

THEME

Roald Dahl Day

Roald Dahl (13 September 1916 – 23 November 1990) was a British novelist, short story writer, poet, screenwriter, and fighter pilot. His books have sold over 250 million copies worldwide. Born in Wales to Norwegian parents, Dahl served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War, in which he became a flying ace and intelligence officer, rising to the rank of acting wing commander. He rose to prominence in the 1940s with works for both children and adults and he became one of the world's best-selling authors. He has been referred to as "one of the greatest storytellers for children of the 20th century". His awards for contribution to literature include the 1983 World Fantasy Award for Life Achievement, and the British Book Awards' Children's Author of the Year in 1990. In 2008, *The Times* placed Dahl 16th on its list of "The 50 greatest British writers since 1945".

Dahl's short stories are known for their unexpected endings and his children's books for their unsentimental, macabre, often darkly comic mood, featuring villainous adult enemies of the child characters. His books champion the kind-hearted, and feature an underlying warm sentiment. Dahl's works for children include *James and the Giant Peach*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, *The Witches*, *Fantastic Mr Fox*, *The BFG*, *The Twits* and *George's Marvellous Medicine*.



Clips to watch

What is your favourite Roald Dahl book?

RELATES TO US

What does this day mean for us?

Roald Dahl said, "If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely." Roald Dahl day celebrates his work and this year it is celebrating a hundred years of Roald Dahl. It links to last week's theme for international literacy day encouraging us all to read more, so maybe we should pick up one of his books to read. But at the heart of most of his books are the relationships between the adults in a child's life. Whether it Mrs Trunchbull and Matilda, or George and his grandma. Maybe this week we can work hard at these relationships to make them more positive.

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Lord, we place these people and situations before you and ask you to help. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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BIBLICAL LINK

During sacred Time this year, we are going to look at key events in the Bible to deepen our understanding of the Bible and Christianity. The next key event in the Bible is human rebellion, in Genesis 3. This is known as the fall. When Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden, they were told by God not to eat the fruit from a specific tree. The garden was paradise, perfection in the world. However, over time, they were became tempted by the devil in the form of a serpent to eat from the tree. They did, they took the fruit. God was angry, he banished them from the garden. From that point on, God is a vengeful God in the Old Testament, and punishes humans for their mistakes. Their relationship is damaged. So much so, when we are born, we are born with this original sin from Adam and Eve.

Key Questions and activities....

Why did Adam and Eve eat the fruit?
What happened next?

Who or what mends the relationship between humans and God?



Sacred time this week can link to the British Value of **mutual respect and tolerance**. This is because on Sunday it was Education Sunday. This is where we celebrate, pray and give thanks for all students and staff and as a school we strive for all us to show mutual respect to others no matter what. We show tolerance to people of differing faiths or no faith at all because we recognise that we are all created in God's image and are equal.

PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, Divine creator, true source of light, fountain of wisdom! Pour forth your brilliance upon my dense intellect, dissipate the darkness which covers me, that of sin and of ignorance. Grant me a penetrating mind to understand, a retentive memory, method and ease in learning, the lucidity to comprehend, and abundant grace in expressing myself. Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion. This I ask through Jesus Christ, true God and true man, living and reigning with You and the Father, forever and ever. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

DAILY BIBLE READING