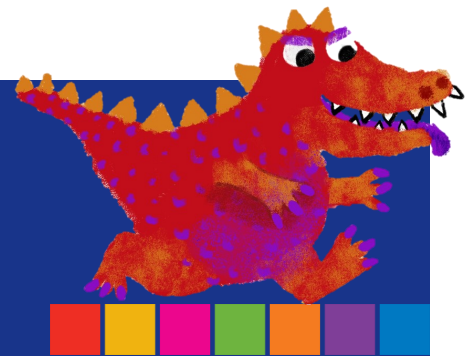




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Welcome to our Reading Newsletter - Summer 2024

Dear Parents, carers and children,

Welcome to our latest reading newsletter. I've been big into reading beautiful looking books in the last few weeks - my copy of the new Abi Elphinstone book, 'Ember Spark and Thunder of Dragons', has coloured edges that continue the pattern of the dragon and '101 Ways to Read a Book' is a fun reminder that there are many ways to enjoy a good book.

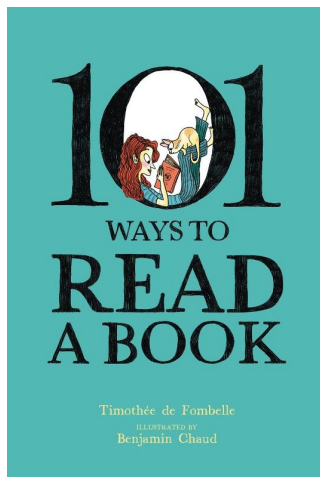
I've also been reading lots of magazines electronically since I found out about PressReader, an app that lets you download and read hundreds of newspapers and magazines for free, so long as you have a library card. See page 3 for more details about that.

Elsewhere in the issue, there's exciting news about the Oscar's Book Prize on page 2, updates on the class bookshelves and Blue Peter Book Badge 'Roll of Honour' on pages 4-5 and some reading recommendations on pages 6-7.

Happy Reading!

Mr Loughlin

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IN THE NEWS...

In September, the school were visited by AF Harrold and Zehra Hicks to help inspire a love of reading amongst the children. Zehra also officially opened the nursery buildings and, on 7th May, received this exciting news...

Oscar's Book Prize 2024

(Report abridged from <https://www.oscarsbookprize.co.uk/news>)

We're delighted to reveal that the winner of this year's Oscar's Book Prize is *When Dinosaurs Walked the Earth* by Sean Taylor and Zehra Hicks! This beautifully illustrated, wonderfully funny book topped the shortlist of five magical stories to take home the £10,000 literary prize.

The announcement was made tonight (7th May) at a star-studded awards ceremony in central London.



When Dinosaurs Walked the Earth (Frances Lincoln Children's Books) is a fun (and funny) tale about the intrepid journey of a little dinosaur named Smallasaurus, who simply wants to enjoy her plant-based diet in peace, but goes on a big adventure along the way.

Witty and vibrant, this gorgeous children's book brings the prehistoric period into the present day, complete with dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes.

Illustrator Zehra Hicks said: "It was an absolute delight to work with Sean on this story. It just jumped out at me and I knew immediately I had to work on it. The humorous storyline had me laughing through the illustration process, plus, it's not every day you get to draw dinosaurs of all shapes, sizes and colours! I literally think I have the best job in the world! I am thrilled to have collaborated on this book, and thank you to Sean for inspiring me to bring Smallasaurus to life."

We would like to extend a HUGE congratulations to Sean and Zehra on this fantastic achievement! Not to mention one more look at this delightful little dinosaur...

Of course, our congratulations must also go to the other amazingly talented authors and illustrators on this year's shortlist. *Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf* by Craig Barr-Green and Francis Martin (Little Tiger), *Geoffrey Gets The Jitters* by Nadia Shireen (Puffin), *Gigantic* by Bob Biddulph (HarperCollins Children's Books) and *The Hare-Shaped Hole* by John Dougherty and Thomas Docherty (Frances Lincoln Children's Books).



DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY CARD?

Did you know that you can get free access to hundreds of national newspapers and magazines if you have a library card?

Here's what the [Epsom Library website](https://www.epsonlibrary.org.uk) says about the PressReader app:



PressReader

As well as today's national papers, regional papers and newspapers from around the world, PressReader also includes a wide selection of magazines from over 120 countries in more than 60 different languages.

Login to access PressReader magazines. Please select sign in (top right), select "library or group" option on the pop up box and type in Surrey, choose Surrey library from options, type in your library card number and your Pin number.

I (Mr Loughlin) signed up for this recently and popped into Epsom library to find out what my Pin number was so that I could access the app for free. Since then, I've been enjoying lots of publications linked to my interests.



There are plenty of titles on the app that would also appeal to children.



CLASS BOOKSHELVES UPDATE

In the last newsletter, we were getting close to launching our new class bookshelves. Now, with the help of all the school staff and so many parents and carers, every class from Year 2 to 6 has a range of brand new books to enjoy. Each year group's selection of books features a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books for the children to dive into. What's more, the children are now able to take home a book from their class bookshelf on top of any titles they have borrowed from the school library. It's been lovely to see the enthusiasm from the children towards the new books.

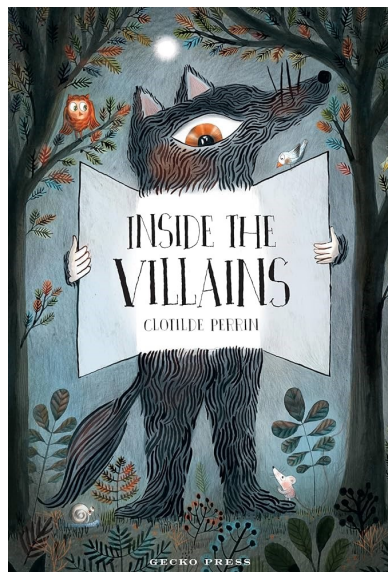


**OF CHILDREN IN YEARS 2
TO 6 HAVE READ AT LEAST
ONE OF THE NEW BOOKS**



**OF CHILDREN IN YEARS 2
TO 6 HAVE TAKEN A NEW
BOOK HOME TO ENJOY**

Year 2 have been loving
'Inside the Villains'
by Clotilde Perrin



STAMFORD GREEN'S BLUE PETER BADGE CHALLENGE

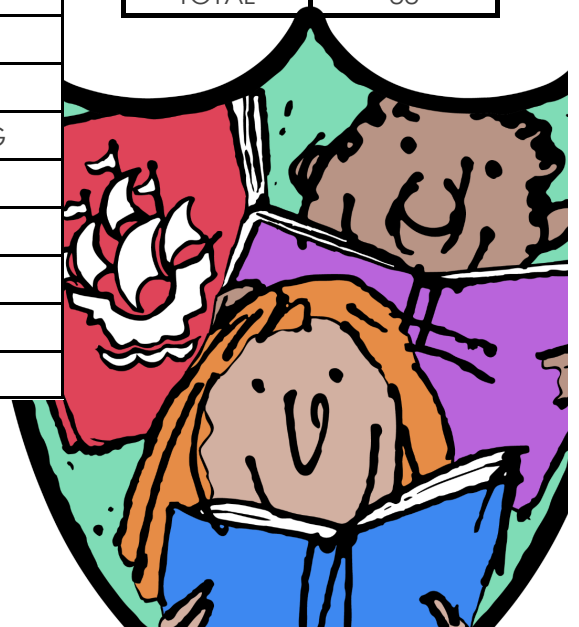
Roll of Honour

Here's the latest Roll of Honour of all the children who have received their badge.

Is your name missing? Make sure you have told your class teacher so they can let Mr Loughlin know to add you to the display.

Ada, 5T	Darcy, 5B	Quin, 5B
Roshan, 3SV	Joey, 4C	Aaron, 2J
Eloise, 5T	Harry, 6L	Miller, 6L
Jake, 4V	Birjot, 4V	Leah, 4V
Elsie, 4V	Arlie, 4V	Abigail, 4V
Emily, 2J	Rachel, 3K	Finley, 3K
Caitlin, 3K	Alex, 3K	Jessica, 3K
Jamie, 3K	Lily, 5O	Poppy, 4MG
Ariana, 4C	Holly, 4C	James, 5T
Mabel, 2J	Zoe, 2J	Ronnie, 4C
Ridhaan, 4C	Heidi, 6L	Ellie, 4V
Bea, 4V	Thomas, 4C	Benji, 4C
Holly, 4C	Lana, 5O	Theon, 4V
Josh, 6L	Mason, 6L	Thea, 6B
Cameron, 6B	Abbie, 6B	Joe, 3K
Sofia, 3K	Evan, 3K	Amelia, 4C
Penny, 2W	Alexa, 3SV	Isla, 3SV
Hsuan-Yi, 3K	William, 3K	Raphy, 2W
Toshi, 6DA	Katie, 5T	Lily, 5T
Tilly, 5T	Zhuolin, 5T	Lisanne, 5T
Kyla, 5T	Rose, 5T	Olivia, 3SV
Toby, 6DA	Lilian, 3J	Lara, 1B
Bella, 3J	Orla, 3J	Imogen, 2J
Sasha, 4MG	Emilia, 1B	Will, 6L
Zoe, 2J	Toby, 3J	Kimbrie, 4MG
Lucia, 6L	Finn, 1B	Azfareen, 5T
Archie, 4MG	Fin, 1S	Kamea, 5B
Adam, 2P	Rose, 2W	Indy, 4C
Dylan, 4C	Leo, 4C	Callum, 4C
Aadya, RP	George, RPM	

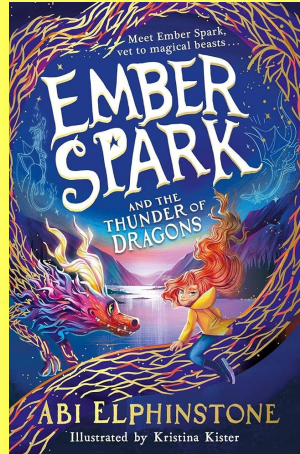
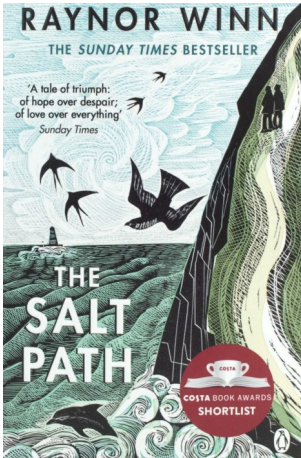
Class	Badges
RP	1
RM	1
1B	3
1S	1
2J	6
2P	1
2W	3
3J	4
3K	11
3SV	4
4C	13
4MG	4
4V	9
5B	3
5O	2
5T	11
6B	3
6DA	2
6L	7
TOTAL	88



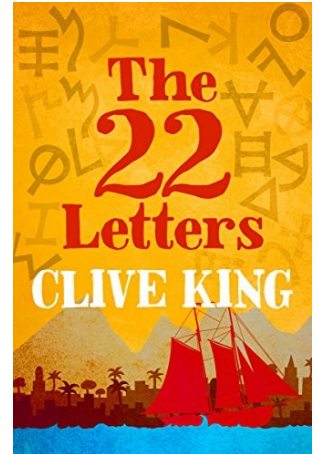
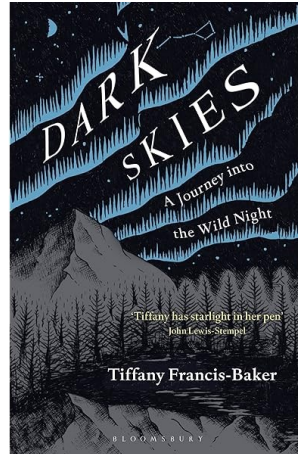
WHAT WE'RE READING IN THE STAFFROOM...

Need a suggestion for a book to read as an adult or child (yellow glow around them, below)?
Here's what some of the Stamford Green staff are reading right now...

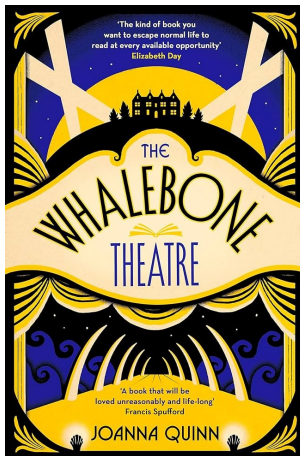
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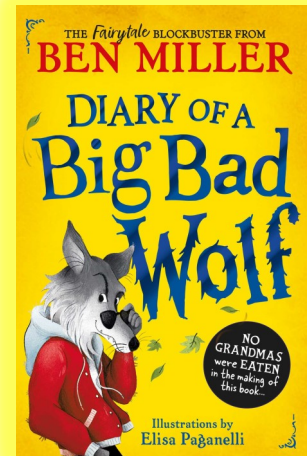
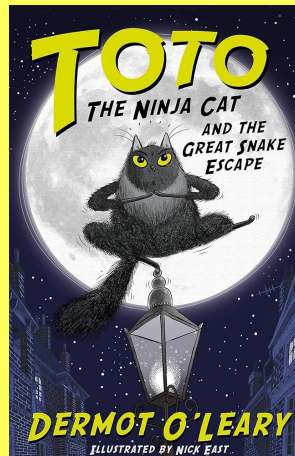
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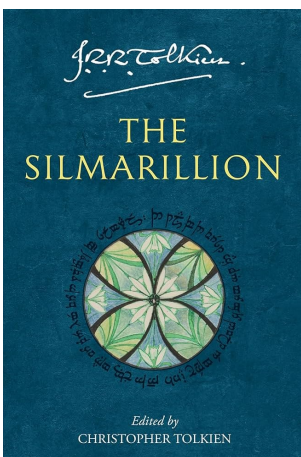
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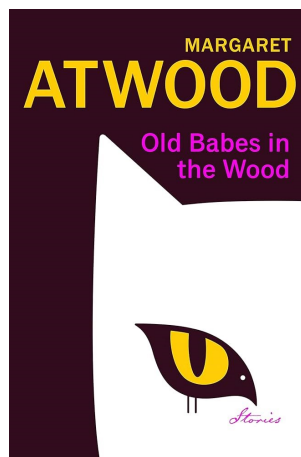
Mrs Price (and her class and children):



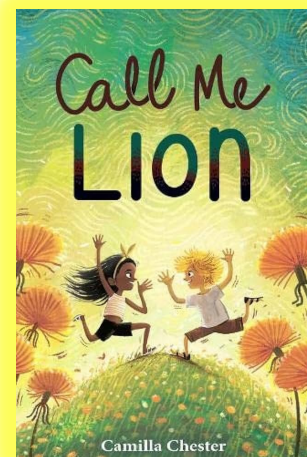
Mr Briggs:



Mrs Spooner:



Miss Verlander (and 3SV):



Zita the space girl



Flung far across the universe

from star to star
faced with monsters... ..and magicians...

Its about a girl called Zita and she has to rescue her friend.
**** really good book.

and new friends...!

An earth girl named Zita
must find her way home.



by Eloise and Lily

Smile

I love how there are few words in a page so you fly through the book. I also really like that it's a true story and as I dash through the pages I keep feeling and know this is a true story makes it more exciting than it already is.



5 stars!



By E Nee

Mini Challenge 2024: reading challenge for under 4s this summer at Surrey Libraries

The Summer Reading Challenge was created by The Reading Agency to help children aged 4 - 11 continue their reading journey over the summer holidays. Last year, over 12,000 children in Surrey took part, reading books and receiving rewards along the way.

Of course, it's not just 4 – 11 year olds that love to read – or get rewards! This year, Surrey Libraries will be offering the Mini Challenge again, aimed at children under 4. The theme is the same as the main Challenge, Marvellous Makers, and will be a celebration of the creative arts.

Sign up your child for free at your local Surrey library to pick up a Collector Card. You'll find some fun colouring-in activities, and children will receive a sticker with this year's characters on for each book read. For their 6th and final book they will be awarded a special golden sticker for completing the Challenge!

There will be plenty of fun happening in our libraries this summer – head to our [website](#) to see what's planned at your local Surrey library.

Please note that a child will have to be a Surrey library member to join the Summer Reading and Mini Reading Challenge. It is [free to join](#), and you can sign up in person at your local branch or online.



Picture books 2024

