



Reading Newsletter

Welcome to our Spring Term Reading Newsletter, bringing together our reading news for this term.



Our class reads ...



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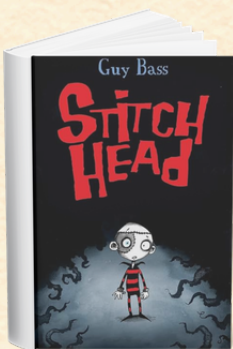
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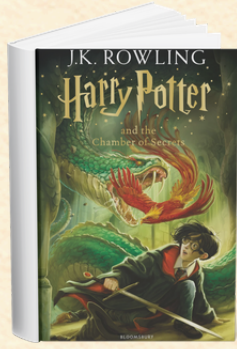
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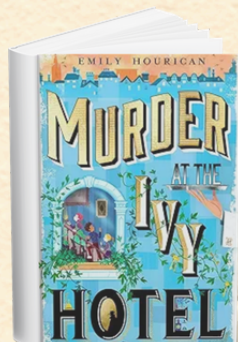
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LIBRARY

News




We have purchased lots of new graphic novels which will soon be added to our school library.

Children visit the library once a week to change their library book. Please encourage your child to bring their library book into school on their day to visit the library.

Library Days

Year 3: Tuesday
Year 4: Thursday
Year 5: Monday
Year 6: Friday



Reading Ambassadors

A librarian from the School Library Service will be visiting us on **Thursday 26th February** to train our Reading Ambassadors as Junior Librarians.

Our Reading Ambassadors will be recommending books to the rest of the school during our World Book Day Assembly on **Thursday 5th March**.

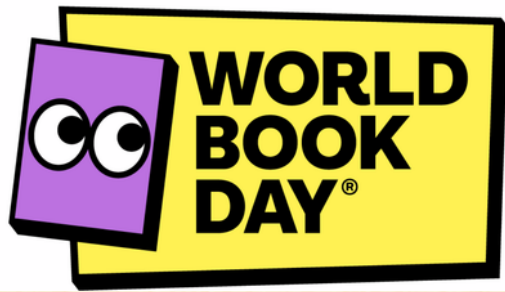


Reading Tips!

Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves. (And don't worry if they keep returning to the same story, either!)

Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.

Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.



World Book Day tokens for 2026 are available in Basingstoke from **Thursday, February 12, to Sunday, March 15, 2026.**

These tokens can be exchanged for special £1 books or used for £1 off full-price books.



All children have been given a **£1 World Book Day voucher** by their class teacher.

Retailers such as Waterstones, The Works and major supermarkets should have copies of the World Book Day £1 books.

We'd love the children to bring the book they have bought with their World Book Day token in to school after half term.

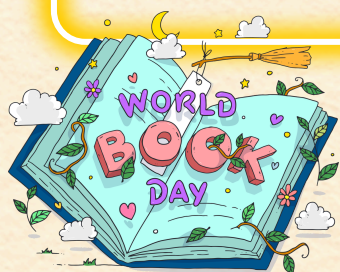
World Book Day is all about helping children enjoy reading in their own way – whether that's sharing stories together, listening to audiobooks, reading comics, or dipping into non-fiction.

You can find ideas, resources and practical information to help you make the most of World Book Day with your family at:

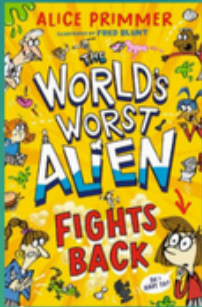
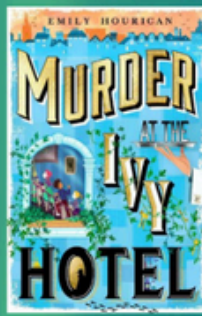
<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

In school, we will be celebrating **World Book Day** with a range of activities including:

- Dressing the classroom door with our class read
- Virtual author visits
- Connecting as readers through writing a shared school story
- Decorating a wooden spoon as a favourite book character
- Starting a class Reading Scrapbook.

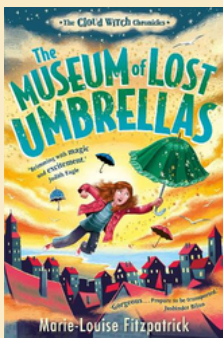


FEBRUARY MIDDLE-GRADE RELEASES...



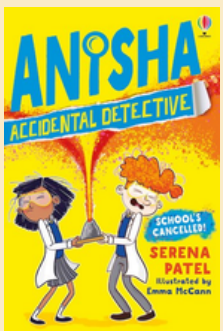
Mrs Rees recommends ...

The Museum of Lost Umbrellas is the first book in *The Cloud Witch Chronicles*, a new fantasy series for middle-grade readers. It's an utterly captivating, deliciously cosy read, but with swirls of danger, that took me on the most incredible adventure to an unforgettable, magical island in the heart of the Celtic Sea. Your paragraph text



Fly, up, up, up and away into a mesmerising, magical world, brimming with heart and warmth, with danger and daring, a world where adventure and excitement await ... perfect for children of 8+.

Anisha Accidental Detective: School's Cancelled is the second book in this delightful series, which can be read in any order.



This is an incredibly fun, warm and clever mystery which is perfect for younger readers who will become immersed in the antics of these schoolchildren – laughs guaranteed – and in Anisha's truly wonderful family.

COMPETITION

Years 3 & 4

Years 5 & 6



The House with Chicken Legs Runs Away is a proof copy. The book will not be available in shops until April 2026.

TO ENTER:

Read, or listen to, a book of your choice and create a **new** front cover and **blurb** for the book. You could fold a piece of A4 paper in half and create the cover on the front and write the blurb on the back.

Bring your new cover in to school by **27th February** and give it to your class teacher. A panel of teachers will judge the entries and the two winners will be announced on World Book Day, 5th March.