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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: International Book Giving Day

At St Bernard's, our mission is to create a school where reading for pleasure is part of everyday life. We recognise the value of books to transform minds and transport readers to new places where they can see different lives and learn new ideas. Building on our incredible success last year, we have another exciting literacy strategy in place this year. International Book Giving Day takes place on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025, and we are celebrating this as a school by hosting a week of book gifting! Each department has nominated a student they believe has shown real dedication to the subject. This student will be gifted a book to celebrate this dedication. Look out for social media posts featuring some of the lucky winners!

On 14<sup>th</sup> February in the library, we will be featuring a 'mystery reads' event, where students are invited to take a gift-wrapped book home to enjoy reading a book they have never read before. There will also be a range of competitions in the library where students can use a series of clues to guess the name of the book and win a prize. We are also looking forward to World Book Day on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025. On this day we are inviting all students to participate by dressing up in a costume inspired by their favourite book. Teachers and staff members always get involved and there are lots of prizes being given out for the best costumes. There are two new additions to the events this year: 'Masked Reader', which features disguised staff members, reading from a book. Students compete to guess the staff member correctly to win a prize. Secondly, we are also asking form groups to decorate their door to represent a chosen book. The best decorated door wins a prize – for the best in each year group. As you can see, there are lot of fun and inspiring events happening to boost our young people's love of reading.

We cannot wait to share our love of reading with our school community. We are pleased to be able to partner with Lovereading4kids and we have a school account where parents can purchase a book from our 'Year of Hope' reading list. If you would like to generously gift the school a book for our library, please click on the links below:

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/school/37605>

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/wishlists/30d25ac6b4e376ea32164b24bc20607f>

Yours faithfully,

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