



Danson Book Week 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

At the beginning of this half term, everyone at Danson celebrated our love of reading with our 'Book Week'. It was wonderful to see the children immersed in lots of fun, engaging and creative activities demonstrating an enthusiasm and enjoyment for reading.

Author Visit

As part of our Book Week, we were delighted to welcome Neal Zetter, an award-winning author and poet who has written many children's books. During his visit, he delivered some assemblies to the whole school, giving some entertaining and interactive performances of his poems and answering the children's inquisitive questions including, the process of publishing a book, the reasons he became a poet and the inspiration behind his poems.

Children in Years 2 and 6 participated in some creative writing workshops with Neal. By the end of the workshop, the children in each class had collaborated to create and perform a fantastic poem that they were all very proud of.



Performance Poetry

This year, we had a focus on poetry and developing the children's oracy (speaking and listening) skills. Each class chose a poem that they would perform to the rest of their phase. Initially, they spent time exploring the language and structure of the poem and then learnt about what makes an effective poetry performance. They considered the tone, pace, volume, expression, rhythm, facial expressions and actions amongst many factors when preparing their poems. When it was time to perform their poems, the children delighted the audience with some fantastic, entertaining performances. The children had worked so hard to learn their poems and perfect their performances. Every class should be extremely proud of themselves!



Reading Buddies

During the week, KS2 and KS1 classes came together and the children paired up to share and read books together. This provided the opportunity for the older children to act as reading role models and for them to support the younger children with their reading. The sessions encouraged many conversations about books and reading. All the children found it a positive, enjoyable experience and they cannot wait to repeat it in the future.



'Paper Plate' Competition

The book characters created for our competition were incredible and so creative! The time, effort and imagination that was put in was amazing. It is amazing what you can create from a paper plate! Thank you to all parents and carers that assisted their children in designing these wonderful creations. As the children walk through the corridor, they have been a real talking point and the focus of much admiration. Choosing the winners was a real challenge as all of them deserve recognition for the effort taken to create them. Well done to all of the entries!

The winners for each year group were:

Reception	Nelly
Year 1	Aaryan
Year 2	Elis
Year 3	Rio
Year 4	Ayla
Year 5	Ivy
Year 6	Amit



Book Fair

The Book Fair was held after school from the 2nd March to the 5th March. The children in Years 5 and 6 were able to apply for different roles to help run the Book Fair. The successful applicants did a fantastic job, demonstrating responsibility and initiative, applying problem solving skills and showing excellent customer service skills. Thank you to all that visited the Book Fair and supported the children. It was a huge success and the school earned an amazing £1600 to spend on new books for the school's library and classroom reading areas. A fantastic result!



The winner of the guess the number of sweets competition was Riley in Brunel Class.

Book Raffle

The winners of the book raffle were:

Reception	Louis
Year 1	Isabella
Year 2	Jamie
Year 3	Saidjon
Year 4	Saygin
Year 5	Isobel
Year 6	Beatrice

The lucky winners were able to choose a book of their choice from the Book Fair.

World Book Day



On Thursday 6th March, we recognised World Book Day by dressing up as book characters. The children and staff all looked brilliant and there were some wonderful costumes on show. It was a fantastic way to conclude all our Book Week activities!

The winners of the 'Best Dressed' were:

	Class Winner	Year Group Winner
Reception		
Ash	Rosie	Elly
Elm	Florence	
Oak	Jessie	
Year 1		
Owl	Max	Katherine
Robin	Kieron	
Sparrow	Tommy	
Year 2		
Nightingale	George	Ela
Pepys	Jayla	
Shackleton	Harper	
Year 3		
Barfield	Nelly	Alahni
Brunel	Kai	
Kapoor	Elsie	
Year 4		
Blackman	Joshua	Viyan
Dahl	Vedanshi	
Rowling	Bodhi	
Year 5		
Elizabeth	Albert	Isla
Henry	Ivy	
Victoria	Rae	
Year 6		
Darwin	Arnik	Jessica
Franklin	Tyler	
Hawking	Edward	



It was a fantastic couple of weeks celebrating a love of reading, books and poetry at Danson. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and hard work demonstrated by the children.

Thank you for all your support in making this year's Book Week such a memorable experience!

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