



# Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

## BOOK WEEK AND WORLD BOOK DAY “REPRESENTING AND CELEBRATING DIVERSITY” Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

We will be celebrating Book Week during week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 and our theme for this year is “Representing and Celebrating Diversity.” As a school we are planning a wide variety of exciting activities to promote and encourage reading and writing.

We are very pleased to announce that we have the well-known author and poet, Alex Wharton, Poet Laureate for Wales, visiting us and inspiring the children to write by sharing his performance poetry.

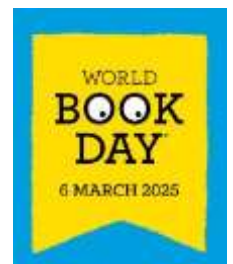
We will be selling Alex’s books on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and he will be delighted to sign books that have been pre - purchased using the attached order form on the day. Only pre-ordered books will be available to purchase so please get your orders in **before Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. Alex has his own website [Alexander Wharton](http://AlexanderWharton.com) where you are also be able to hear him reading some of his poems and find out more about him.



We are also excited to have a storyteller from Freshwater Theatre Company who will be “*immersing the children in two Indian epics, complete with talking monkeys, an outwitting goddess, a wise Guru and a good helping of adventure, these stories teach the powers of persistence, dedication and focus.*”

We have lots of other super activities planned for the children with a focus on poetry. The children will have an opportunity to perform to one another in classes.

We are also looking forward to “**Upper Beeding’s Dress Up Day**” on **World Book Day, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**, where children are asked to come to school as their favourite book character. There will be a prize per key stage for the best costume! We are looking forward to seeing different book characters and original costumes!



Please look out for the £1 book tokens coming home early February!



As a school, all children will have an opportunity to visit a member of staff of their choice to hear a favourite book, and we will be promoting lots of opportunities for reading throughout the week.



This year we are running a **poetry competition** - we would like to ask the children to write a poem at home; this could be on a topic of their choice, football, nature, sport, animals, their neighbourhood, their teacher or even their Head Teacher. These need to be written up neatly in black pen or pencil and brought into school as we would like to make a poetry trail around the school corridors. The poems can be decorated with pictures or borders to make them more vibrant. There will be a prize for each key stage. Please remember that poems do not have to rhyme. The children can write in any style e.g. an acrostic, a list poem, a riddle, kennings, haiku etc.

Book Week will be a fun-filled and productive week for the children. However, to enable these activities to take place we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of **£5.00** per child towards the costs, payable via sQuid. We really hope to have all of our events and visitors during the week, but sadly, if we don't receive enough contributions, we may have to cancel some of them. If you have difficulty making this payment, please speak to Mr Andrews or your child's class teacher in confidence.

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU to FUBS** who have subsidised this Focus Week so we can keep the costs lower for parents.

**PARENTS** we would also like to invite you to be a part of our Book Week, and to come into school to share stories with the children. Your class teacher will let you know their own individual timings for this, we hope to see lots of you in school!



Thank you for your continued support, we are looking forward to a wonderful week!

Yours sincerely  
Debbie Gilpin  
English Leader

