BOOKWORM

CODDINGTON'S READING NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2 – 2026

Bookworms, I've Missed You!

Hello, Bookworms!

I am so excited to be back for the second half of the summer term! One of the first things I noticed was that the fantastic book buzz around school is still going strong. It sounds like you've had an incredible year full of reading adventures, from author visits and World Book Day to book competitions, book fairs and the famous Coddolicious Bar.

A huge congratulations to everyone who won a prize through the Coddolicious Bars – I hope your chocolate tasted even sweeter after your lucky win!

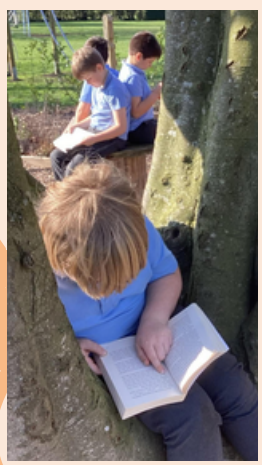
A massive thank you to Mrs Swift for organising so many wonderful reading events and keeping the magic of reading alive while I was away. Thank you also to Miss Hall for running the KS1 Book Club and book cover competition, and to our fantastic Reading Ambassadors for giving up their lunchtimes to support younger readers and share their love of books. Thank you too to Friends of Coddington for helping to make reading even more exciting through the Coddolicious Bars.

And the excitement isn't over yet! We still have lots to look forward to this half term, including exciting virtual author visits, more opportunities to celebrate reading and plenty of chances to discover brilliant new books and share our love of stories together.

As we race towards the summer holidays, I can't wait to hear all about the books you've been enjoying, celebrate more reading successes and discover some new favourites together. Whether you're already a bookworm or still searching for that perfect story, there's a book out there waiting for you.

So grab a book, find a cosy spot and get ready for another fantastic half term of reading adventures!

Happy reading!
Mrs Evans 📚✨






WORLD BOOK DAY

CELEBRATING STORIES, IMAGINATION AND READING

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration of reading!
The school was filled with amazing costumes as children dressed up as their favourite book characters and enjoyed the excitement of finding golden tickets hidden in the Coddolicious chocolate bars.

To make the week even more special, we welcomed author Alice Harman, who shared her experiences of being an author and explained the process of writing her books. Children then had the opportunity to put their own ideas down on paper and take their first steps as authors themselves!

What a brilliant week of books, imagination and reading adventures! 📚🌟

















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BUZZ INTO THE LIBRARY!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

Looking for a summer reading adventure? The Summer Reading Challenge 2026 launches on Saturday 4th July and this year's exciting theme is Read to the Beat!

The challenge celebrates the connection between stories and music, showing how both can spark your imagination, creativity and love of adventure.

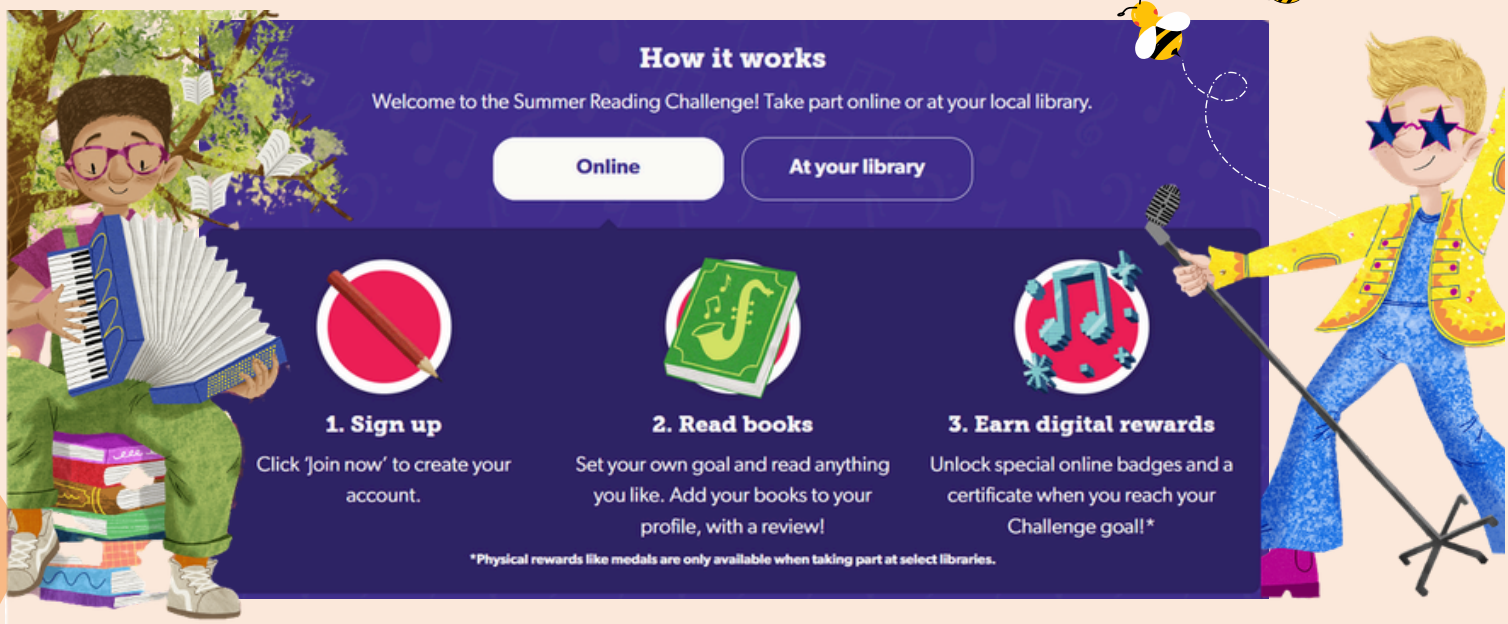
Taking part is easy! Ask a grown-up to help you sign up online (https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/) or visit your local library. Then set yourself a reading goal – whether that's 3, 6, 10 or even more books!

As you read, you'll collect rewards, badges and stickers, and you'll earn a special certificate when you complete the challenge.

Don't forget to bring your certificate into school in September so we can celebrate your amazing reading achievement together!

So grab a book, find a sunny spot and get ready to Read to the Beat this summer! ☀️📖🎶





For other library events visit: https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-families/

BOOK BUZZ

UN-BEE-LIEVABLE READS



READ to the BEAT

🎵 Hey, reading rockstars! 🎵

Ready to get your imagination dancing? Whether you love exciting adventures, magical worlds or fascinating facts, there's a book for everyone.

Take a look below at this year's Read to the Beat book collection and get inspired for your next reading adventure! 📚🎶

Younger Readers (ages 4–7)











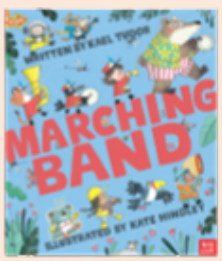




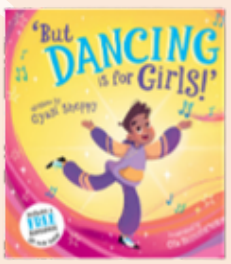












Older Readers (ages 8–11)













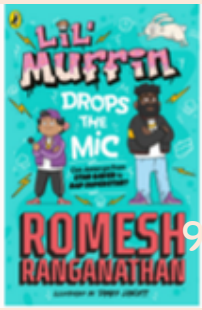
















For the full list visit the Reading Agency website: https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/read-to-the-beat-books-landing

BOOK AWARDS

HOP INTO THIS YEAR'S AWARD-WINNING READS 2026

Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2026 Winners

Every year, the Waterstones Children's Book Prize celebrates some of the best new books for young readers.

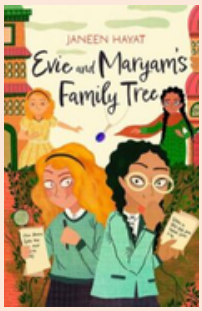
Here are this year's winners:





Illustrated Books Winner & Overall Winner

Sleep Tight, Disgusting Blob by Huw Aaron
Ages 4–7
This funny and imaginative picture book follows a parent Blob telling bedtime stories about mysterious creatures like yetis and minotaurs. Packed with humour, rhyming text and brilliant illustrations, it was also crowned the overall winner of the 2026 prize.

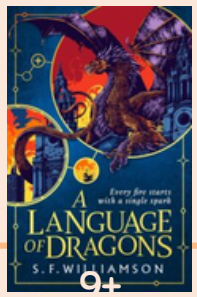


Younger Readers Winner

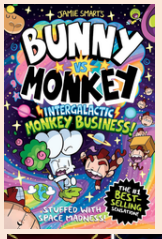
Evie and Maryam's Family Tree by Janeen Hayat
Ages 8–12
A heartwarming story about two girls who discover an unexpected family connection while learning about their family histories. The book explores friendship, identity and the importance of understanding the past.

Older Readers Winner

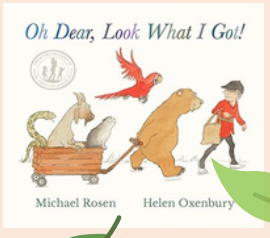
A Language of Dragons by S. F. Williamson
Ages 12+
Set in a fantasy version of 1920s Britain, this exciting adventure combines dragons, secret codes and danger. When Vivien begins studying dragon languages, she becomes caught up in events that could change her world forever.



British Book Awards 2026











Graphic Novel Winner

Bunny vs Monkey: Intergalactic Monkey Business! by Jamie Smart
Ages 7–11
A hilarious comic adventure packed with chaos, gadgets and laughs.

Children's Fiction Winner

Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins
Ages 12+
A gripping return to the world of The Hunger Games.

Children's Non-Fiction & Illustrated Winner

Oh Dear, Look What I Got! by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury
Ages 4–8
A funny and heartwarming picture book full of surprises.

Special Congratulations

Author of the Year: A.F. Steadman (Skandar series – ages 9–12)
Illustrator of the Year: Dav Pilkey (Dog Man series – ages 7–10)

Which one will you add to your reading wish list? 📖

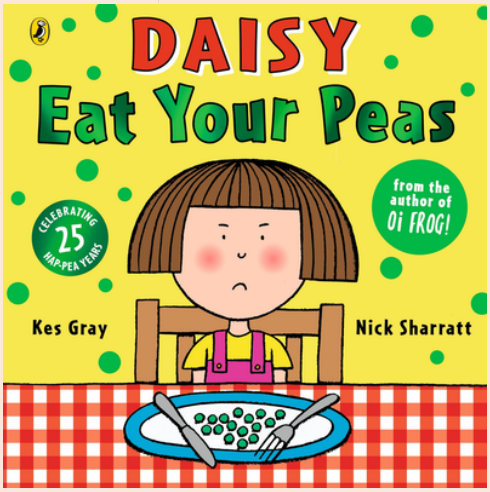


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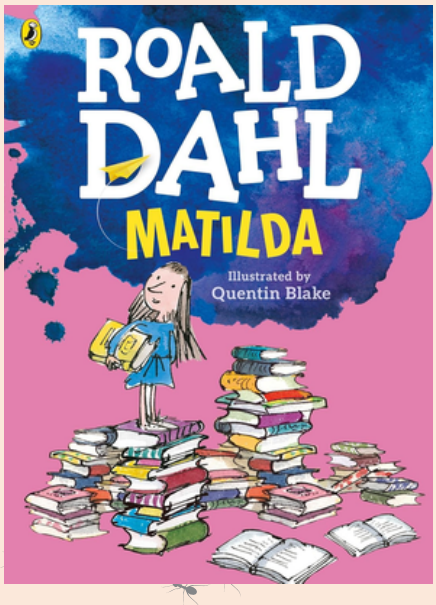
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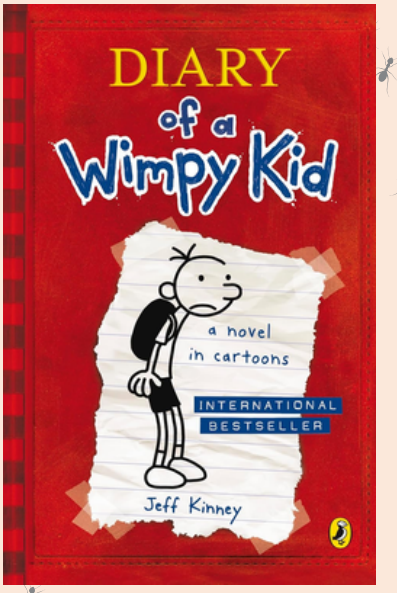
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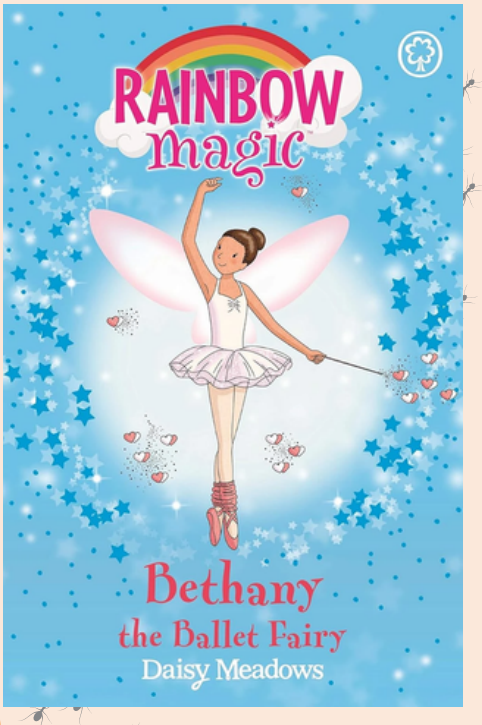
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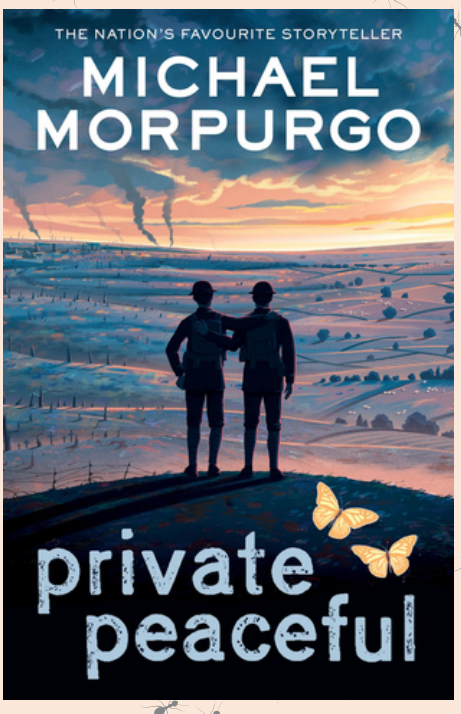
Funny



Relatable



Emotional



Thrill



BOOKS THAT WILL HAVE YOU CRAWLING BACK FOR MORE!

Announcements

Exciting news



In June 2025, our school was awarded the Bronze Reading Pledge Award – what an amazing achievement! This award recognises all the hard work that has gone into making reading a special part of life at our school.

This success belongs to all of us – children, staff and families. Thank you for helping to create such a fantastic reading community and for sharing your love of books both at school and at home.

But we're not stopping there! Our next goal is to achieve the Silver Reading Pledge Award, and I can't wait to continue this journey with you. Together, we'll keep discovering brilliant books, sharing recommendations and making reading even more exciting.

If you have any ideas for how we can make reading even better at Coddington, I'd love to hear them. Ask a grown-up to send me a message on Dojo!

Let's keep the book buzz growing! 📚✨



Project Pending





Our Reading Ambassadors are always thinking of new ways to share their love of books, and Winnie has come up with a fantastic idea that we are currently exploring – a book swap!

The idea is simple: children could bring in a book they have enjoyed and swap it for another one, giving great stories a new home and helping more children discover books they might not have chosen themselves. We are looking into how this could work and whether it could become an exciting reading project in the future.

Watch this space for more information – it could be a brilliant way to share recommendations, discover new authors and keep the book buzz growing! 📖✨

Upcoming Events



July – Summer Reading Challenge
July – Book Awards: Sparks, UKLA
6th September – Read a book Day
13th September – Roald Dahl Day
October – Black History Month
1st October – National Poetry Day
10th October – World Mental Health Day

