



Respect Collaboration Trust

Castle School - Bridge Street School - Kingsmead School



World Book Day 2026 From Bookshops to Brunches

World Book Day was celebrated with energy across our Trust this term, with our schools taking part in memorable activities that brought stories to life.

At Castle School, Year 7 enjoyed a trip to Waterstones, where they explored the shelves, discovered new authors and used their vouchers to choose a book that excited them. The visit ended with a stop at the Book Café, giving everyone a chance to chat about their choices and share what they love to read.

Over at Bridge Street School, the day began with a themed brunch prepared by staff, before diving into a range of interactive reading-themed activities. With staff dressing up and joining in throughout the day, there was a joyful atmosphere that celebrated the power of stories and demonstrated strength of community.

Kingsmead School marked the occasion with a fun-filled programme of book-themed activities designed to spark imagination and encourage a love of reading. Pupils enjoyed creative tasks and games, while staff impressed with their fantastic costumes, adding to the excitement.

Across all three schools, World Book Day highlighted a shared commitment to nurturing confident, enthusiastic readers.

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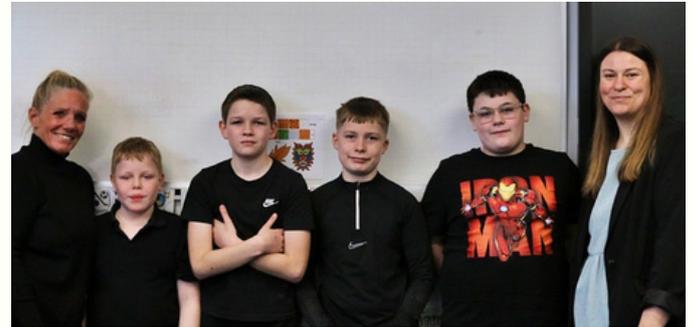


Love is in the hair

J16 Hair and Beauty students marked Valentine's Day with a showcase of themed hairstyles, makeup looks and nail designs.

Working on both live models and training heads, they demonstrated impressive creativity and growing professional skills.

The session boosted confidence, supported hands-on learning, and earned fantastic feedback for the high-quality work produced.



Chinese New Year

Kingsmead marked Chinese New Year with an afternoon full of discovery, celebration and cultural learning.

A range of traditional Chinese foods were sampled, and students took part in hands-on science activities, and explored customs linked to the festival.

The event offered a meaningful opportunity to deepen understanding of a different culture and reflected our Trust-wide commitment to celebrating the rich diversity of global traditions.

Rooting for the environment

J16 Outdoor Education have been taking their learning beyond the classroom as students planted Hornbeam saplings and explored themes of sustainability and regeneration.

The session encouraged discovery, learning and a sense of responsibility for the environment, with pupils gaining hands-on experience while reflecting on the impact of human behaviour - especially after uncovering a crisp packet from 1998.

As one student put it, "Bin it, to win it."





Art from the heart

Three Year 10 Bridge Street students created some truly beautiful artwork. The pieces reflect their individual creativity, focus and the confidence they have developed in expressing their own ideas.

During art sessions, we encourage students to explore different techniques, experiment with materials and take ownership of their artistic choices.

We are very proud of the work our students produce and we hope you enjoy seeing a snapshot of their work as much as we do.



Hands-on history at the Museum of Making

Castle School students in Horizon 8/9 brought their Industrial Revolution topic to life during a visit to the Museum of Making in Derby.

Pupils explored a fascinating collection of artefacts and took part in hands-on activities, from programming lights using coloured patterns to creating textured designs with crayons and rubbings.

Highlights included seeing an elm-wood pipe, a miniature railway village and the first map ever produced of the area.

One standout discovery was learning that the museum building itself was the very first factory of the Industrial Revolution - a remarkable piece of history right on our doorstep.

