



Danson Book Week 2025



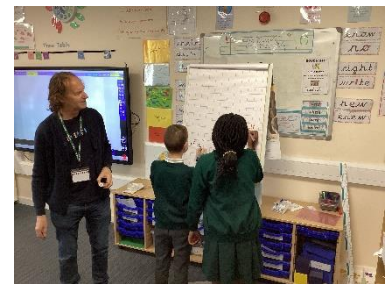
Dear Parents and Carers,

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 enthusiasm and enjoyment from the children as they immersed themselves in a variety of reading focused activities.

Author Visit

As part of our Book Week, we were delighted to welcome Alan Durant, an award winning author and poet who has written many children's books. During his visit, he delivered some inspiring and engaging assemblies to all year groups. Alan talked about how he became an author, his own writing journey and where he gets the inspiration for his writing. Everyone enjoyed listening to the performances of his poetry and the reading of one of his books.

Children in Years 2 and 4 participated in some motivational writing workshops with Alan. They were able to ask him some further questions about being an author and then created some of their own poems or stories with him. The children learnt a lot about the writing process and developing their creativity.



Whole School Text

During the week, the whole school read a book called, 'I Love Books' in their classes. The story is about a little girl who has been given the most unreasonable and impossible task ... to read a whole book in the school holidays. The problem is she hates books! The story finds her tumbling into a magical storybook world, which ignites a new passion that will last forever.



The children used the story as a stimulus for their own writing. This included narratives, diaries and spells. Following the writing process, the children planned, wrote, edited and then published their final pieces of writing, which resulted in some brilliant, imaginative pieces showcasing their writing ability.

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.



'Wooden Spoon Book Character' 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 wooden spoon! 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	Arlo
Year 1	Miraya
Year 2	Elsie
Year 3	Saygin
Year 4	Eleanor
Year 5	Sophie
Year 6	Alex



Reading Photographs

Thank you to all those that posted photographs of the children reading in their favourite place or an unusual place. We had some wonderful photographs that will create a display in our library showing that everyone at Danson loves to read.



Book Fair

The Book Fair was held after school from the 28th February 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 £2000 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 in Gretel's basket was William in Dahl Class who guessed 130. The actual number was 133.

Book Raffle

The winners of the book raffle were:

Reception	Margaret
Year 1	Leon
Year 2	Elsie
Year 3	Isa
Year 4	Ivy
Year 5	Betsy
Year 6	Alex

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

World Book Day

On Friday 7th 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	Seb	Jayden
Elm	Sophie	
Oak	Ralph	
Year 1		
Owl	Sara	Harper
Robin	Isabelle	
Sparrow	Daphne	
Year 2		
Nightingale	Daniel	William
Pepys	Dalya	
Shackleton	Aliia	
Year 3		
Barfield	Maggie	Chloe
Brunel	Thomas	
Kapoor	Ethan	
Year 4		
Blackman	Eleanor	Elif
Dahl	Roman	
Rowling	Joshua	
Year 5		
Elizabeth	Rey	Lola
Henry	Ruby	
Victoria	Isobel & Aurelia	
Year 6		
Darwin	Rose	Lyla
Franklin	Fraser	
Hawking	Ahkyn	



It was a fantastic couple of weeks celebrating a love of reading and books 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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