

# NEWSLETTER



**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

The Woodhouse Support Hub

<https://sites.google.com/woodhouse.academy/support>

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- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team
- You can also send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.



[sensupport@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:sensupport@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

- Use this for any queries about any additional learning needs or concerns.



As you may be aware Red Nose Day is very fast approaching. This year it is on Friday 15th March. This year's theme is; Do something funny for money. Therefore we are inviting children and adults to wear red and to come to school with 'mad hair'. There will be activities for children to take part in school that are themed around the day and they will find out what happens to all of the money that is raised each year.

As many people have now turned to digital payments, we have decided to collect this year via Just Giving. This allows you to make any donation you wish and to remain anonymous. It also allows the charity to receive gift aid from your donations too. Most importantly it means you don't have to search for coins on the morning.

The web address for the Just Giving Page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/woodhouse-1707477546617?newPage=true>

Or you can use the QR code to take you straight to the Just Giving page.

We hope that in these financially difficult times you can donate if possible. However, if this is not possible at the moment then please don't worry. Another reason for being online is that no one else knows who has contributed or not. Nobody at school will be ticking names off.

If for any reason digital payments are not your thing, then you can still contribute at the school. Many thanks in advance for your continued support



# Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week  
for the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## Reception

Koast  
Lewis  
Ella  
Adeeb

## Year One

Aiyana  
Nevaeh M-B  
Poppy  
Musa

## Year Two

Bentley  
Ryan  
Aryan  
Lewis

## Year Three

Aisha  
Orla  
Sahibjeet  
Jacob

## Year Four

Mathieu  
Lucas S  
Shona  
Coby  
Ibrahim  
Anaia  
Mrs Balla

## Year Five

Sanogika  
Hayden  
Jasmine  
Rae'y

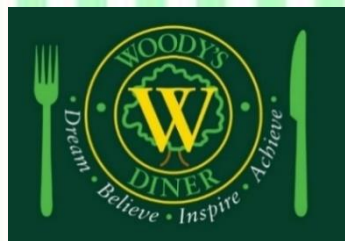
## Year Six

Lucretia  
Esther  
Yuvraj  
Reuben

## Rainbow Room

Lavelle





# School Dinner Menu

**26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**NOTE: We operate a 3-week rolling menu. Keep an eye on the menu each week for changes.**

**We use a range of suppliers, including local businesses so menus are subject to change if items are unavailable.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork or Vegan Sausages	Beef Chilli with Basmati Rice	Honey Roasted Gammon or Roasted Quorn	A Selection of Fish Dishes with Savoury Rice	<b>Pizza Day</b>
Mashed Potatoes	Cheese & Onion Roll with Croquette Potatoes	Mashed or Roast Potatoes	Pasta in Tomato and Basil Sauce	Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza  With Chips and Baked Beans or Vegetables
Mixed Vegetables  Gravy	Nachos  Peas and Sweetcorn	Seasonal Vegetables  Gravy	Garlic Bread  Parsley or Sweet Chilli Sauce	
Assorted Cold Desserts	Rice Pudding with Jam or Raisins	Doughnuts	Jam Sponge & Custard	
Fresh Fruit and Fresh Salad Bar available daily				

## Food Allergies

In order to keep our dietary records up to date, please inform the main office of any changes to your child's dietary requirements, allergies and intolerances. We are able to cater for most requirements but must know in advance.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please also let the main office know. We do not serve Halal meats.

Please either contact the main office on 0121 464 1769 or email us on [families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

**Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL**

# **Academic Year 2023 – 2024**

## **Spring Term 2024**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – 3A Class Assembly – 9am

– Class parents invited

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Coffee Morning

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 1B Class Assembly – 9am

– Class parents invited

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 visit to Think Tank

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief – Dress in red with 'mad hair'

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Black Country Museum Visit

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Reception Theatre Visit

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Asthma Awareness Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

– KS2 Easter Concert at 9:15 – Parents invited

– EYFS & KS1 Easter Concert at 2:30 – Parents invited

– EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet parade at 3:00 – Parents invited

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Last day of Spring Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Break. School Closed to children

## **Summer Term 2024**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Summer Term

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 3S Class Assembly – 9am – Class parents invited

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 4R Class Assembly – 9am – Class parents invited

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – 2F Class Assembly – 9am – Class parents invited

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of half term

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term break. School closed to children**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – 2P Class Assembly – 9am – Class parents invited

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Flight day to Perryfields

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4, 5 & 6 Puberty Sessions

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day 1 – 3pm Parents invited

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – KS2 Sports Day 1 – 3pm Parents invited

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Graduation morning

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Reception Graduation morning

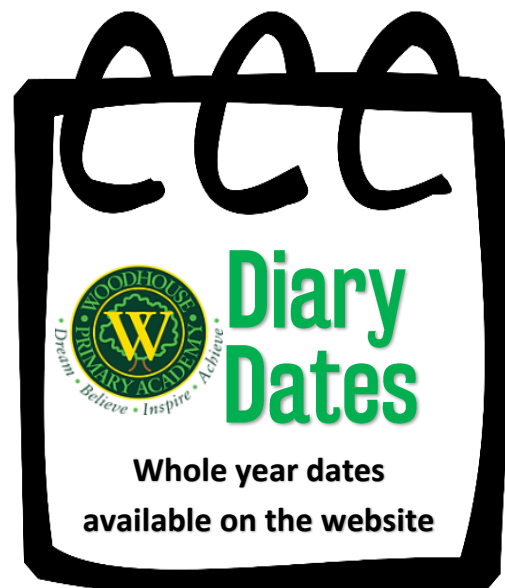
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Concerts – Further details to follow

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of school for children

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Inset day, school closed for children

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – End of Summer Term

Further dates here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-events>



Please note  
the change of  
dates for  
Easter events

# attendance ~~MATTERS~~


5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: **94.55%**

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **95.28%** KS2: **94.23%** Whole School: **94.58%**

Our Attendance target for this year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	91.10%		<b>3A</b>	<b>96.76%</b>
RL	95.17%		3S	95.56%
RW	91.72%		4H	91.61%
1B	96.55%		4R	96%
<b>10</b>	<b>98%</b>		5H	93%
2F	90%		5W	92.31%
2P	95.86%		6D	94.98%
RR	84.12%		6WO	96.55%

Congratulations to **10** who had the best class attendance last week.



Well done to **3A** who had the best class attendance in KS2 last week.

Will you help your class have the best class attendance next week?

## Attendance Challenge

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

25 Days of school. Get your countdown sheet from Miss Lavelle and colour the box for every day you attend school.

All children who attend for ALL 25 days will be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a £25 Asda Voucher.

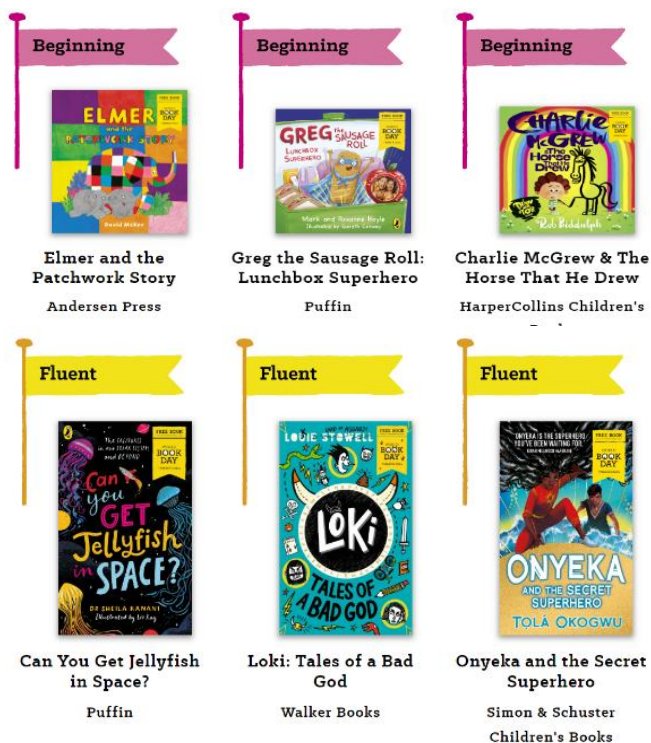


# World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024

For World Book Day this year we thought we would give you a choice as the theme is all about Reading your way! Have a look at the options below for dressing up:

- Come dressed as your favourite character if you like!
- Come dressed as a word - this means you can make your own costume to represent your chosen word or wear clothes you already have to represent the meaning of your word.
- Come with a clue card of your favourite character so we can guess who you are!



The activities you will be taking part in this year are:

Visiting Quinton Library

Having a whole day full of activities to explore and learn about and explore a book.

Drawing your teacher as your favourite character.

Decorating your classroom door to make it into a book!

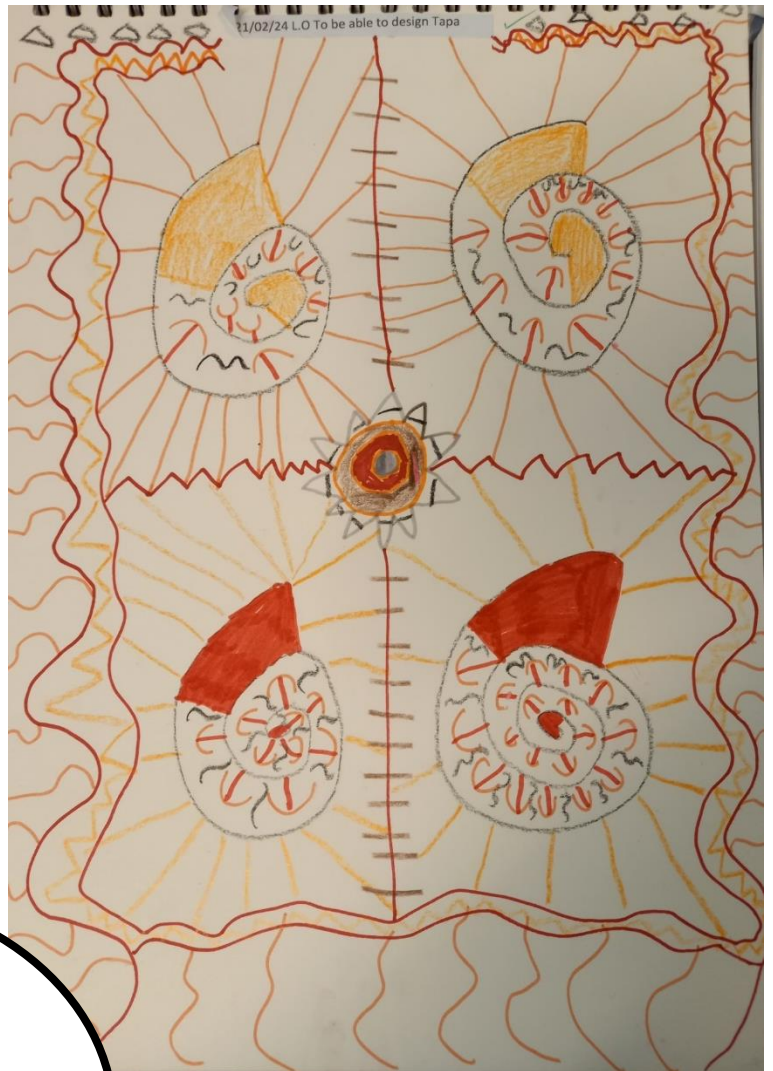
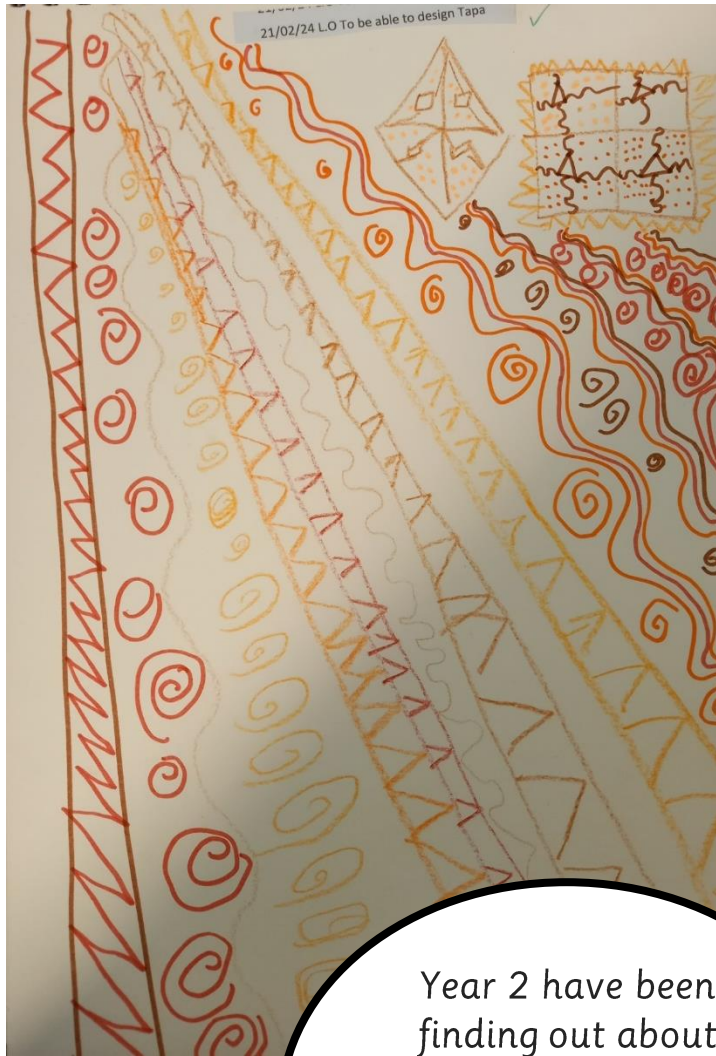
Getting your book token to swap for a brand-new book to read!

## COMPETITION TIME:

Can you make a book character out of a paper plate at home?  
Bring your entries to your teacher and Miss Wynne will pick a winning entry from each year group!

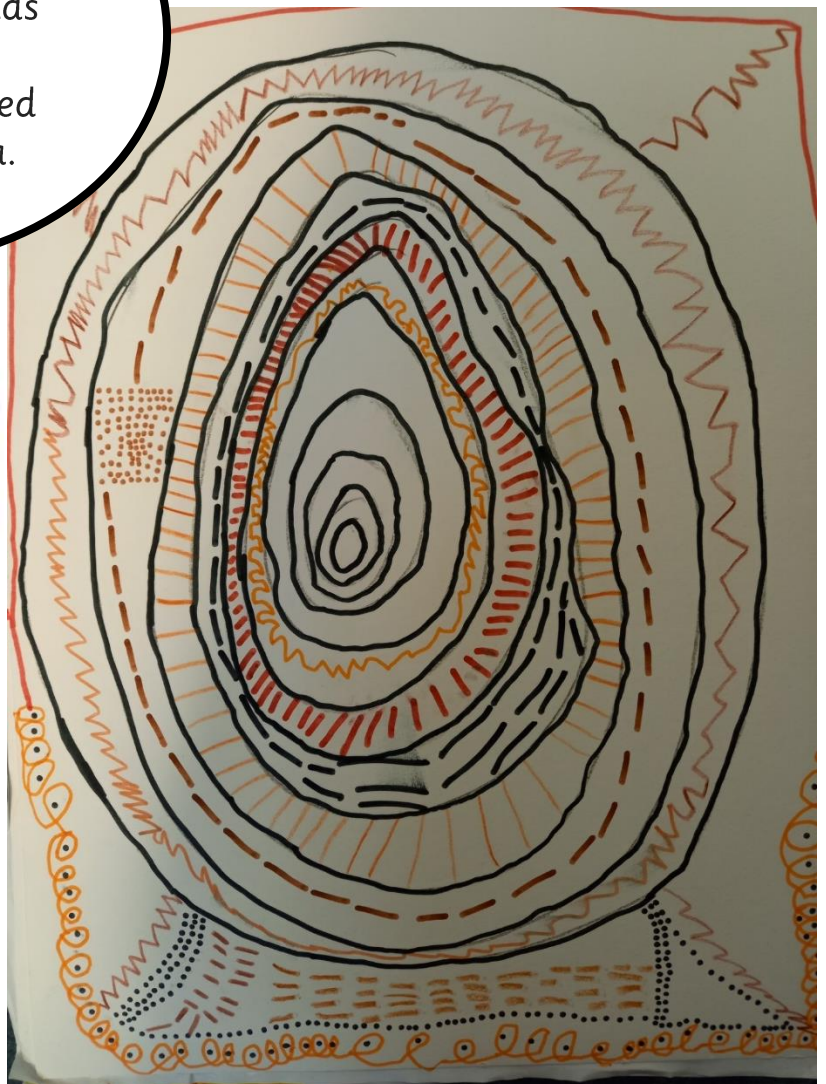






Year 2 have been finding out about The Pacific Islands craft of Tapa. Children designed their own Tapa.

The  
ART  
Corner



# Support for Parents and Carers of children with Autism

The Communication and Autism Team (CAT) offer termly autism awareness courses and drop-in workshop sessions for parent carers.

**CAT PAC** is our parent autism awareness course designed to share knowledge, skills and strategies to enable parent carers to further understand the strengths and needs of their autistic child/young person. There are 3 courses for parent carers of Early Years, Primary age, and Secondary age children and young people, available each term.

**Dates for Spring Term 2024 for online delivery:** 6th February, 20th February, 27th February, 5th March.

**Parent carer drop-ins** are also available at different venues each term in different areas of the city. Themed presentations are delivered at these drop-in sessions with plenty of time given for questions and discussion. Parent carers of children and young people of any age are welcome, they do not need to book and can “drop in” on the day.

## **Dates for Spring Term 2024 for Parent Drop In Sessions:**

- East Locality - Venue tbc 14th March (am)
- Central Locality - Venue tbc 19th March (am)
- South Locality - Venue tbc 20th March (am)
- North Locality - Venue tbc 21st March (am)

Please share this information and the accompanying flyers with parents at your settings.

## **Flyer Links:**

- CAT PAC EYS: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/CAT-PAC-EYS.docx>
- CAT PAC Primary: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/CAT-PAC-primary.docx>
- CAT PAC Secondary Age: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/CAT-PAC-Secondary-age.docx>
- CAT Parent Drop-ins Central: <https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/CAT-Parent-Drop-ins-Central.docx>
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# I'M FUNDRAISING FOR BEAT



**FUNDRAISER:**

Coffee Morning

**WHEN:**

Thursday 29th Feb 9.00am

**WHERE:**

School Canteen

**Beat**  
Eating disorders

Beat (formerly Eating Disorders Association) is a registered charity in England and Wales (no 801343) and Scotland (SC039309). Company limited by guarantee no 2368493.

**SCAN HERE**

to be taken to the Beat JustGiving page. From here, you can find my fundraiser by searching my name!





# No Shelf Control

Edition 33: January 2024



## Stich Padraig Kenny

Our first BOOK OF THE MONTH for 2024 is Stich by the wonderfully talented Padraig Kenny.

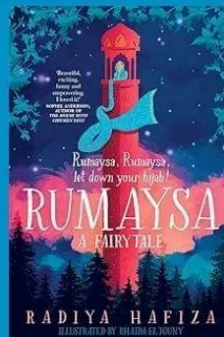
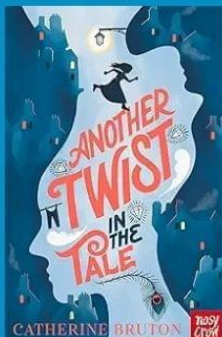
"Stich" ingeniously reimagines Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, delivering a spellbinding tale that intricately entwines themes of friendship, humanity, and acceptance. Set against a backdrop of darkness, Stich and Henry, crafted by the late Professor Hardacre, navigate a treacherous world controlled by his malevolent nephew.



Kenny's storytelling captivates his readers with each turn of the page. Through Henry's innocence and Stich's resilience, Kenny challenges societal norms, echoing Shelley's timeless exploration of existence. With accessible prose and profound undertones, "Stich" beckons readers to ponder the complexities of life, leaving an indelible mark upon the heart and soul.

Available now for £7.99 from Walker Books

## Other books based on classics



Pages & Co by Anna James features many classics but Anne of Green Gables takes the main stage.

Another Twist in the Tale by Catherine Bruton follows Till Twist, the imagined sister of Oliver Twist.

The Lost Magician by Piers Torday is inspired by Narnia.

Rumaysa by Radiya Hafiza takes fairytales and gives them a middle eastern spin.



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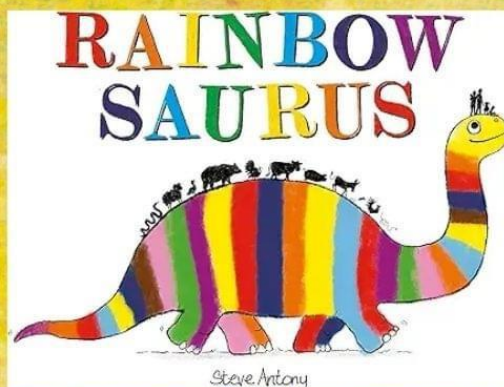
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# This Month's Book Reviews



## Rainbowsaurus

Steve Antony

Hodder Children's Books 4+

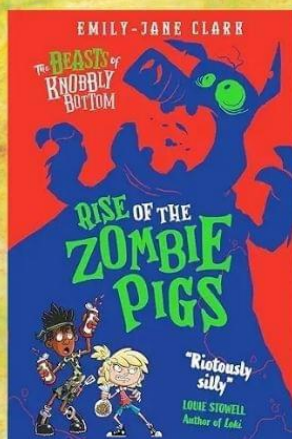
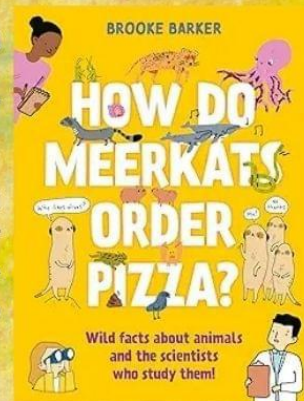
A new favourite for younger children who love 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt'. A family set off in search of the Rainbowsaurus. Featuring a repetitive chorus and onomatopoeia for younger readers to join in with.

## How Do Meerkats Order Pizza?

Brooke Barker

Faber & Faber 8+

A fun, highly illustrated non-fiction book which 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.



## Rise of the Zombie Pigs

Emily-Jane Clark

Scholastic 8+

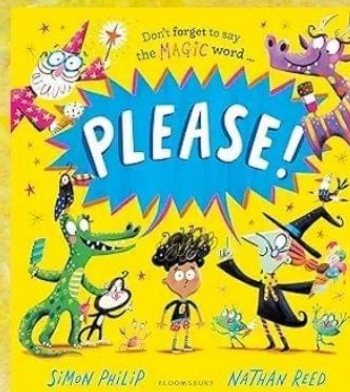
The 2nd book in the 'Beasts of Knobbly Bottom' series. Somehow the first book passed me by, but this is a fantastically funny book that's impossible not to love. When food starts going missing and bite marks start appearing, Maggie gets the blame... So with the help of Fred, they decide to investigate, but have they bitten off more than they can chew?

## Please

Simon Philip & Nathan Reed

Bloomsbury 4+

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 poor Bill next.

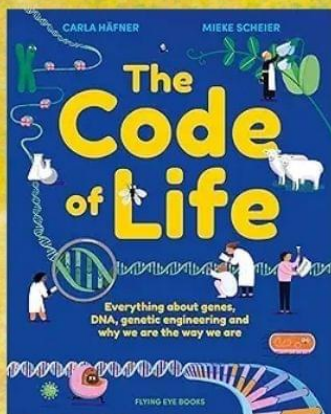


## One To Wait for...

Black Hole Cinema Club - Christopher Edge  
Nosy Crow - March 23

Christopher Edge has written some truly spectacular sci-fi novels, so we're always excited to see what he has in store for us next. Just from the cover alone I can tell that it'll be great!





## The Code of Life

Carla Hafner & Mieke Scheier

Flying Eye Books 10+

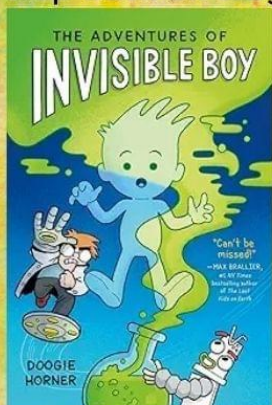
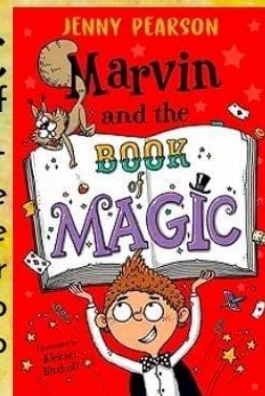
I'm constantly in awe of the non-fiction authors that manage to make some of the most complex topics accessible to children. The Code of Life is everything that they could possibly need to know about DNA and Genes. I'll be honest, even adults will find it fascinating and be thankful for the simpler explanations. Eye opening!

## Marvin and the Book of Magic

Jenny Pearson & Aleksei Bitskoff

Barrington Stoke 8+

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



## The Adventures of Invisible Boy

Doogie Horner

Scholastic 8+

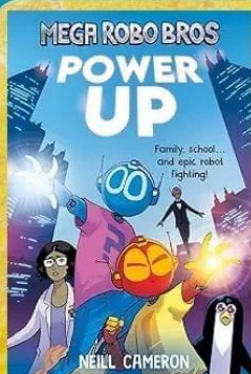
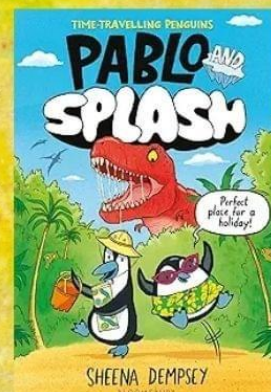
We're being spoilt with the variety of great graphic novels being released this month! It is Stanley's first day at school and he wishes that he was invisible... but he's not ready for it to ACTUALLY happen! When a potion is spilt on him, he turns invisible... The only problem is, he's not the only one! Luckily Stanley decides to use his new power for good!

## Pablo and Splash

Sheena Dempsey

Bloomsbury 8+

Time travelling penguins... That's all you need to know. I'm not sure why I'm even bothering to tell you any more about this graphic novel as those three words should convince you to buy it! Pablo and Splash are chalk and cheese, but the best of friends. When they end up going on a time travelling holiday and end up in the age of the dinosaurs... Will they survive their break? Can they make it home in one piece?



## One You Might Have Missed

Power Up - Neill Cameron

David Fickling - 8+

This has come back into my mind as my son has decided that he wants to dress up as 'Freddie' from the book for World Book Day. A brilliant graphic novel series featuring two robotic brothers who must juggle saving the world and going to school... The 7th in the series is coming later this year!



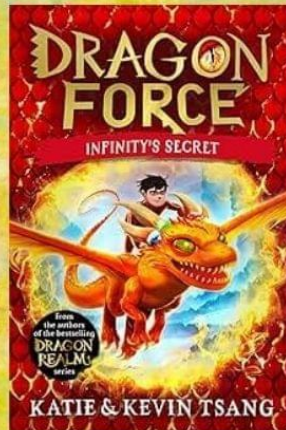


# 9 Books featuring Dragons...

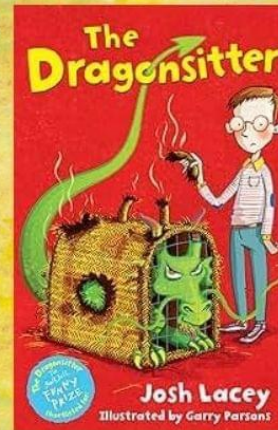
2024 is the Year of the Dragon according to the Chinese zodiac. So here are our favourite books with dragons in them.



1. Dragon Force  
**Katie & Kevin Tsang**



2. The Dragonsitter  
**Josh Lacey & Garry Parsons**



3. Luna and the Sky Dragon  
**Bethan Woolvin**



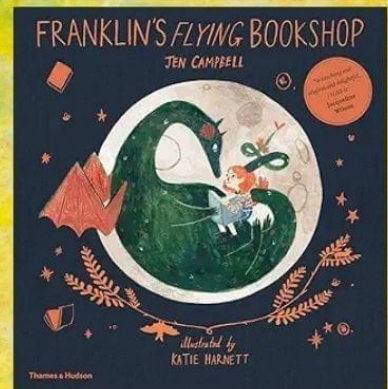
4. City of Dragons  
**Margery Williams**



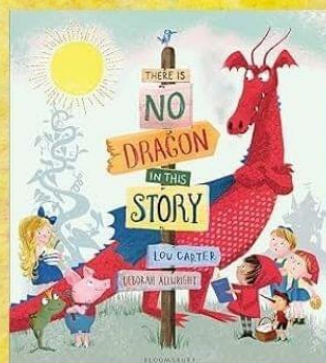
5. Darwin's Dragons  
**Lindsay Galvin**



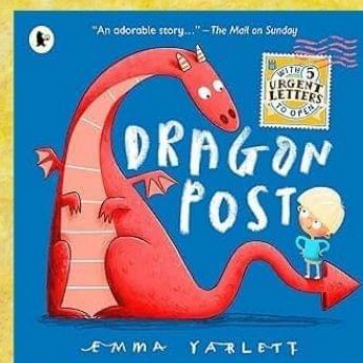
6. Franklin's Flying Bookshop  
**Jen Campbell & Katie Harnett**



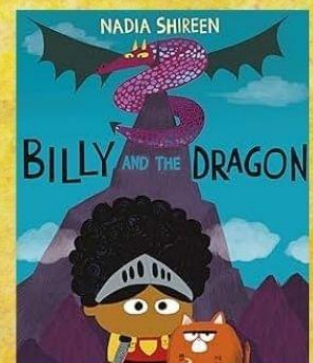
7. There Is No Dragon In This Story  
**Lou Carter & Deborah Allwright**



8. Dragon Post  
**Emma Yarlett**



9. Billy and the Dragon  
**Nadia Shireen**



If you have any questions or have a book released soon that you feel deserves a place on the newsletter: Email us - [MisterBodd@outlook.com](mailto:MisterBodd@outlook.com)





# WOODHOUSE PRE-LOVED ESSENTIALS

We have a wide range of pre-loved uniform and non-school uniform items free of charge to those who need them. You are more than welcome to come and help yourself anytime.

We also have shoes, trainers, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and bags available.

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## Household Support

We are also able to access support for a wide range of household items such as white goods, beds, bedding etc.

Please speak with Mr Kennedy, the office staff or email us at [families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org) if you need support with any of this.

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## Help with Laundry

Thanks to a company called Smol and their Suds in Schools project, we also have washing and drying facilities within school for families who are struggling with this where we can offer a discrete laundry service.

If this is of any help to anyone, please speak with Mr Kennedy.





**LIMITED SPACES**  
Avoid our waiting lists and book now!



# AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

WOODHOUSE PRIMARY ACADEMY  
WOODHOUSE ROAD, B32 2DL

## MONDAY EVENINGS

*Term Time Only*

SESSION 1) 3.15-4.15 PM  
DODGEBALL CLUB £65

SESSION 2) 4.15-5.15 PM  
FOOTBALL CLUB £65

**FULLY BOOKED**

Begins Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February Ends Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
BOYS & GIRLS AGES 6-11

Session Dates: 26/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03, 08/05, 15/05, 22/05, 29/05, 13/05, 20/05, 03/06, 10/06, 17/06, 24/06  
(14 x sessions in total)

**SPECIAL  
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*A payment plan will be made when you book both clubs only  
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### HOW TO BOOK

1. Scan the QR code
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enquiries@sporty-stars.com  
07791 572 353 or 07437 006 761

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# Train to teach and unlock your career

There has never been a better time to consider training as a teacher. The teaching profession is one that provides challenges and rewards, and thrives on creativity. You can ignite the spark in young learners and have an immensely positive impact on their future.

You could train to be a teacher, based at Woodhouse Primary Academy. As part of the Greenheart Learning Partnership, and working with Teach First, our school is able to offer a one-year course, qualifying you to be a primary school teacher.

The course is ideal for career changers as well as those looking to take the next step into teaching.

For more information visit our website: <https://greenheartlearning.org/ITT/> or contact: [itt@greenheartlearning.org](mailto:itt@greenheartlearning.org)



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