

# BOOKWORM

CODDINGTON'S READING NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome back, to a blooming term!



Hello, Bookworms! 📖✨

Wow—what a fantastic Spring Term it's been! We've had a whirlwind of bookish fun, from virtual author visits and draw-alongs with incredible illustrators to real-life author visits and an unforgettable World Book Day! The excitement for reading has been truly contagious—I've seen so many students immersed in books, sharing their favorites, and buzzing with enthusiasm.

Graphic novels are absolutely booming in popularity (Dog Man, we're looking at you!), and some super-enthusiastic students had a brilliant idea—a Graphic Novel Club! Mrs. Swift loved the suggestion and is looking into launching it this summer. How amazing would it be to create your own graphic novel?! 📖🎨

A huge round of applause for our incredible Reading Ambassadors! 🙌 They've been superstars—running the Tuesday lunchtime Book Club, organizing World Book Day events, helping judge the Reading Poster competition, and even giving our visiting author a warm welcome and tour. I couldn't be prouder of their dedication!

And if that wasn't exciting enough, we now have a beautiful new outdoor classroom—the perfect, peaceful spot for storytelling and reading adventures. I can't wait to see it filled with eager readers!

Happy reading, everyone!

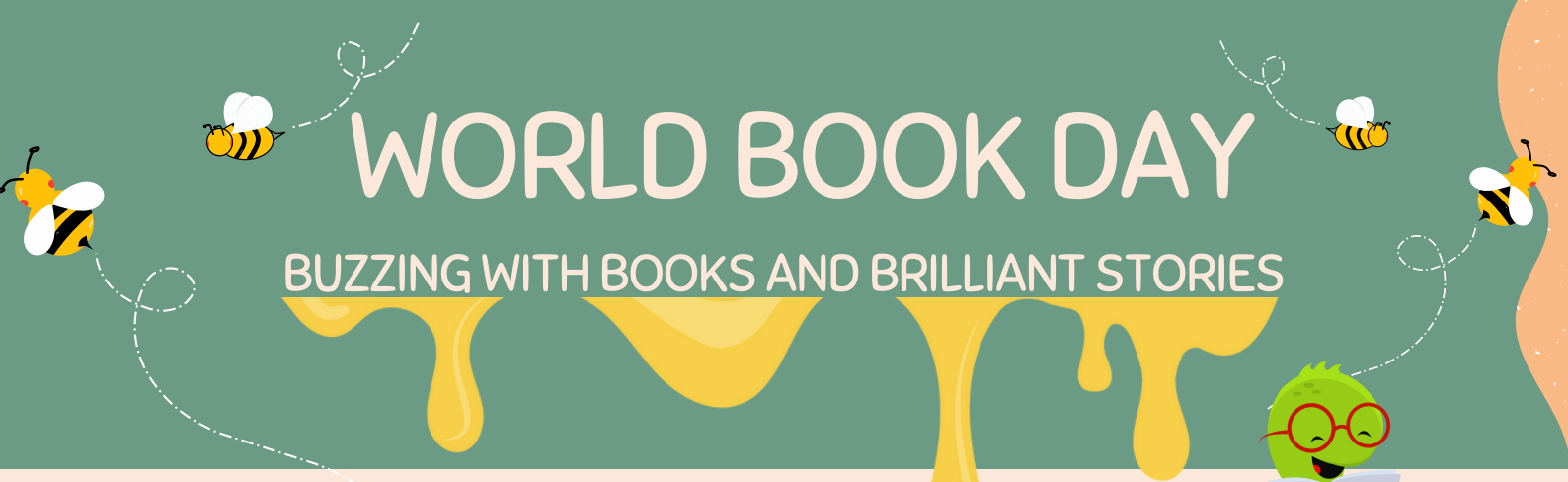
📖 Mrs. Evans



## 100 Reads Challenge Winners

A huge congratulations to our superstar readers! Some children have reached an incredible milestone—completing their 100 Reading Challenge and now setting their sights on the 200 Reading Challenge! Your dedication and love for reading are truly inspiring—keep going, you're amazing!





World Book Day was pure magic!

From the moment the children arrived on Wednesday, 6th March, the school was alive with excitement! Dressed in fantastic costumes and cozy pajamas, both students and staff embraced the spirit of the day. But the real showstoppers? The incredible Story Spoons that appeared that morning! The creativity and effort put into them were absolutely breathtaking, making it nearly impossible to pick a favorite.

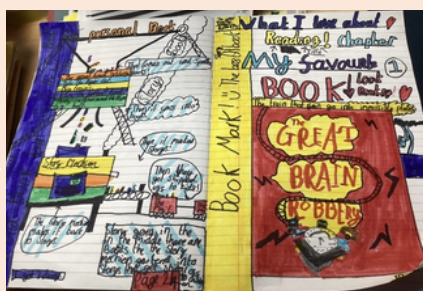
Throughout the day, the love of reading shone brightly. Classrooms were filled with laughter and storytelling as children teamed up with different year groups to share their favorite bedtime stories, bringing books to life in the most heartwarming way. The energy continued as students poured their passion for reading into vibrant posters for a special competition, carefully judged by our dedicated Reading Ambassadors. And, of course, there was nothing better than discovering a brand-new picture book together, sparking fresh excitement and endless imagination.

World Book Day wasn't just a celebration—it was a reminder of the magic that books bring to our lives. What an unforgettable day!

A huge thank you to all the parents who helped make the day so special—whether it was putting together costumes, creating stunning Story Spoons, or encouraging a love of reading at home. Your support and enthusiasm truly help make World Book Day a magical experience for the children!

## World Book Day Competition Winners!

A huge well done to all the children who created incredible Story Spoons—the creativity was amazing! Every single entry was unique and showed such imagination, making it an absolute delight to see them all. Special congratulations to our winners: Avery Taylor (EYFS), Finley Shelton (KS1), Brooke Gamwell (LKS2), and Lilly Hey (UKS2)! Your designs were outstanding!



Another big congratulations to our poster competition winners, who beautifully shared their love for reading! Every entry was full of passion and creativity—well done to all who took part!



# WORLD BOOK DAY

A SNAP SHOT OF A STORY-FILLED DAY!





# READ LIKE...

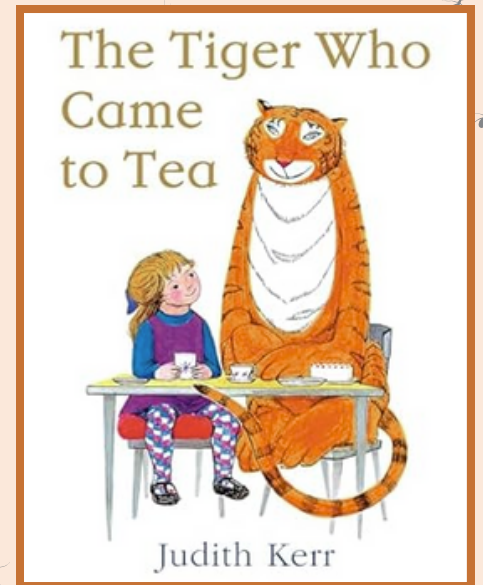
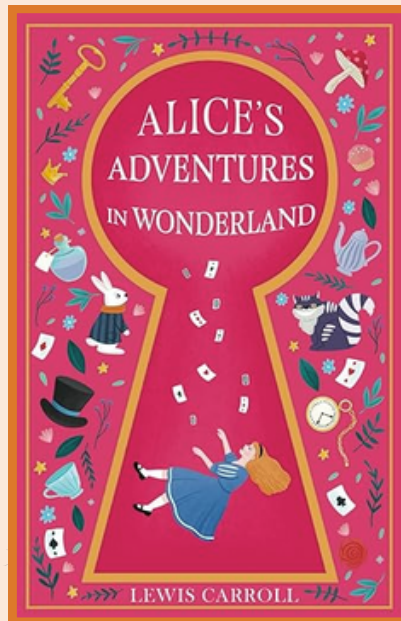
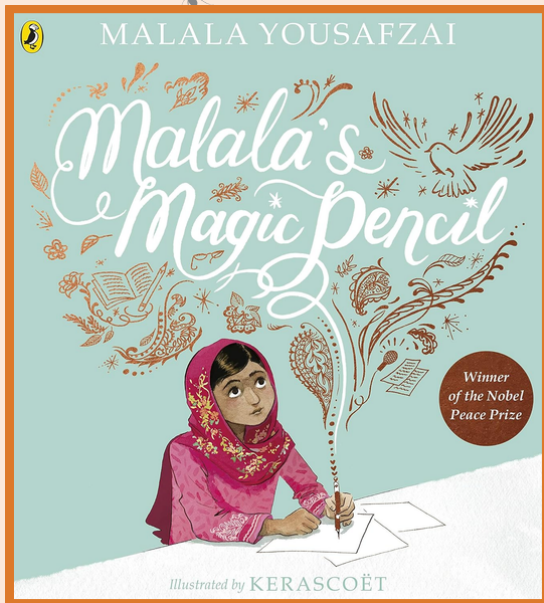
## Miss Hall



### Inspirational

### Whimsical

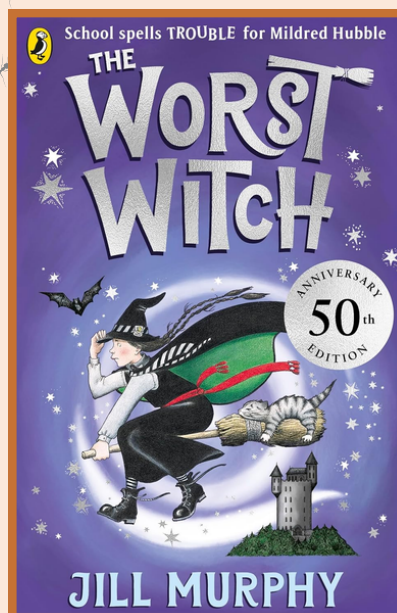
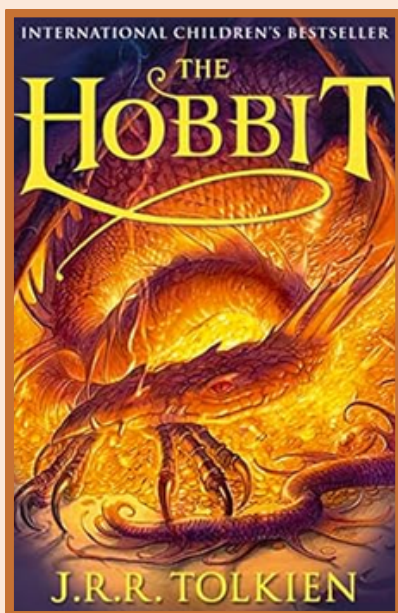
### Cheeky



### Fantastical

### Magical

### Futuristic



## BOOKS THAT WILL HAVE YOU CRAWLING BACK FOR MORE!

# EMMA OLDHAM

## ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHOR VISIT



World Book Day Kicked Off with an Ocean Adventure!

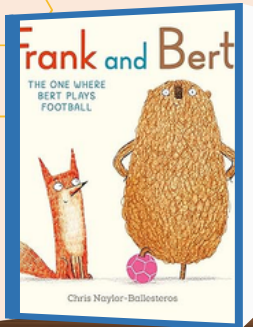
On Tuesday, 6th March, we dived headfirst into our World Book Day celebrations with an exciting visit from local environmental author Emma Oldham! The children were captivated as they met Sammy the Whale and embarked on an unforgettable adventure with Arry, the young hero who showed us that we all have special powers to help protect our planet.

Through Emma's storytelling, we explored the wonders of the ocean, discovered incredible marine animals, and felt truly inspired to take better care of our world. It was a fantastic way to kick-start our celebrations—full of adventure, learning, and a powerful message about making a difference!

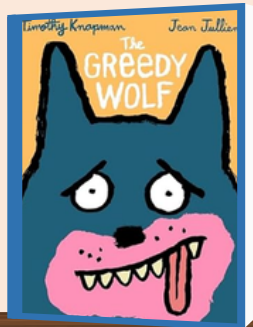


# BOOK BUZZ

## UN-BEE-LIEVABLE READS



3+



3+



4+



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Not Sure What to Read Next? We've Got You!

Loved Diary of a Wimpy Kid or David Walliams' books but don't know what to read next? Check out these great recommendations! If you need more ideas, just ask—I'd love to help!



If you would like to write a review to feature in Bookworms please send these to Mrs Evans. Remember to include the title and author as well as your name and your year group.

# BUGGING OUT WITH BOOKS

THE BENEGITS OF READING AT HOME



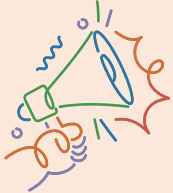
You can never have too many books!

Did you know? Children with 100 books at home perform **1.5 years ahead** in school! And those who grow up surrounded by 500 books soar an incredible **3.2 years ahead** in their education!

Every book counts—keep building those brilliant home libraries!

Why should you **READ?!**





# Announcements



## Waterstones Children's Book Prize Winners 2025

### BEST ILLUSTRATED BOOK AND OVERALL WINNER

'Super-duper creative, and a joy to read aloud!'

Ella-Mae at Lewes

BOOKSELLER REVIEW

'The illustrations are eye-catchingly wonderful.'

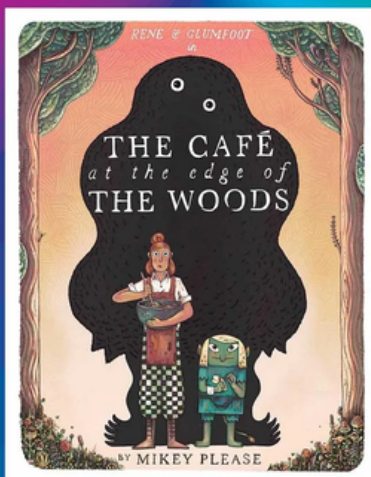
Dominic at Lancaster

BOOKSELLER REVIEW

'A fun and imaginative rhyming story.'

Jules at Market Harborough

BOOKSELLER REVIEW



'Perfectly designed to appeal to younger children.'

Helen at Scarborough

BOOKSELLER REVIEW

'Clever, funny, sweet and utterly original.'

Rachel at Canterbury

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'Captures adorable characters which spark children's imaginations.'

Rosie at Bracknell

BOOKSELLER REVIEW



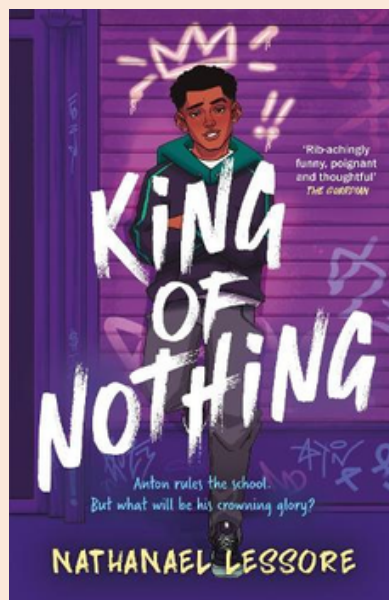
### BEST BOOK FOR YOUNGER READERS WINNER



Rune: The Tale of a Thousand Faces  
Genre – Graphic Novel, magical, adventure  
Age – 8+

A gorgeously quirky, magical and inclusive graphic novel, Rune finds two friends pursued by bullies escape into an untrodden forest and pass through a portal into another realm, where a whole new adventure begins.

### BEST BOOK FOR OLDER READERS WINNER



King of Nothing  
Genre – Heartwarming teen comedy  
Age – 11+

A worried mum makes his rowdy son join local activity group Happy Campers and the results are altogether unexpected in this funny and heartwarming story of friendship and rearranged priorities, perfect for fans of Alex Wheatle and Jason Reynolds.

## Upcoming Events

2nd April – International Children's Book Day  
23rd April – Talk like Shakespeare Day  
May – Book Award Winners: Picture Book Awards  
June – Pride Month and Book Award Winners: CILIP Carnegie and YA Book Prize.  
5th June – World Environment Day  
July – Summer Reading Challenge  
July – Book Awards: Sparks, UKLA

## Mobile Library Visits

4th April – Year 3 and Year 1  
2nd May – Year 4 and Year 2  
27th June – Year 5 and Year 1  
25th July Year 3 and Year 2

