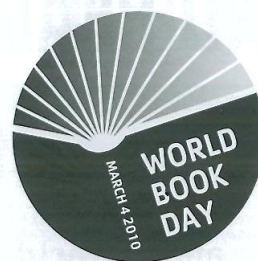


HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY!

From Children's Laureate Anthony Browne, the internationally acclaimed author and illustrator of children's books, with nearly forty titles to his name, including the award-winning *Gorilla* and *Zoo*.



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Dear parents and carers,

This year World Book Day, the biggest annual celebration of books and reading for children in the UK and Ireland, falls on Thursday 4th March.

As in previous years, schoolchildren in the UK and Ireland are receiving a free £1 or €1.50 Book Token, which can be exchanged at all participating bookshops for one of six specially published £1 books, five of which are flip books – two books in one!

These special books by top authors cater for a wide age group; the age ranges given are for appropriate content and not reading age:

- Picture book** *Thomas & Friends: Thomas to the Rescue*
- Age 5+ flip book** *Kitten Chaos* by Anna Wilson
with *Magic Ballerina: The Magic Dance* by Darcey Bussell
- Age 5+ flip book** *The Charlie Small Journals: Valley of Terrors*
with *Dinosaur Cove: Battle of the Giants* by Rex Stone
- Age 7+ flip book** *Grubtown Tales: The Great Pasta Disaster* by Philip Ardagh, illus. Jim Pailot
with *Pongwiffy and the Important Announcement* by Kaye Umansky, illus. Nick Price
- Age 9+ flip book** *Jamie Johnson: Born to Play* by Dan Freedman
with *Young Samurai: The Way of Fire* by Chris Bradford
- Age 11+ flip book** *Walking the Walls* by Chris Higgins
with *Medusa Project: The Thief* by Sophie McKenzie

These titles will be the only exception to the £2.99 minimum redemption (or Euro equivalent) of the Book Tokens, but there are thousands of other books that will be available in participating bookshops. The redemption period of the Book Tokens is from Monday 1st March to Sunday 28th March inclusive, and the cost of redeeming the Book Tokens is funded entirely by booksellers. Please note that bookshops will have limited quantities of the £1 books and are neither obliged nor able to supply large quantities in exchange for bulk quantities of Book Tokens.

You can also look out for special displays and details of family-based activities in local bookshops and libraries, which will focus on a range of children's books for all ages, from pre-schoolers to young adults.

To find out more about World Book Day, other related organisations, and the many planned activities, please visit the website at www.worldbookday.com.

World Book Day is the most brilliant way to celebrate the joys of reading both words and pictures!

Anthony Browne

This school will be giving Book Tokens to pupils on: 2.3.10

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