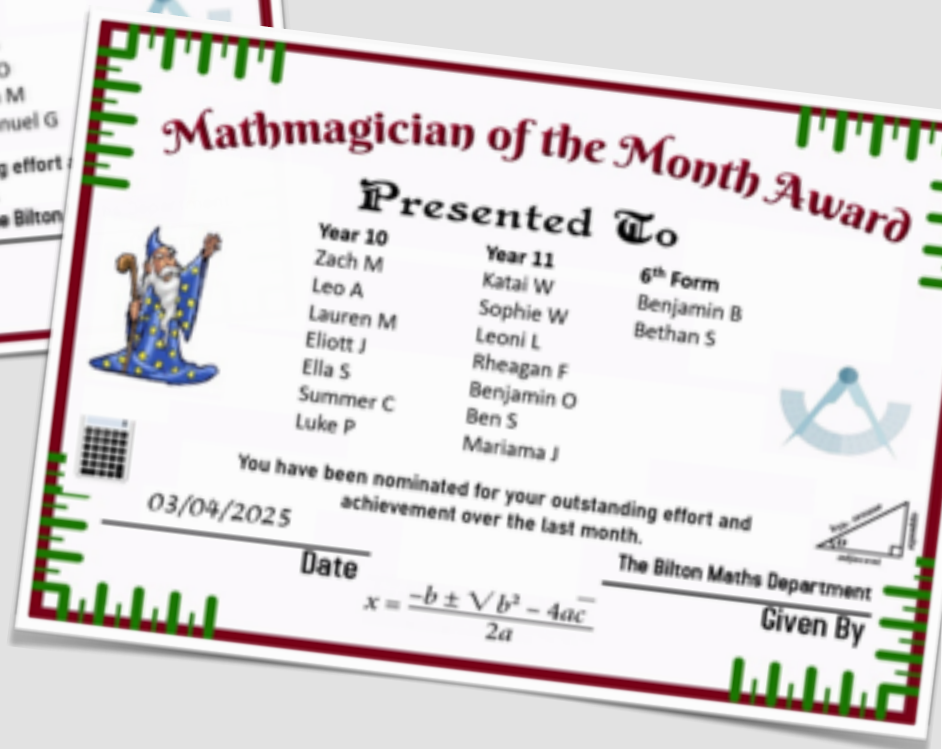
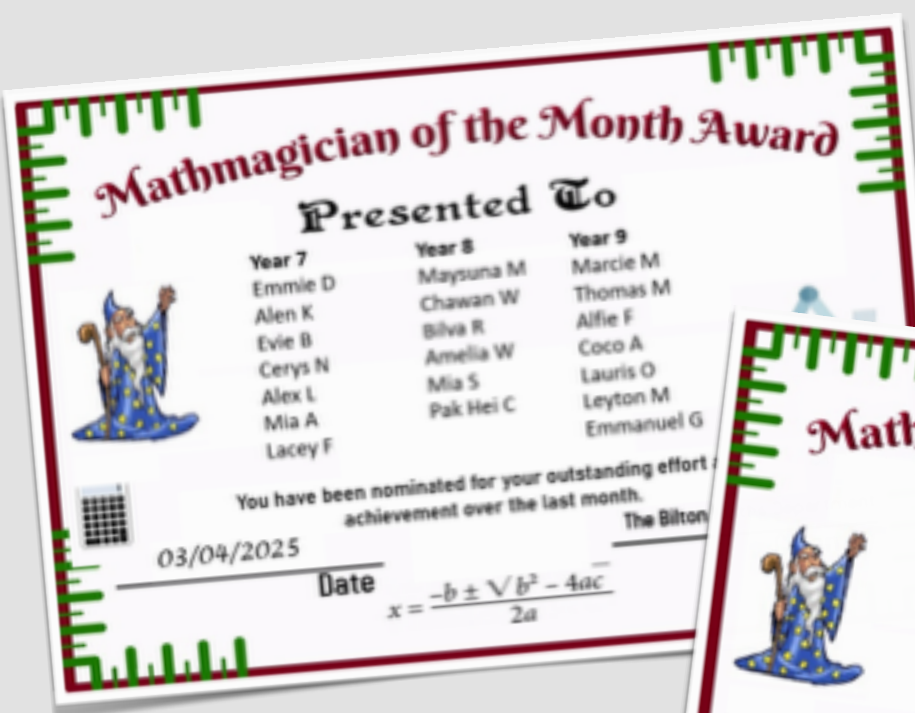
www.stowevalleymat.com

Arts and Crafts club

After making macrame coasters last half term, the members of Arts and Crafts club have been creating macrame hanging star decorations, which are looking fantastic! Having only just learned the skill and knots, Bilton Arts and Crafters have excelled and produced some beautiful creations!



Mathmagician of the month award



Trip to New York



A group of 16 Year 13 students travelled to New York on Monday 10th February for a trip they have been looking forward to since the beginning of year 12. They experienced a tour of Downtown Manhattan and visited Ellis and Liberty Island on their first day, their second day consisted of ice skating at Central Park, shopping, and sightseeing. They finished off their trip with a tour of Madison Square Gardens and the Empire State Building. The students were a credit to the school and have enjoyed exploring the Big Apple



Trip to Paris

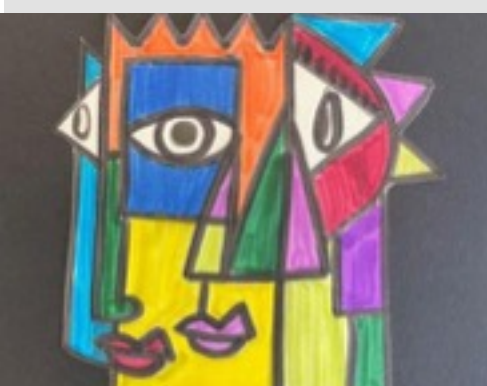
We are very excited to be taking current year 9 students to Paris in January 2026. This trip was run very successful this year and we can't wait to go again! Seeing some amazing attractions to include Disneyland, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Montparnasse Tower, Sacre Coeur and Fragonard perfumery. We have many deposits in already which is brilliant. A reminder that to access the trip, students will need to be striving for 80% or higher positive score on Class Charts.

Art

This term, our Year 7 students are exploring the colourful and innovative world of Impressionism. They are engaging with the distinctive techniques used by Impressionist artists to capture light and movement through colour and brushwork. Each pupil is creating a detailed landscape painting that showcases their skills in applying these techniques with attention to composition, tone, and texture. Our budding artists are learning to use varied mark-making techniques and layer colours effectively, capturing the essence of natural scenes in the Impressionists' unique style.



Year 8 have produced some amazing work this term, creating their own Picasso inspired Cubist portraits. Well done to Kaitlyn T, Akshitha V, Anisha R & Safwan S.



Year 10 Hospitality and Catering

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students have embraced the sunshine this term; firstly, making meringue and then creating delicious Eaton Mess and looking at different ways of presentation. Well done to all students involved.



Brilliant Club



Year 9 students who have participated in Brilliant club have done amazing. We are very pleased with the quality of their assignments, the commitment, resilience, and dedication they have shown with this project and are very excited to celebrate this with them at their Graduation event at Warwick University in May.

Year 7 students who are starting Brilliant Club have also made a great start with their initial assignment, attendance, and commitment with their tutorials so far. Keep it up Year 7!

Duke of Edinburgh



In March, Year 9s completed their first navigation walk towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. Although very muddy, the sun was shining and all students showed resilience, kindness and respect.

Congratulations to all who took part.



Star Engineer

Hanna, a standout Star Engineer, is championing female excellence at Bilton School. With innovation and determination, she's breaking barriers with her super creative Y9 Trinket Box.



U13 Girls Football

The U13 Girls' Football Team has had an action-packed half term, competing in fixtures against local schools. With over twenty girls attending training, the competition for spots on the team has been fierce. A huge congratulations to all the girls who have represented the school. Here are the results:

Bilton 2 v Harris 1

Bilton 0 v RFSS 0

RHS 1 v Bilton 7

Bilton 0 v Houlton 2

Attendance at Bilton Spring Term

Monthly Competitions

We have had lots of winners in our monthly competitions and thousands of HAPS have been issued to celebrate no sessions missed.

We have also issued canteen credit and postcards to the following winners:

January Winners

Year 7 Vikishan
Year 8 Sharmell
Year 9 Happiness
Year 10 Martyna
Year 11 Cruz
Year 12 Henritta
Year 7 Conor N

February Winners

Year 8 Pippa L
Year 9 Jenny H
Year 10 Denisa G
Year 11 Ruby OW
Year 12 Priestly A
Year 13 Evie H

March Winners

Year 7 King
Year 8 Oscar
Year 9 Diana
Year 10 Ellie
Year 11 Barry
Year 12 Tanha
Year 13 Chloe

New April focus

Look out for the new focus for April and our continued focus on no more than 3 days missed during an academic year.

ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

April

Only 12 days of April at school

Haps for all those with 11 or more days in April
Double haps for all those with 100%
Spot prizes for students in year groups

Support

We continue to offer support to families regarding attendance and connect sessions for families that need support can be booked online. Please see below:



THURSDAYS
9.30-10.30AM

With Nicola Dodd
Attendance Lead

10 mins
School Cloud appointment

Would you like to connect with us
about your child's attendance?

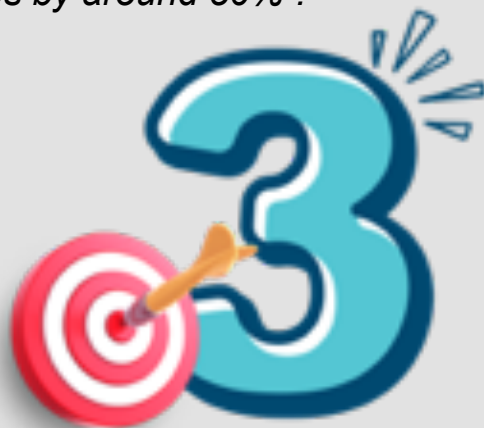
**SCHOOL CLOUD
ATTENDANCE CHAT**

Would you like an opportunity to talk about how
we can support your child to come in to school?
We can help!

Research

Recent research has confirmed that there is a direct link between attendance and academic achievement which is why we continue to drive our message of no more than 3 days off a year. Please do continue to support- us with this message so we can support all students to thrive and succeed.

"Recent research by the Department for Education shows just how closely attendance and attainment are linked. Year 11 pupils with near-perfect attendance are almost twice as likely to achieve grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE, compared to similar pupils attending 90-95% of the time. In other words, missing just 10 extra days a year reduces the likelihood of achieving these grades by around 50%".



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No more than 3 missed school days across the academic year.

An online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

Thursday 3rd April 10 -11:30am

Tuesday 29th April 7 - 8:30pm

Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24



Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
go to **PARENTS**
on the **Homepage**



Easter Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Facing Defiance	7 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	8 April 10am
Understanding Anger	8 April 7PM
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm
What is ACT	15 April 10am
Introduction to OCD	15 April 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	22 April 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	22 April 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	24 April 7pm
Improving Family Communication	28 April 10am
Autism Improving Communication	28 April 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	29 April 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	29 April 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	6 May 7pm



Dear Parent or Guardian

Trespassing on the railway network is extremely dangerous and endangers not only the lives of those on the track, but also passengers, railway staff and the general public.

Many people - especially young people - fail to understand the danger they put themselves and others in, when they make the choice to stray onto the rail network. As we step into Spring and also as Summertime approaches, we see an increase in the number of incidents being reported in the local area of Rugby with incidents we're seeing involve children and young people:

- Walking along the railway lines
- Throwing stones at trains
- Placing objects on the railway lines
- Using the railway as a playground

I am sure you agree that all of the above activities are extremely dangerous.

The British Transport Police (BTP) and Network Rail are seeking the support of parents, guardians and the local community to highlight the danger and implications of these activities to help us reduce the number of young people putting themselves and others at significant risk.

To assist with the conversation there are a number of online videos available and range depending on the age group of your child:

www.switchedonrailsafety.co.uk

www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/

www.youvstrain.co.uk

Key Messages

- ✓ Trains are **ALWAYS** running on the railway and can differ in times meaning that you can never predict when a train will pass
- ✓ The Electricity is **ALWAYS** switched on around the railway
- ✓ Always **Stop, Look and Listen** before using a Level Crossing
- ✓ **DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?**

Trespassing on any part of the railway is also a **criminal offence** which can involve your child obtaining a criminal record and a fine of £1000.

If you wish to report any information to BTP, please call us on Freephone 0800 40 50 40 or text the information to 61016.



Southam College



Bilton School

Thursday 6th March

WORLD BOOK DAY 2025 *'Read Your Way'*

On World Book Day, staff and students across the Trust have celebrated their love of books. As a Trust, we know the power of reading to inspire, educate and entertain and we promote this with our children and young people every day.

Today we have seen our school communities bring books to life with participation in a wide range of fun-filled activities, both remembering fondly old favourites, and introducing new stories for our students to enjoy.

Another fabulous World Book Day celebration to remember.



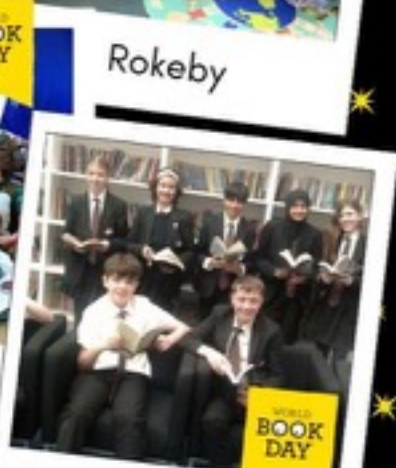
Oakley Reception



Bishops Itchington



Byfield



Rokeby



Stockton Primary



Southam Primary



Myton Gardens



Kington High School



Temple Herdewyke



Stowe Valley
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST