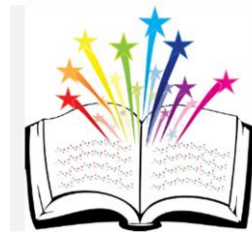


Reading Newsletter



How is it March already! We have had another busy term filled with all things reading. The term's highlight was of course, our World Book Day celebrations. Children (and staff!) once again showcased their creativity and literary expertise in their costumes. It's always a highlight of the school calendar. A huge well done to all children who have filled up their Reading for Pleasure pages of the HSO for Spring term. There's still time to update these pages before the term ends if you haven't already done so ☺.

Well done to this term's raffle winners:

Reception: Mia-Mei, Otilie & Martha

Year 1: Charles, Gideon & Joshua

Year 2: Ellie, Charlie & Evelyn

Year 3: Oscar, Isla & Tabby

Year 4: Lily R-D, Owen & Olivia

Year 5: Andreus, Isabelle & Emily

Year 6: Rosie, Edward, Hannah & Joe



Each winner has received a **£5 book token** to spend in Waterstones. Huge congratulations also to the **366 children** across the school who, as part of our celebratory reading assembly, received a certificate in recognition of reading consistently on at least 5 occasions each week. **That's 29 more than last term!** A whopping 76 children in Reception received certificates! **AMAZING.**

Can we end our academic year with an even higher summer total? With a record year? Start sharing the great books that you've read to inspire more readers among us.



Turtle Moon by Hannah Gold



It is no secret that I am a huge fan of this author. She writes so beautifully and her books are so thoughtfully scattered with illustrations by Levi Pinfold. This latest release will be on my reading list over the summer months: A journey into the heart of the jungle in another unforgettable adventure.

Diary Of A Big Bad Wolf by Ben Miller



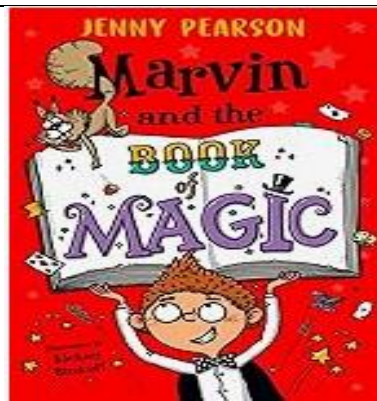
Hot off the press (released on 14th March) – have you grabbed your copy of this brand-new Fairytale Diary? The big, bad wolf hasn't had a great winter. He's cold, lonely and hungry ... But things are about to change as he takes Fairytale Woods by STORM!

The **2024 Read for Empathy collection** has been LAUNCHED! 65 books for 3-16 year olds, all selected to help build empathy, understanding and skills.



<https://www.empathylab.uk/RFE-2024>

	<p><u>Rainbowsaurus by Steve Antony</u></p> <p>Due for release in May, this is likely to fast become a new favourite for younger children who love the classic story: ‘We’re Going On A Bear Hunt’. Join this family as they set off in search of the Rainbowsaurus. Featuring a repetitive chorus and onomatopoeia for younger readers to join in with.</p> <p><i>‘We’re following a rainbow to find the Rainbowsaurus. We’re following a rainbow. Would you like to join us?’</i></p> <p>A must read for younger children.</p>
	<p><u>Please by Simon Philip and Nathan Reed</u></p> <p>Released in January, this is a riotous tale about the importance of ‘please’. When Bill forgets to use the magic word things take a surreal turn ... A fun way to introduce and discuss manners with younger children that will have everybody giggling and trying to guess what will happen to Bill next.</p> <p>A must read for younger children.</p>
	<p><u>Arlo The Lion Who Couldn't Sleep by Catherine Rayner</u></p> <p>Arlo the lion is exhausted. He just can't drop off, no matter what he tries. It's either too hot, or too cold; too loud or too quiet. But then he meets Owl. Perhaps his new friend has some special tricks she can teach him to help him sleep. Catherine Rayner's beautiful illustrations combined with a gentle and relatable mindfulness message makes this a timeless picture book.</p> <p>A must read picture book that will become a classic.</p>
	<p><u>Unicorn Boy by Dave Roman</u></p> <p>Another book hot off the press, Unicorn Boy is the first in a colourful, hilarious and heart-warming graphic novel series about a shy boy who unwillingly sprouts a unicorn horn and uses his newfound magical powers to help those in need. A perfect read for those moving on from Dog Man or for fans of Jamie Smart.</p> <p>A must read for graphic novel fans in KS1 children.</p>
	<p><u>How Do Meerkats Order Pizza? by Brooke Barker</u></p> <p>Released in January, this fun, highly illustrated non-fiction book features all of the facts about animals that you didn't know that you needed to know! Also it looks at the scientists who put in the work and investigations to find out these bizarre facts.</p> <p>Packed with fascinating facts, this hilarious book reveals secrets like why roosters crow and how meerkats make decisions as a group – and how humans can better understand the wild creatures we share the world with.</p> <p>Great fun and a must read in KS1 and LKS2.</p>
	<p><u>Nina Peanut Is Amazing by Sarah Bowie</u></p> <p>For fans of Lottie Brooks and Dork Diaries, Nina Peanut is a must read! Only released on 14th March, get ready to meet Nina Peanut: super-star in the making, frozen pizza chef, creative genius and owner of the world's stinkiest cat! The funniest new friend for all kids, everywhere.</p> <p>This new release is described as hilariously funny, with themes of friendship/frenemies, big dreams, brilliant pets: hours of reading fun guaranteed.</p> <p>A great read for Year 2 children and LKS2</p>

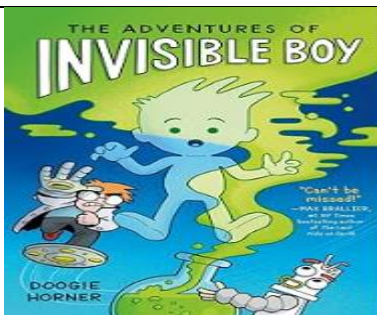


Marvin and the Book of Magic by Jenny Pearson and Aleksei Bitskoff

Barrington Stoke aim to make every child a reader by making more accessible books for those that may struggle. Released in January, they've teamed up with author, Jenny Pearson, to publish this amazingly funny story of magic. After being humiliated by a squirrel on national TV, Marvin vows never to do magic again. But can his friend and a magic book convince him to step back on stage?

A hilarious and heartfelt tale to showcase the magic that can be found in true friendship.

The perfect book to inspire the more reluctant readers of KS1 and KS2.

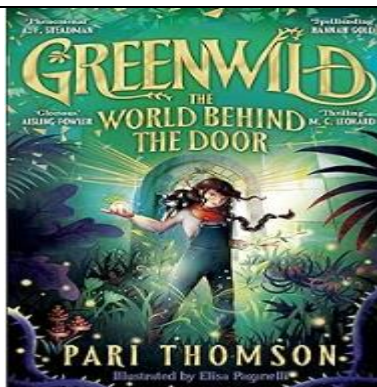


The Adventures of Invisible Boy by Doogie Horner

Think your wildest wish can't come true? Just wait!

Another great graphic novel released in 2024! It is Stanley's first day at school and he wishes that he was invisible ... but he's not ready for it to ACTUALLY happen! When a potion is spilt on him, he turns invisible. The only problem is, he's not the only one! Luckily, Stanley decides to use his new power for good! Get ready for a battle of the ages!

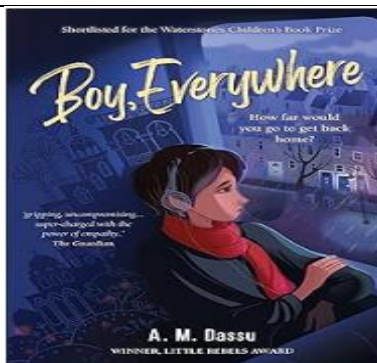
A must read for our graphic novel enthusiasts across KS2.



Greenwild The World Behind The Door by Pari Thomson

This book has already taken the children's book market by storm, described as 'a masterclass in how to write a timeless adventure story with a spot-on political message'. Daisy Thistledown has escaped from boarding school and has a mystery to solve. Her search for her missing mother will lead her across London and through a hidden doorway to another world, filled with plants and bursting with magic: The Greenwild. Open the door to a spellbinding world where the wilderness is alive and a deep magic rises from the earth itself ...

A must read for every child in KS2.



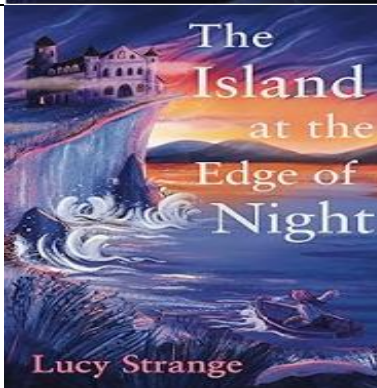
Boy Everywhere by A.M. Dassu

This powerful and pertinent story is an essential read for all of Year 6.

The story chronicles the harrowing journey taken by Sami and his family from privilege to poverty, across countries and continents, from a comfortable life in Damascus, via a smuggler's den in Turkey, to a prison in Manchester.

A story of survival, of family and of bravery.

A highly recommended read for all of Year 6.



The Island at the Edge of Night by Lucy Strange

Due for release in April 2024, this is certainly one to add to your summer reading list. There are a handful of children's authors who automatically get promoted to the top of the 'to be read' pile. Lucy Strange is one of them. She writes thrilling, compelling, stories full of atmosphere and intrigue.

This latest release is described as a masterful blend of thrilling Gothic mystery, a touch of magical realism and stunning writing, all wrapped up in a twisty-turning plot. Storytelling at its very best.

A must read for UKS2.



Our next Book Fair is all booked for the week commencing
13th May 2024.

We are pleased to announce that we have secured
 a special 3 for 2 offer
 on all book purchases made throughout the event.

With a great range of books available for all ages, your support helps to earn free books for our school. During Spring Term, thanks to your previous book fair support, we have been able to order over £1200 worth of free new books to update our libraries and classrooms.

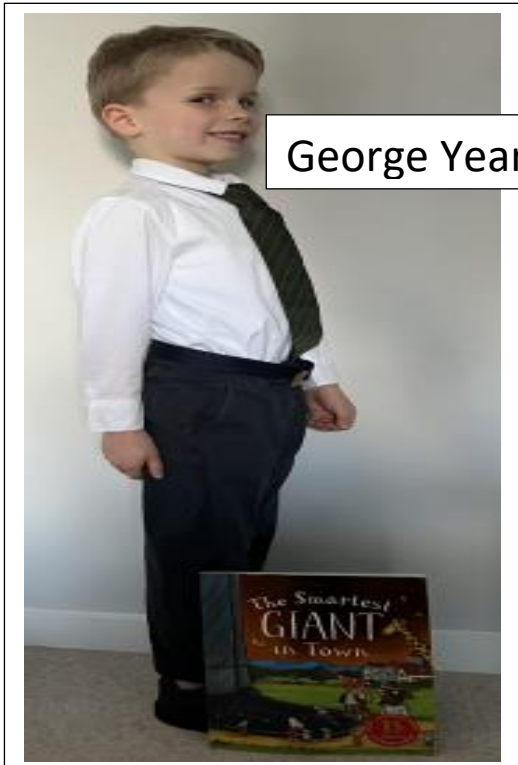


Solihull Children's Book Club also kindly donated some wonderful books in thanks for our participation throughout the year with various book awards 😊.

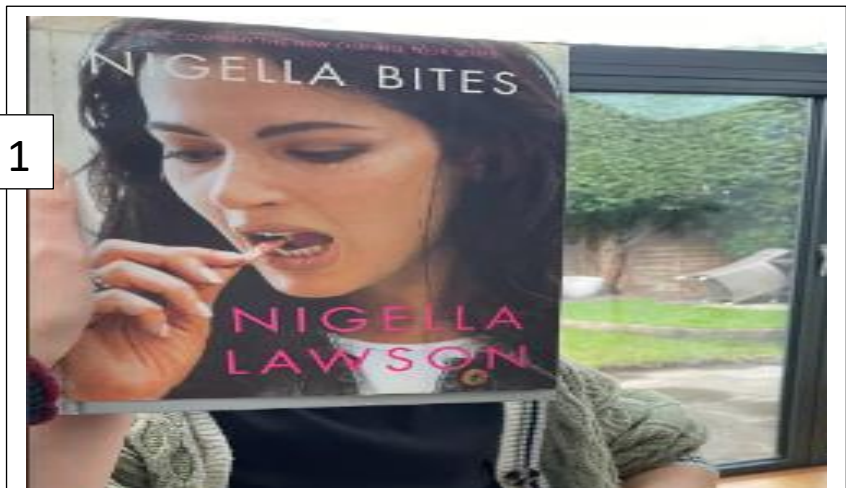
Thank you and we look forward to seeing you again in May 😊.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMPETITION WINNERS.

There were so many fantastic entries sent in! Our winners each receive a £5 book voucher. Well done!

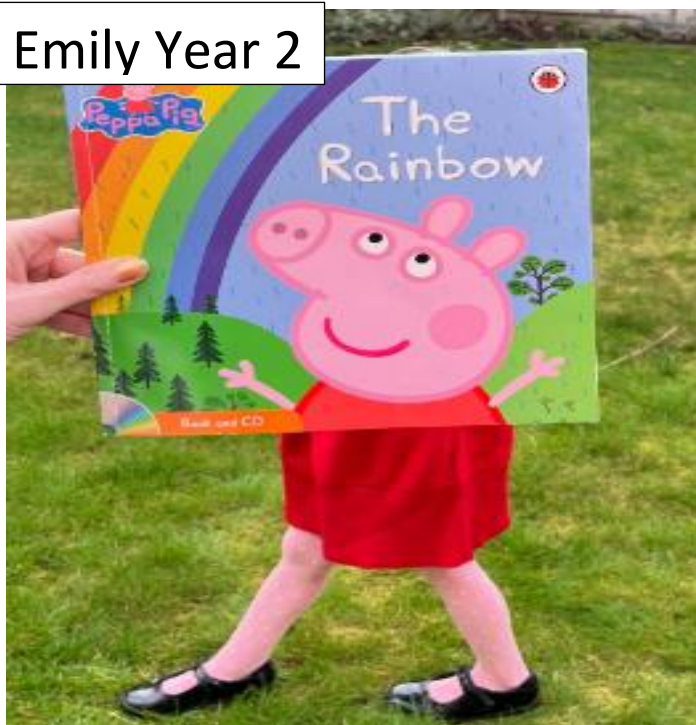


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