

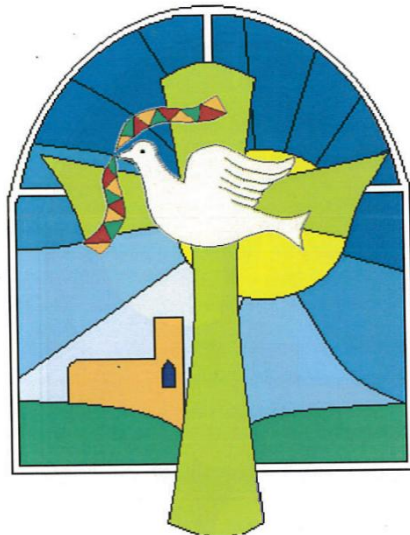
The Wolds Federation Reading Newsletter

June 2026

Welcome to our penultimate reading newsletter of the academic year. This term is incredibly busy for everyone, with lots of summer activities taking place. I hope everyone still manages to find time to share books together.

The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss



What's on?

A children's literature festival is returning to Hull for its ninth year.

The Big Malarkey Festival will see authors, artists, dancers, musicians and theatre companies fill East Park during its main event on 20 and 21 June.

As part of this year's "It's a Mystery" theme, children will be able to solve puzzles, wear disguises and explore some of Hull's best mysteries.

During the weekend's main event, the Hook-a-Book stall will return with free books for everyone to take home.

Tickets can be bought online or at all branches of Hull Libraries.

What does the research say?

Relationships are the basis of children's development, and there is compelling evidence that early shared reading helps nurture these vital connections.

(BookTrust (2025)
Building bonds through
sharing books. Leeds:
BookTrust).

Reading in our schools

KS1 across the Federation are currently reading *Grandad's Secret Giant* by David Litchfield. There is a mysterious luminosity in the book's delicately detailed illustrations, complete with a hidden giant, alongside characters drawn with humour and compassion. It is a magical story about accepting people who are different.

KS2 pupils at Bishop Wilton, Beswick and Watton have begun learning *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare. Our English lessons are packed with history. The children have already made a great start and have learned the plot using a story map and actions.