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2 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I am excited to inform you that all Year 7 students have been invited to take part in a **Guinness World Record** attempt taking place at Portsmouth Football Club on World Book Day, Thursday 5 March 2026.

As part of the Portsmouth 100 celebrations marking 100 years of Portsmouth having city status, Portsmouth Creates is hosting the 'World's Largest Reading Lesson'. They aim to beat current record of 11,137, set by China in 2017, by inviting 12,000 children and young people to Fratton Park in what promises to be an extraordinary once-in-a-lifetime event.

Delivered in partnership with Portsmouth Football Club and Portsmouth Libraries, the lesson (including entertainment) will unite pupils from across the city in a memorable experience that strengthen pride, confidence and enthusiasm for reading.

Transport to/and from the event will be £5.00 per student, thanks to the school covering the remaining cost of the coach travel.

If you would like your child to attend the trip, I would be grateful if you could return the permission slip below along with payment of £5.00 to school reception by **9 February 2026**. Students will be required to wear full school uniform.

This is a fantastic opportunity, and I hope your child will be able to take part in this exciting and historical reading moment.

Yours faithfully

Ann-Marie Hucklebridge  
(Library Manager)

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**'The World's Largest Reading Lesson' at Fratton Park on Thursday 5 March 2026.**

I give permission for my child ..... (print name) to attend the above trip.

I enclose £5.00 as payment for my child's ticket.

Parent/Carer signature: ..... Date: .....

Emergency contact number: .....

Reply by 09/02/2026 AMH



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