



# TRANSITION TEXT TIMELINE



## JUNE 2025

The chosen text, *The Wild Robot*, is launched in our feeder primary schools with a bespoke lesson that acts as a 'pre-read' to the July transition lessons where students are gifted the book. This lesson not only introduces the text but also begins to develop oracy skills in our future students by exposing them to our bespoke oracy roles

## MARCH 2025

Year 6 students vote to select a transition text. The voting process enables students to invest in a text that they would like to read. Research has shown the importance of disadvantaged students receiving a **new** book as the majority of PP students have never been gifted or owned a brand new book. As an academy, we are investing in our students whilst also actively encouraging reading for pleasure

## JULY 2025

Year 6 students receive their new book during their 3 day transition to Sir Thomas Wharton Academy. Students begin reading the text with an English teacher who will also introduce the summer reading challenge and provide resources to encourage engagement. Students also receive a bespoke bookmark and reading log. The transition text has links to the KS2 curriculum and echoes Ted Hughes' *Iron Man* (a text that is often taught at KS2). *The Wild Robot* is a science fiction text that explores the natural world, which links to our first core text *A Kestrel for a Knave*, and the technological world

## JUNE 2025

The *Transition Handbook* is shared with parents. Within the handbook, there are reading challenges that are centred around the reading of *The Wild Robot*. Students who complete their summer reading challenge will be entered into a prize draw. This is shared with parents at this point in the year in order to secure investment of reading

## AUGUST 2025

During the summer holidays, our social media accounts will post each week of the Summer Reading Challenge. Content on social media will also promote the text with images of staff reading with their children and audio snippets of the text being read aloud

## SEPTEMBER 2025

Year 7 students submit their book reviews and exchange their transition book for a different book (from the current book swap stock). This could take place on the Year 7 Investment in Learning evening

## OCTOBER 2025

Year 7 can return the books to be used by post16 reading buddies for low ability readers across KS3. These books could also be used as a part of the reading buddies elective. There is also a potential for these texts to be used in Y8 tutor time, reading lessons and reading intervention

## MARCH 2026

Year 7 students can donate their transition texts as part of the World Book Day Book Swap. This can also be shared to include the entirety of KS3

