

A literary sight on World Book Day

STAFF at Ormiston Six Villages Academy came together to dress up for a special occasion.

A range of book characters were brought to life on Friday 6th May when staff across the school donned their fancy dress.

Many characters were seen including those from Sherlock Holmes, the Tiger who Came to Tea, the very Hungry Caterpillar, Frankenstein, Harry Potter and the Child Snatcher from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

The PE Department

joined forces with the English Teachers to dress as characters from the districts in The Hunger Games while the behaviour department wore stripey tops and hats to represent Where's Wally?

Every KS3 student received a free World Book Day book and book token.

Mr Baxter from the science department dressed as Professor Snape and said: "I took part in the day to stimulate interest in reading and chose a recognisable character who I felt strongly aligned to as a science teacher!"

Mrs Jackson who dressed as a friendly feiline who enjoys a cuppa, added: "It was fun to see everyone's costumes and how we celebrate books becoming part of popular culture. There were some excellent recognisable characters which made students smile."

World Book Day is a chance to spotlight and celebrate reading for pleasure and to help embed a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits.

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Hello and welcome to the OSVA Times! A school newspaper written by you, for you.

We welcome any contributions or ideas for input, so please get in touch.

We welcome new members to join the club. Please come to English 4 on Thursday lunchtime.

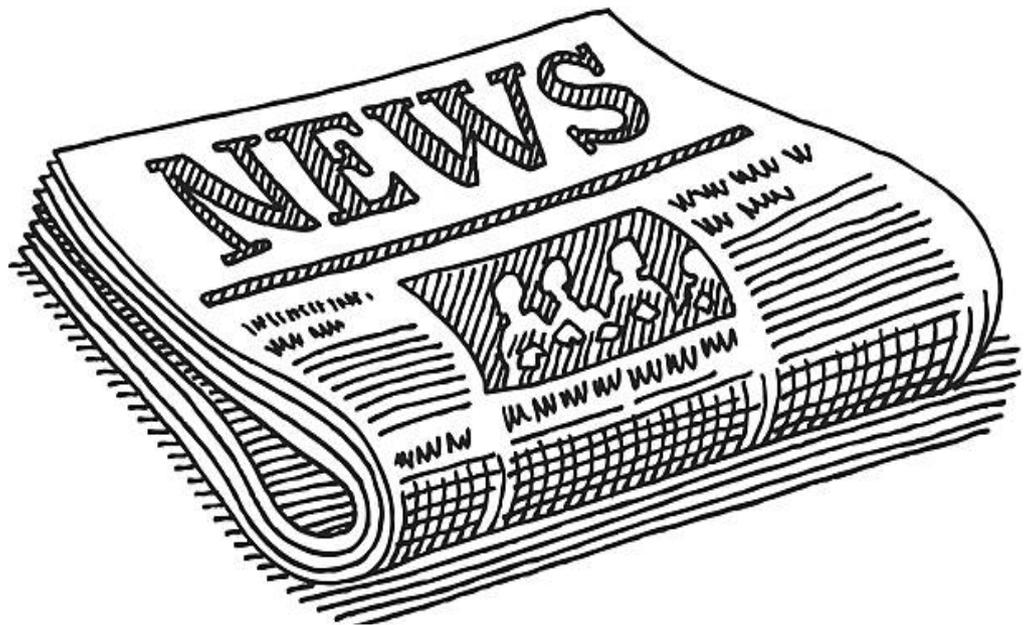
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The World Book Day website states: “One of the key reasons why World Book Day is important in schools is that it promotes a love of reading.”

The school librarian, Mrs Barkworth dressed as Moaning Mrytle from the Harry Potter books complete with a full toilet seat, said: “It was wonderful to see the staff and students come together to celebrate our love of books.”

There was a real buzz in the atmosphere on the day, where students enjoyed picking out different teachers and working out the books.

Mr Slaughter said: “World Book Day celebrates far more than stories on a page; it celebrates the joy of reading and the curiosity it inspires.

“Developing a genuine love of reading builds confidence, expands a child’s imagination and strengthens the skills that support their learning.

“Every time you pick up a book and read, you take a step closer to the future you want.”



CAREERS FAIR!



This term, we hosted a career's fair for all year groups in order to gain insight into a variety of career options.

From higher educational institutions to prospering businesses, our students were able to experience their possible futures!



At Six Villages, we place a heavy importance on accessibility to career options. We think it is so important for students to know what options are available to them after they leave Year 11.



Theatre near us

This incredible production has helped our Year 10s who are analysing various aspects of Shakespeares tragedy.



Bringing Shakespeare's iconic Macbeth to life, Year 10 had the opportunity to watch a live performance with a professional production of Macbeth from Quantum Theatre.

This mesmerising performance has certainly helped our Year 10 students appreciate this dark tale of vaulting ambition and the toll it takes.

Duke of Edinburgh



This month, six teams of Bronze DofE students completed their practice expedition across the south downs.

Students followed the routes they had planned themselves, checking in at designated safety points along the way. The weather stayed sunny and dry, although a few paths remained very muddy.



Just look at the fun they had!



Fun filled Valentines

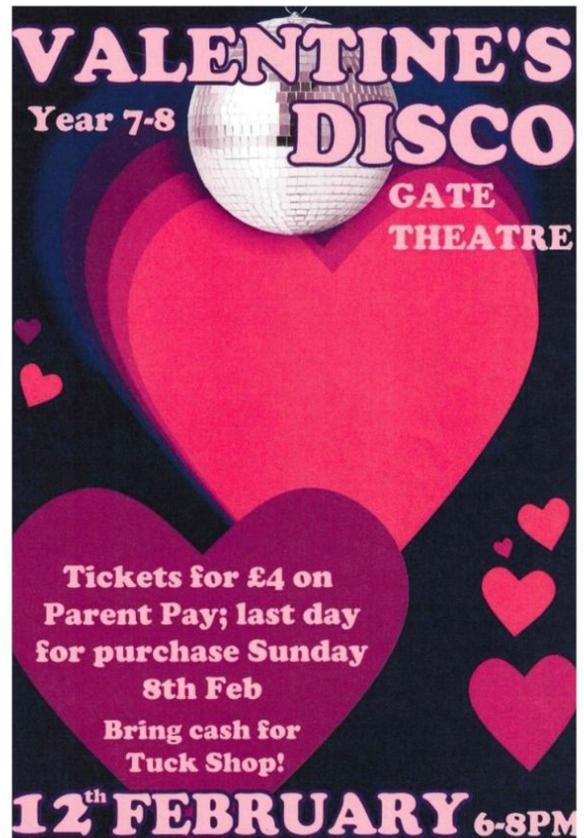
Disco!

Another fantastic Valentine's Disco at Six Villages for our Year 7 and Year 8 students!

It was a brilliant evening filled with energy, laughter and plenty of dancing, with both staff and students having a wonderful time.



A huge thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to help organise and support the event – we couldn't have done it without



THURSDAY 2ND JULY 2026

WE ARE RUNNING A COLOUR RUN FOR YEARS 7-9.
DETAILS FOR THE EVENT ARE ON PARENT PAY.

WHAT IS A COLOUR RUN?

A COLOUR RUN, IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT THAT
COMBINES FITNESS, FUN AND VIBRANT COLOURS.

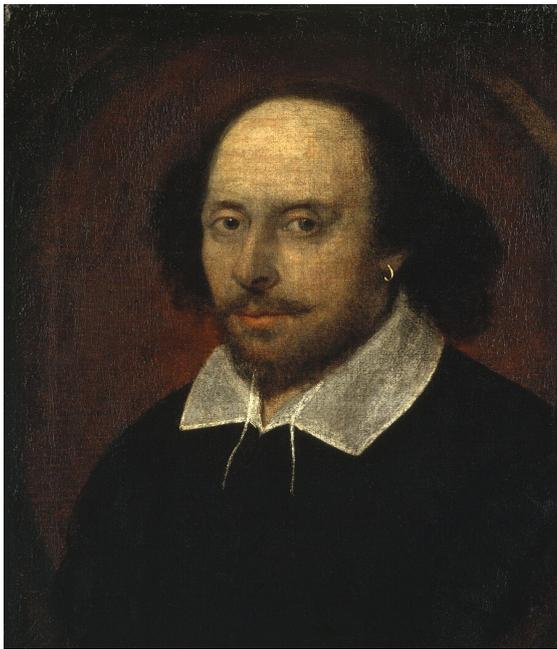
STUDENTS WILL RUN OR WALK ALONG THE
OBSTACLE COURSE, WHILE PEOPLE SHOWER THEM
WITH COLOURED POWDERS AND WATER

Special Days in the Calendar



23rd April - Shakespeare Day

A day dedicated to honoring William Shakespeare's monumental contributions to literature, theatre, and the English language



celebrated on the date of his birth and death. From schools and libraries to world-renowned stages like the Globe Theatre, fans celebrate by performing his sonnets, staging scenes from his iconic plays, and reflecting on how his themes of love, power, and human nature remain strikingly relevant today.

8th June - World Ocean's Day

World Oceans Day is celebrated every year to remind us that the ocean is the "lungs of our planet" and a critical source of food, medicine, and climate regulation. Formally recognised by the United Nations in 2008, the day serves as a global call to action to address major threats like plastic pollution, overfishing, and rising sea temperatures. For 2026, the theme "Sustainable

Fishing Means More" highlights how responsible practices can protect marine biodiversity while supporting the billions of people who rely on the sea for their livelihoods.

7th July - World Chocolate Day

World Chocolate Day is the ultimate celebration of one of the world's most beloved treats. This date is widely believed to mark the anniversary of chocolate's introduction to Europe in 1550, though its history dates back much further to the ancient Olmec, Mayan, and Aztec civilizations who revered it as a "food of the gods." Today, the day is more about indulgence—people celebrate by visiting local chocolatiers, experimenting with new recipes, or simply savoring a favorite bar.



Ask the staff in 10

This issue we speak to... *Mr Hard!*

1. **What is your job role / title in the school and what made you choose you job?**

Pastoral leader. I am passionate about youth work and young people and very aware how school can be so hard at times. I wanted to do this job in order to help help and support young people and be a male role model.

2. **What is the best thing about your job?**

Getting to interact with so many

3. **students, especially around the corridors and courtyard.**

4. **When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

Binman or firefighter. I liked the trucks.

5. **What was your favourite subject at school and why?**

History. I still love history for just how bonkers it can be at times. There is always more to learn and I find it fascinating how we can learn lessons from the past and compare it to what is happening today.

6. **What would students be surprised to know about you?**

I am one of only a handful of Advanced senior Dinghy instructors on the south coast. I had a pretty good run in the sailing world before I joined Ormiston!

7. **What is your dream holiday?**

I love Central Europe so maybe somewhere around there? Although I would love to go on a cruise to the south Atlantic; or maybe somewhere really rouge like Central Africa.

8. **If you won the lottery, what would you buy first?**

A yacht. Without a doubt a yacht. Something manageable by myself but that I could host on

9. **What is your favourite book and film?**

Favorite books are the Fury series about 18th century Naval conflicts with the French. Favorite film is Master and Commander The Far Side of the World.

10. **What makes a "good day" at school?**

Hard question, I think when the sun is out and on call is quiet meaning we can get into some of the deeper issues, Getting some work done is Space 180 is always a bonus!

11. **If you could pass on any wisdom to students, what would it be?**

Pick people who have a good influence on you. You are a reflection on who you spend the most time with.



Student achievements



Our students are proudly supporting strongMen. Alby took part in the Goodwood 5k run as part of our fundraising towards the upcoming Snowden challenge. He smashed his personal best, finishing in under 23 minutes. this achievement is something to be proud of

Twelve students recently spent the day at Chichester college representing Six Villages in the annual Chichester literacy quiz. They competed against teams from other secondary schools. They did a variety of preparation for this quiz and should be very proud of themselves.



Zachary was honoured with the role of squad commander, where he presented the rest of the units cadets to area officer commander Grindell followed by a party of three others from district level. This is an incredible achievement.

International Women's Day!



Ms Barber ran powerful and inspiring assemblies all throughout the week leading up to International Women's Day. This helped our students celebrate the importance of equality and empowerment. To finish the week, many of the staff wore "Girl Power" T-shirts, proudly showing their support and helping create a buzz around the school. Music was blasting from the courtyard from your favourite female powerhouses, which all the students enjoyed throughout the day.

We think it is so important to recognise and commemorate the women who fought so hard for equality and the women who are currently fighting for women all over the world!

We were so proud to celebrate the amazing women in our community and we hope you had an amazing International Women's Day.

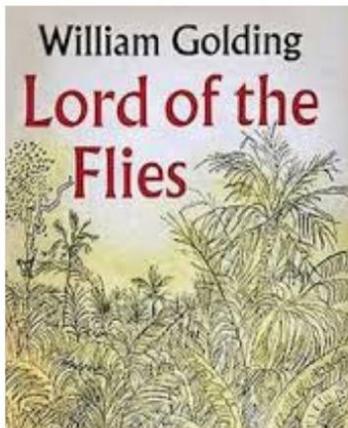
Spring has officially sprung at Six Villages.



Everyone is overjoyed to see the beautiful blossom on the trees in our courtyard. We are officially ready for spring.



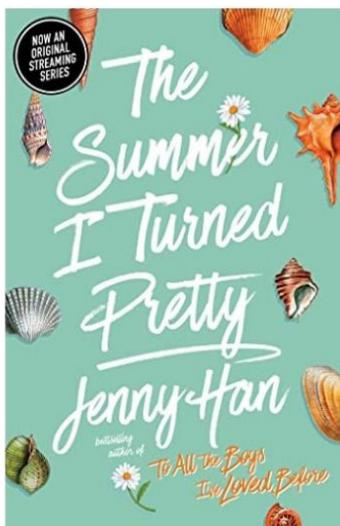
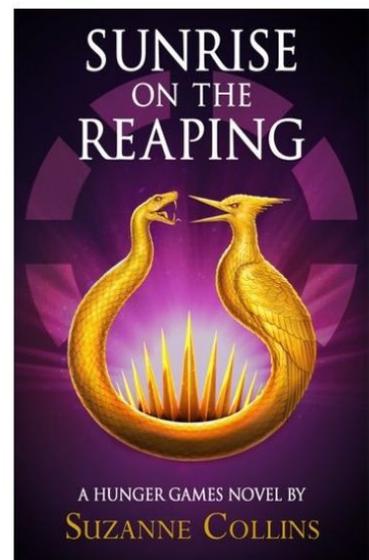
BOOK REVIEWS!



This classic survival story caught my attention quickly! I couldn't put it down. What a wonderful comment on our society.



Despite being the fifth book in the franchise, Sunrise On the Reaping was a refreshing read. Tragic, beautiful, and a perfect additon to the Hunger Games universe, this book meddled with my mind and tugged at my heartstrings!



What a read! Relatable amongst teenagers, reminiscent for adults, this tale of summer love, growing up, and complicated relationships is addictive to read.





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