



# CEDARS READING NEWSLETTER

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## World Book Day 2026 Edition

*On Thursday 5th March 2026, we will be celebrating World Book Day. As part of our celebrations we will be dressing up as our heroes and villains. This is a chance for us to share our love and excitement for reading! We hope to use this experience to remind each other of the value of reading.*



## Happy World Book Day

World Book Day £1 books/tokens

Each year the World Book Day charity releases a new line-up of £1 books, and issues tokens to schools. You can find answers to many questions in their helpful World Book Day FAQ section.



**WORLD BOOK DAY NEWSLETTER: HEROES & VILLAINS DRESSING-UP IDEAS!  
FUN, SIMPLE AND BUDGET-FRIENDLY COSTUME INSPIRATION FOR FAMILIES  
WORLD BOOK DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND THIS YEAR OUR THEME IS HEROES AND VILLAINS!**

**TO HELP PARENTS GET CREATIVE (WITHOUT NEEDING TO BUY A WHOLE NEW COSTUME), HERE ARE SOME EASY IDEAS INSPIRED BY FAVOURITE CHILDREN'S BOOKS.**

## Dressing up ideas



## HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY



💡 Budget-Friendly Costumes from Things at Home

Capes made from pillowcases or old T-shirts

Masks from cardboard, paper plates or cereal boxes

Character badges (superhero, villain, school crest)  
cut from coloured paper

Props like handmade books, cardboard shields,  
paper moustaches

📷 We'd Love Photos!

 17 Reminder:

World Book Day is on Thursday, 5th March – we  
can't wait to see all the creative costumes!

### Easy Hero Costume Ideas

#### 1. Harry Potter (Harry Potter series)

Black school trousers/skirt

White shirt & tie

Stick as a wand

Optional: draw a lightning scar with  
eyeliner

#### 2. Matilda (Roald Dahl)

Blue dress

Red ribbon headband

A stack of books as a prop

#### 3. Dog Man (Dav Pilkey)

Blue T-shirt

Yellow paper badge cut into a bone  
shape

Cap or headband with dog ears

#### 4. The Highway Rat – the Victim Heroes (Julia Donaldson)

Children can choose to be the Duck,  
Squirrel or other forest friends

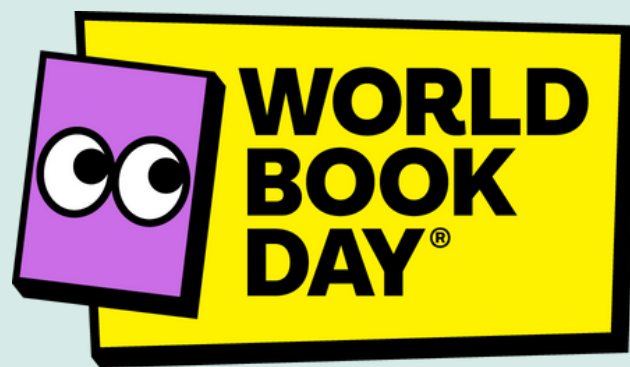
Brown clothes plus simple paper  
ears or wings

5. Percy Jackson (Rick Riordan)

Orange T-shirt

Jeans

Pen/"sword" prop (cardboard)



### Easy Villain Costume Ideas

#### 1. Miss Trunchbull (Matilda)

Brown/green PE-style jumper

Hair in a tight bun

Belt/high socks

Angry teacher expression  
(optional!)

#### 2. The Big Bad Wolf

Grey clothes

Paper or felt ears

Tail made from rolled-up fabric

A "blow-your-house-down" sign  
for fun

#### 3. Captain Hook (Peter Pan)

Red shirt or jacket

Paper/foil hook

Pirate hat (paper version works  
perfectly!)

#### 4. The Wicked Witch (Wizard of Oz)

Black dress or T-shirt

Paper witch hat

Optional green face paint

#### 5. Voldemort (Harry Potter)

Black robe or blanket-as-cape

Pale face makeup (optional)

A stick "wand"