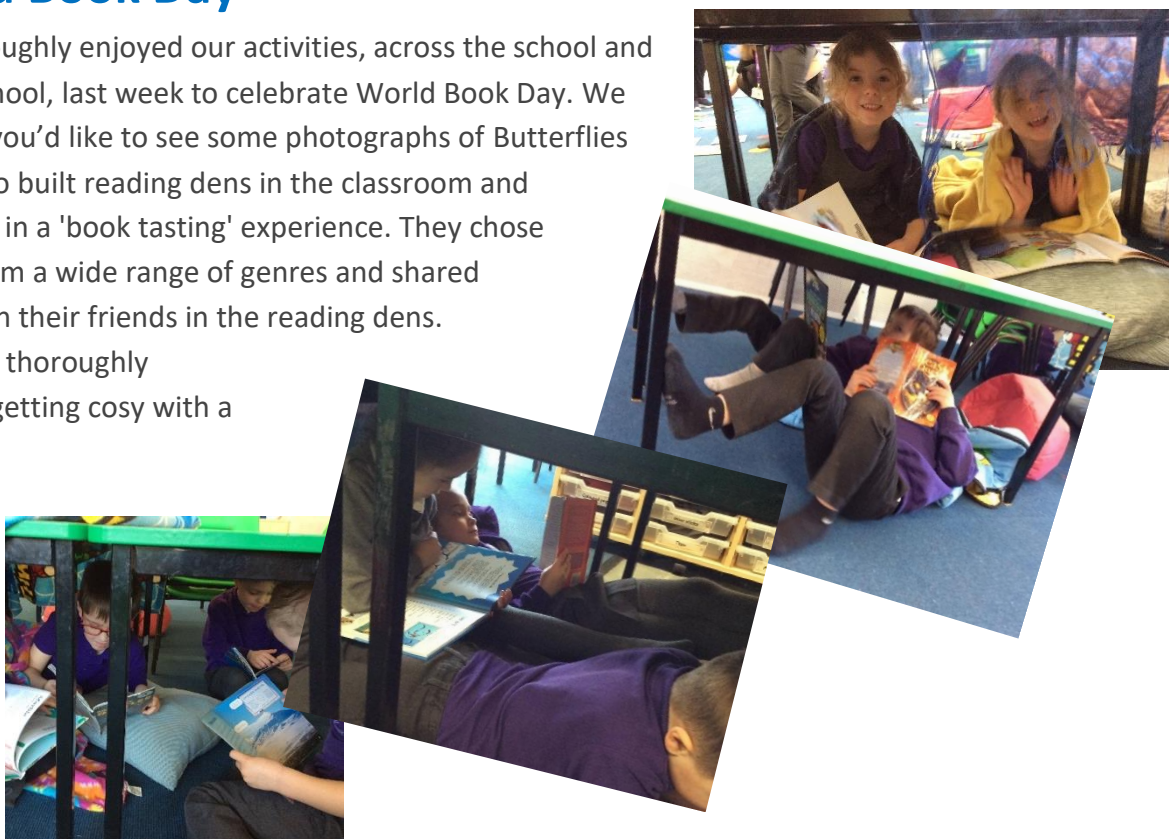


World Book Day

We thoroughly enjoyed our activities, across the school and in pre-school, last week to celebrate World Book Day. We thought you'd like to see some photographs of Butterflies class, who built reading dens in the classroom and took part in a 'book tasting' experience. They chose books from a wide range of genres and shared them with their friends in the reading dens.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed getting cosy with a book!



At the end of the week we were delighted to see the very creative work that had gone into decorating potatoes as book characherts. They all looked fantastic and were judged by two of our regular volunteer readers. Take a look at a selection of the entries and those of the winners below:





'The Friday Gang'



Our new youth club, 'The Friday Gang', is now well underway and the children have had a great time so far. Each week they have prepared a meal and enjoyed sitting down to eat together. Tonight we have home-made pizza on the menu and the children will be designing and making their own outfits out of newspaper before holding their own fashion



show! The new club, which has been funded by Wickham Parish Council, is run by a small team of school staff and is open to Year 5 and 6 children with a current waiting list. Please let us know if you would like your child's name added to the list.

Rock to the Beat



Hampshire Music Service (HMS) have been providing music tuition to some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children this term as part of their 'Rock 2 the Beat' programme. It has been a huge success - the children have enjoyed playing together in their bands and are sounding fantastic. There are still some places available on this programme for vocals, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard and

drums. If you would like to sign up for a place, please visit <http://www.rock2thebeat.org.uk/signup> and fill in the form. We will be in touch to offer a place if there is one available. The lessons take place during the school day on a Tuesday. Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis so please sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. To find out more about Rock 2 the Beat, please visit <http://www.rock2thebeat.org.uk>. HMS are also running a Rock 2 the Beat holiday band over the Easter holidays, please see the attached flyer for more information.

Stubbington Study Centre

Stubbington Study Centre's open day takes place tomorrow, Saturday 11th March, from 10am to 4pm. The open day is an ideal opportunity for parents and carers of children in Years 3 and 4 to view the centre together with their child prior to their visit (Year 4 in 2023 and Year 3 in 2024). Parking is very limited so the advice is to park in Monks Hill car park or on Lee on Solent seafront.



Key Reminders

- Please note that the school car park is not to be used by parents and carers at any time unless you have a blue badge (on display in the car) or have been given prior permission by the school. As you are aware, it is a small car park and is not even sufficient for the number of staff onsite. It is also essential that we keep the car park free of moving cars for the safety of our children, parents and visitors.
- We ask that parents and carers are also considerate of our neighbours when parking to collect or drop off children to school. There is free parking available at the community centre and in the Station Road car park and 30 minutes free parking in Wickham Square. These areas should be used for parking in the first instance. Please do not cause obstruction or endanger the safety of others by parking inconsiderately in residential areas. Where local residents have raised concerns with the school, we have asked that they report these to the Police.
- We have recently had some cases of sickness in school and we would like to remind you that your child cannot return to school until **48 hours** after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This is the period that is stipulated by the NHS and the UK Health Security Agency (HSA) in order to avoid any spread of sickness across the school. Your child will be sent home if they return within this 48-hour period.

Dates for the Diary

30 th March	Easter Egg Hunt
31 st March	INSET Day
7 th April	Easter Messy Church
3-14 th April	Easter Holidays
22 nd - 24 th May	Year 4 Residential to Stubbington
17 th – 21 st July	Year 6 Residential to Avon Tyrell