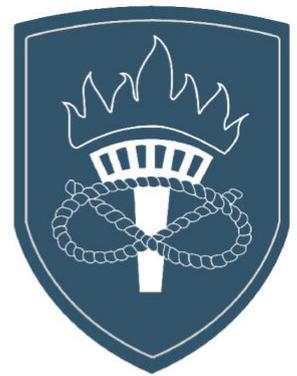


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23rd February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,



### World Book day 2026- Epic Tales Visit

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As we approach the celebration of World Book Day, we want to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of reading and the role it plays in your child's educational journey.

Reading not only enhances literacy skills but also ignites curiosity, fosters imagination, and helps children develop empathy and a deeper understanding of the world around them. At Barr Beacon School, we are passionate about instilling a love for books, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate World Book Day with a special visit from Epic Tales. A professional storytelling company which specialises in bringing stories to life through engaging performances and creative workshops, and they are also the publishers of their own children's books.

During their visit on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Epic Tales will deliver a special assembly for all Year 7 pupils, introducing them to the power of storytelling and inspiring a love of reading. Epic Tales will run interactive workshops in the iCentre on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026, each Year 7 form will be invited to attend. The workshops are designed to encourage creativity, build confidence, and help pupils explore storytelling in greater depth.

We are also excited to announce a *Short Story Competition* for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. They will have to choose one of the four prompts and craft their own unique short story. They need to make sure their stories meet the minimum word count of 500 words. Pupils can hand their stories to Mrs Garrett in the iCentre or send them digitally to [postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk). This competition will run from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 4PM. The winner will receive a book of their choice, paid for by the school. There will be additional prizes for second and third place. <https://bit.ly/49RtURr>

If you have any further questions about reading at Barr Beacon School, please contact Miss Porter via [postbox@barrbeaconcschool.co.uk](mailto:postbox@barrbeaconcschool.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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