

NEWSLETTER



15th March 2024



The Woodhouse Support Hub

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families@whp.greenheartlearning.org

- 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

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

Birmingham Family Hubs

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/FamilyHubs>

Raising a family, being a parent or carer, or navigating life as a young person can be a challenge. You are not alone and Family Hubs is making sure that there is support and help for you across Birmingham.

On these pages, dedicated to Family Hubs, you will find information, advice, and guidance about many of the different groups and networks who are ready to offer a helping hand or advice to support you and your family. There is help and support for infant feeding, being a parent, parent and infant mental health and early language and early education.

From babies to schooling, healthcare and finances and parenting support there's support for everyone, this is your one-stop-shop to discovering the local support and services available to you at every stage of your family.



What are Family Hubs?

Birmingham Family Hubs are part of a national programme. There will be ten physical Family Hub locations across Birmingham, by the end of 2025, where you will be able to go to get advice and practical support for you and your family. You can also find lots of help and support on our dedicated Family Hub web pages. You will find a range of topics with further information and links to dedicated organisations and charities who are working to help the people of Birmingham.



Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week
for the week ending 15th March.

Reception

Z Raeyah
Isabella
Autumn
Daniel

Year One

Danny
Eli
Bezawit
Enoch

Year Two

Xenia
Georgia
Olivia H
Logan

Year Three

Jessica
Emmanuel
Matilda
Ersyad
Leo

Year Four

George
Lucas S
Jakub
Lucas H
Rhyley-Joe
Adam Jnr
Ayda

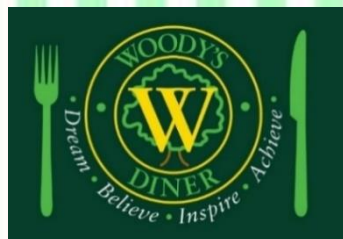
Year Five

Shanice
Khalid
Caiden
Safina

Year Six

Ella
Ruby S
Sagaa
Mila J





School Dinner Menu

18th – 22nd 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 | Chicken or Quorn Fillets with Stuffing | A Selection of Fish Dishes with Savoury Rice | Pizza Day |
| | Cheese & Onion Roll with Croquette Potatoes | | | Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza With Chips and Baked Beans or Vegetables |
| Mashed Potatoes | Chicken or Vegetable Curry with Rice | Mashed or Roast Potatoes | Pasta in Tomato and Basil Sauce | |
| Mixed Vegetables | Nachos Peas and Sweetcorn | Seasonal Vegetables | Garlic Bread | |
| Gravy | | Gravy | Parsley or Sweet Chilli Sauce | |
| Assorted Cold Desserts | Jam Sponge & Custard | Doughnuts | Assorted Hot Puddings | Selection of Fruit Desserts |
| 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

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL

Academic Year 2023 – 2024

Spring Term 2024

Wednesday 20th March – Year 1 Black Country Museum Visit

Thursday 21st March – Reception Theatre Visit

Thursday 21st March – Asthma Awareness Day

Friday 22nd 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 22nd March – Last day of Spring Term

Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April – Easter Break. School Closed to children

Summer Term 2024

Monday 8th April – First day of Summer Term

Monday 22nd April – 3S Class Assembly – 9am – Class parents invited

Monday 29th April – 4R Class Assembly – 9am – Class parents invited

Monday 20th May – 2F Class Assembly – 9am – Class parents invited [NOTE – Change of date]

Friday 24th May – Last day of half term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May - Half Term break. School closed to children

Monday 17th June – 2P Class Assembly – 9am – Class parents invited

Tuesday 25th June – Year 5 Flight day to Perryfields

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th June – Year 4, 5 & 6 Puberty Sessions

Monday 1st July – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day 1 – 3pm Parents invited

Tuesday 2nd July – KS2 Sports Day 1 – 3pm Parents invited

Wednesday 10th July – Nursery Graduation morning

Thursday 11th July – Reception Graduation morning

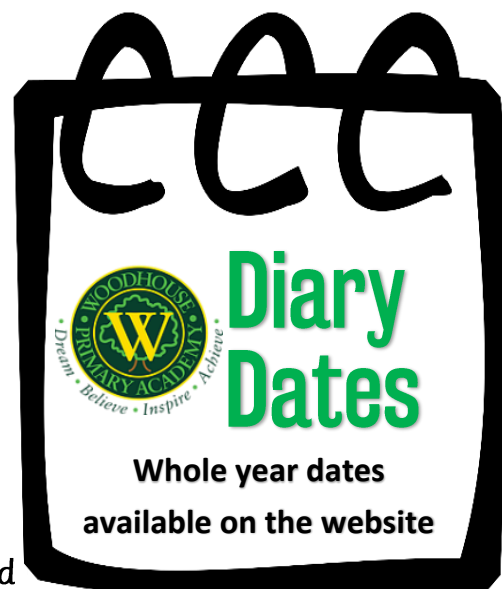
Tuesday 16th July – Summer Concerts – Further details to follow

Friday 19th July – Last day of school for children

Monday 22nd July – Inset day, school closed for children

Tuesday 23rd July – End of Summer Term

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



ETHAN'S CHARITY RACE

**DONATE ON JUST GIVING,
SEARCH "ETHAN JASMIN"**

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MAY 2024



I will be raising money for
Birmingham Children's
Hospital by taking part in
the Great Birmingham
Mini and Junior Race.

Please sponsor me on just
giving by searching for
"Ethan Jasmin"

Thank you.

attendance ~~MATTERS~~


4th – 8th March

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: **94.47%**

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **92.78%** KS2: **93.97%** Whole School: **93.59%**

Our Attendance target for this year is 97%

| Class | Attendance for the week | | Class | Attendance for the week |
|-----------|-------------------------|--|-----------|---|
| Nursery | 77.87% | | 3A | 88.71% |
| RL | 94.14% | | 3S | 91.61% |
| RW | 91.70% | | 4H | 98.67% |
| 1B | 97.93% | | 4R | 95.97% |
| 1O | 88.36% | | 5H | 92% |
| 2F | 89.66% | | 5W | 99.33%  |
| 2P | 97.24% | | 6D | 96.25% |
| RR | 73.37% | | 6WO | 95.17% |

Congratulations to **5W** who had the best class attendance last week.



Well done to **1B** who had the best class attendance in EYFS & KS1 last week.

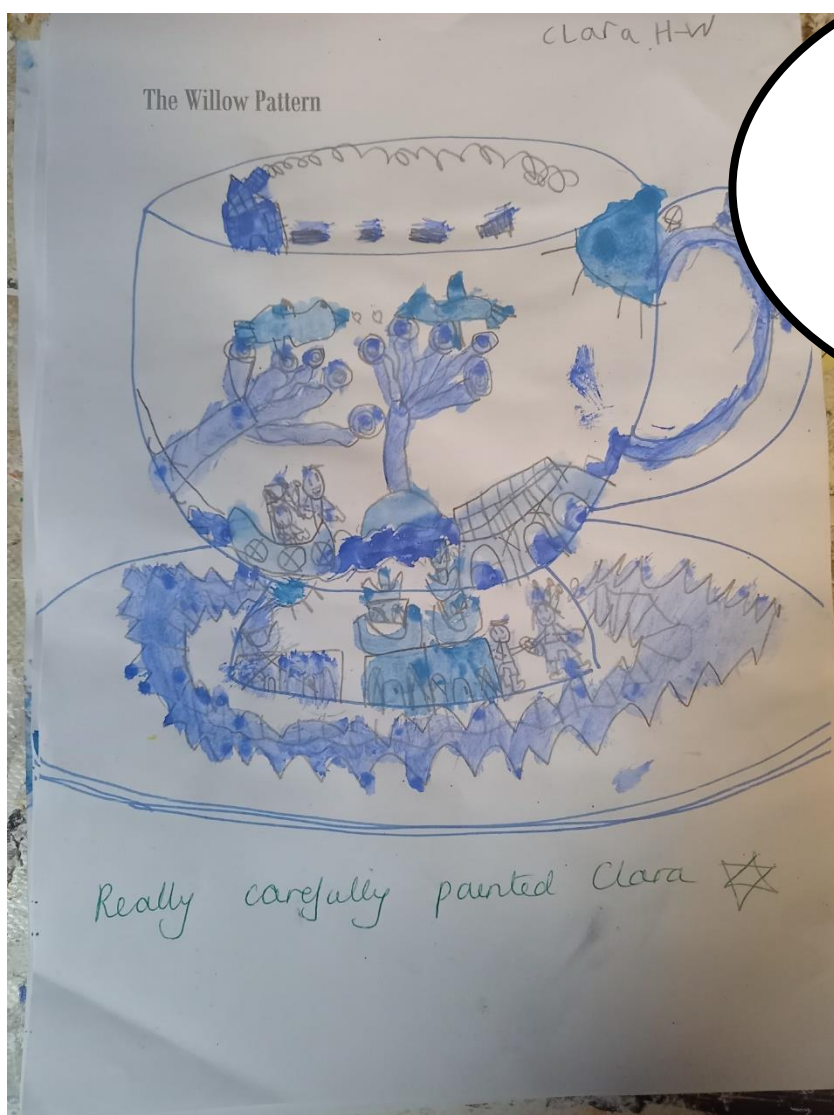
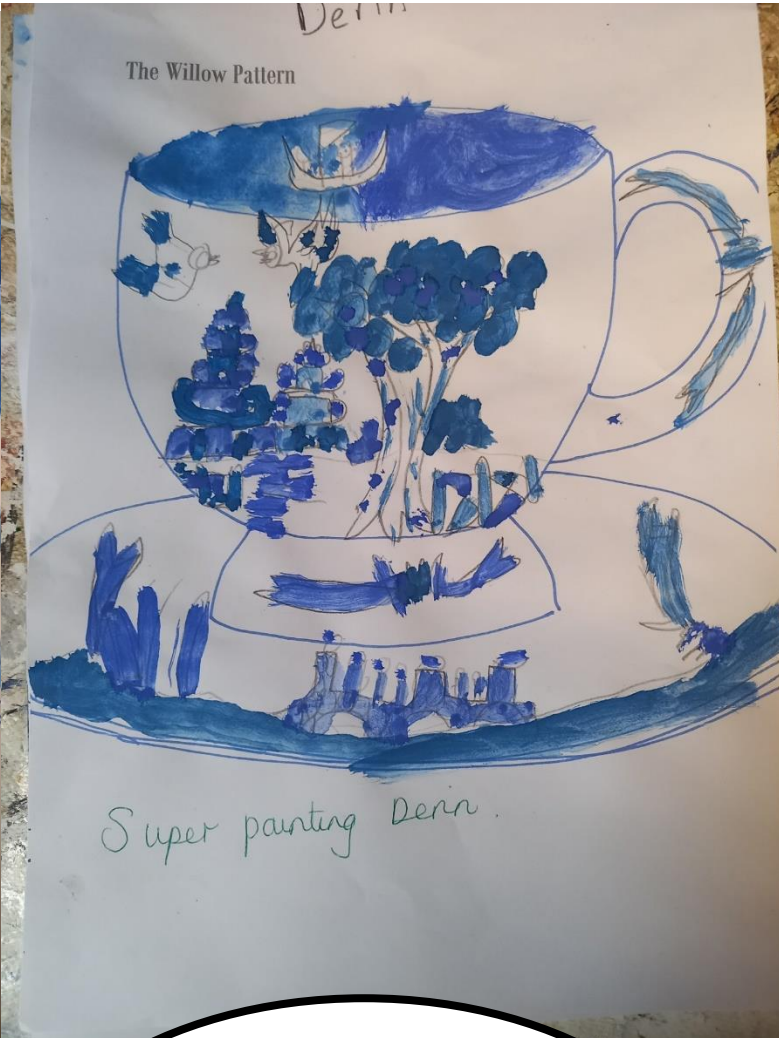
Will you help your class have the best class attendance next week?

Attendance Challenge

Monday 19th February – Friday 22nd 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.



Year 2 have been finding out about The Chinese Story behind The Willow Pattern.

The
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Corner

Design Technology Egg Mobile Competition for years 3-6

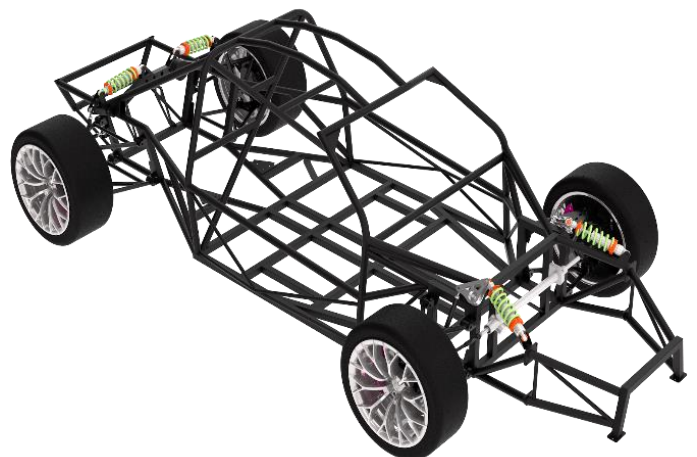
Date: Thursday 21st March

Design and make your own vehicle that will carry a boiled egg. This must be a homemade vehicle with wheels and no wider than 30 cm. You may use construction kits or Lego.

There will a winner in each year group and a prize of the best design.

Please bring your vehicle to school on Thursday 21st March with your boiled egg.

Good Luck!



Year 5 Design Technology

'Make an Anglo-Saxon board game'



Year 5 designed their board games using Tinkercad, then they used the saws to make their games.

Lastly, they painted these and stuck all of the parts together. We cannot wait to play them.





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.

Household Support

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

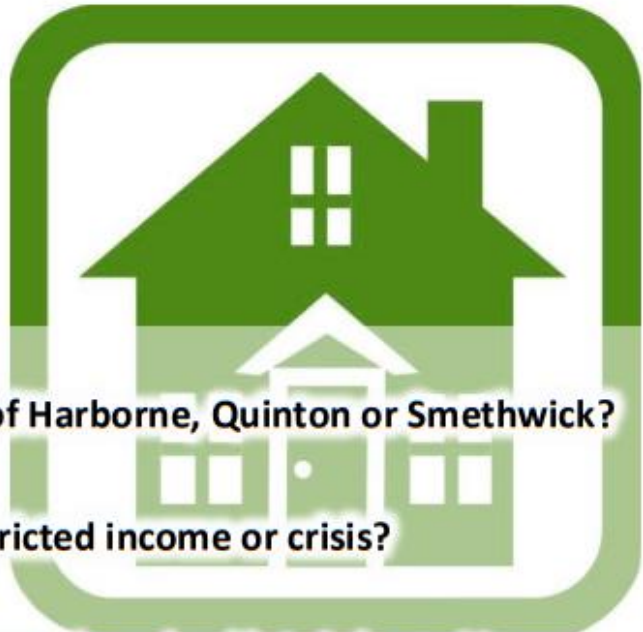
Please speak with Mr Kennedy, the office staff or email us at families@whp.greenheartlearning.org if you need support with any of this.

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.





Are you a permanent resident of Harborne, Quinton or Smethwick?

Are you struggling due to a restricted income or crisis?

If so, Harborne Parish Lands Charity (HPLC) may be able to help provide you with essential items for your home such as white goods, beds, bedroom storage, or a whole host of support. This list isn't exhaustive but unfortunately we cannot provide cash or debt relief or help with bills.



HPLC is a friendly local charity. Our mission is to help people who are in need and who live in the "Ancient Parish of Harborne" (which even includes a large area of Smethwick!)

Each case is always looked at on an individual basis and application are always followed up with a home visit.



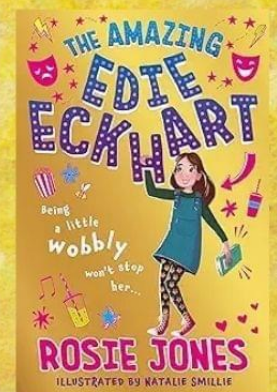
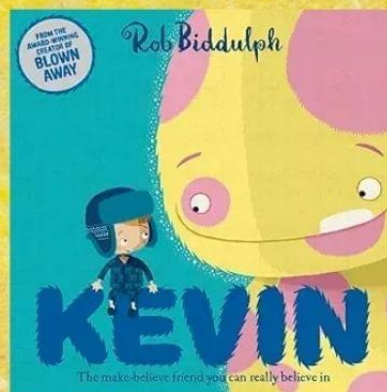
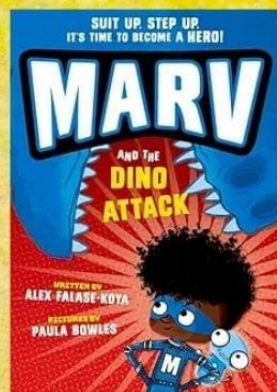
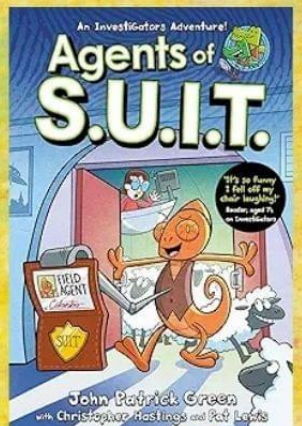
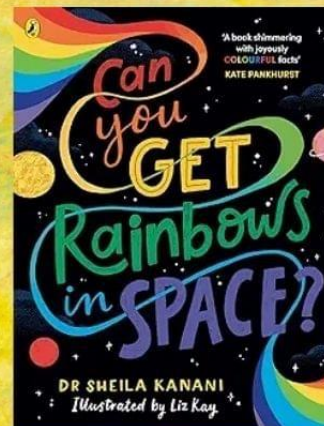
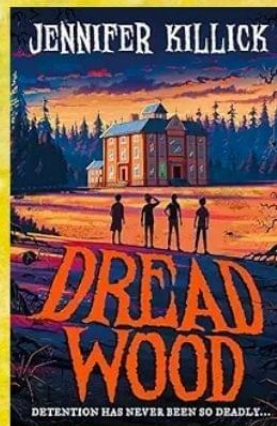
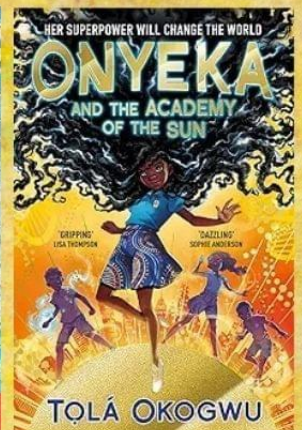
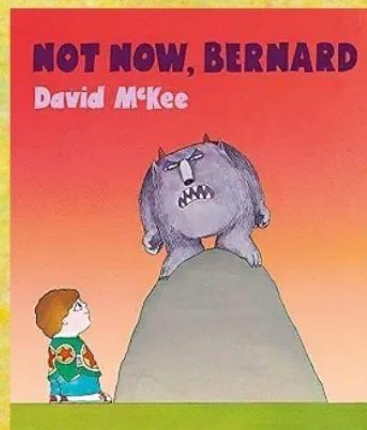
For an informal chat about your circumstances, please contact a member of staff at reception, or in the office, or one of our Support Officers.

9 Books by World Book Day Authors

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The World Book Day £1 books are brilliant as always. We wanted to show you what other amazing books some of the authors have already written so that you know where to go next once you've read them!

1. Not Now Bernard
David McKee
2. Otherland
Louie Stowell
3. Onyeka
Tola Okogwu
4. Dreadwood
Jennifer Killick
5. Can You Get Rainbows in Space?
Dr Sheila Kanani & Liz Kay
6. Agents of S.U.I.T.
John Patrick Green
7. Marv
Alex Falase-Koya & Paula Bowles
8. Kevin
Rob Biddulph
9. The Amazing Edie Eckhart
Rosie Jones & Natalie Smillie



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



The Secret of the Moonshard

Struan Murray

Puffin 9+

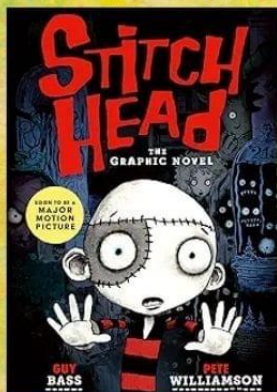
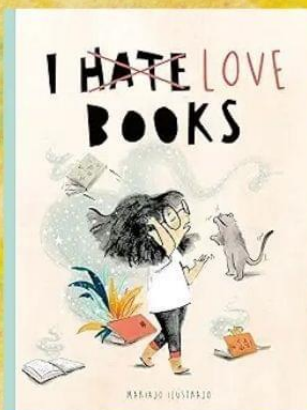
Domino lives happily(ish) in a floating laboratory until everything she thought she knew starts to unravel... Pursued by Science Barons, she becomes pivotal in a war between science and magic. With rich description and breathtaking twists, this adventure captivates from start to finish. Perfect for Year 5 and up, it will leave you gripped and wanting more.

I Love Books

Mariaajo Ilustrajo

Frances Lincoln Children's Books 4+

I love books about loving books... This one is a magical tale celebrating the joy of discovering the enchantment of books. Perfect for convincing reluctant readers, it follows a girl's transformation from hating books to embracing their wonder. With vibrant illustrations and a captivating narrative, this charming picture book will hopefully inspire a lifelong love for reading.



Stitch Head - The Graphic Novel

Guy Bass & Pete Williamson

Little Tiger 8+

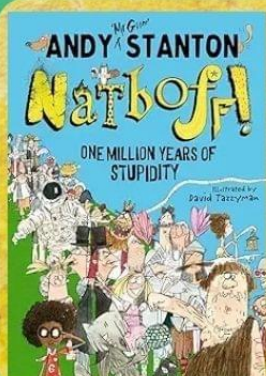
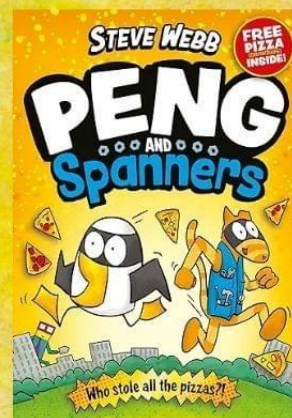
The massively popular and brilliant Stitch Head has been turned into an equally brilliant graphic novel! Created by eccentric Professor Erasmus, Stitch Head finds himself drawn into a world beyond the castle walls when a circus ringmaster offers him stardom. A heart warming message about friendship and teamwork, Stitch Head's journey is as delightful as it is eerie.

Peng and Spanners

Steve Webb

Faber & Faber 8+

Time to meet Peng and Spanners, the dynamic duo of sarcasm and cleverness, in a hilarious graphic novel. With a disappearing pizza parlour and a giant robot on the loose, their slapstick adventures and bold artwork make for an unputdownable read. Get ready for laughter and excitement as they save the day in their own unique style.



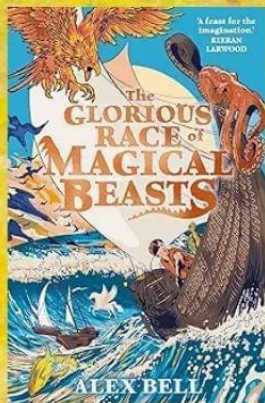
One You Might Have Missed

Natboff - Andy Stanton & David Tazzyman

Farshore- 7+ May 2018

Everyone knows and loves Mr Gum (the books, not the person - he's a rotter!). But far fewer have fallen in love with Natboff. Set in the same town (Lamonic Bibber) over a million years, from Caveman days all the way into the future. Each stop is full of wacky characters and bonkers situations! What are you waiting for - read it now you crazer!

This Month's Book Reviews



The Glorious Race of Magical Beasts

Alex Bell

Faber & Faber 8+

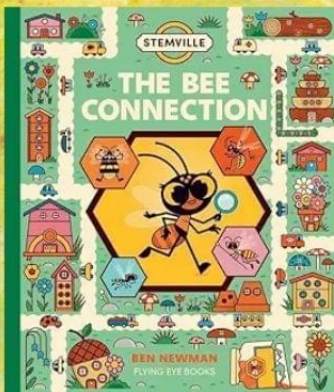
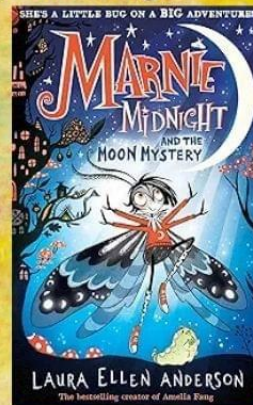
Join Eli, a young apprentice librarian, in an out-of-this-world adventure to save his grandmother. Racing through perilous lands with his moon tortoise, Humphrey, Eli teams up with Raven and her ice hare. Together, they defy odds in the Glorious Race of Magical Beasts. A thrilling tale blending friendship, courage, and magic.

Marnie Midnight

Laura Ellen Anderson

Farshore 7+

Embark on a magical journey with Marnie Midnight as she uncovers the disappearing moon magic. Determined to solve the mystery, Marnie and her minibeast friends face rebellious rats and terrifying adventures. This series promises charming characters and exciting escapades, perfect for young independent readers.



The Bee Connection

Ben Newman

Flying Eye Books 6+

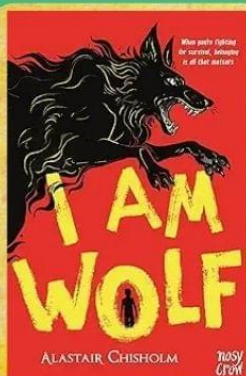
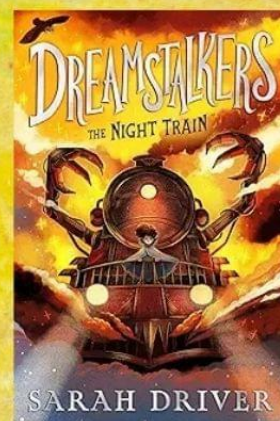
Follow the clues to find out EVERYTHING that you need to know about bees. Why they're important, what they do and most importantly, how to look after them. Perfect for any curious nature lovers. A really fun non-fiction treat.

Dreamstalkers

Sarah Driver

Farshore 9+

Sarah Driver delivers a captivating fantasy adventure for ages 8-12, reminiscent of Pullman and Rundell. When nightmares replace dreams, Bea's world changes. With her mother sick and secrets looming, Bea embarks on a daring journey aboard the Night Train to save her. Dive into a world of Dreamstalkers, magic, and danger



One To Wait for...

I Am Wolf

Alastair Chisholm - Nosy Crow - May 24

I'm a huge fan of everything that Alastair has written. I can't wait to jump into this new book - it is staring at me from my book shelf, tempting me! I'm not sure I'll be able to resist for much longer!

No Shelf Control

Edition 34 : February 2024

Q&A with Jen Carney

This month we have been lucky enough to chat with Jen Carney, the author of 'The Day My Dog Got Famous' our Book of the Month.

Your books are very funny but also have heart, how do you get the fine balance perfect?

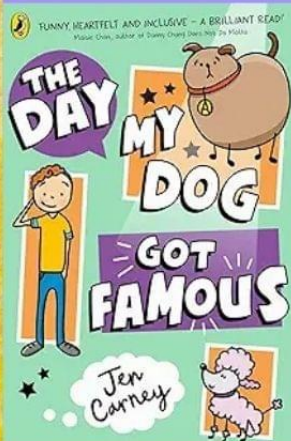
Thank you! That's a lovely compliment. I'm inspired by real life so I guess I just try to keep things real - life is full of ups and downs, and family and love are always at the forefront of my mind (along with daft jokes and fun images!).

My daughter was very excited to see B.U.G pop up in the book, will we see more of her in other books?

I'm so glad she was excited to see B.U.G! I love Billie so much and just had to squeeze her and Mr Paws into The Day My Dog Got Famous!! She doesn't pop up in The Day My School Exploded (book two in the series which I've already written) but I'm going to try to sneak her into the third book . Who knows, if I'm lucky, I might get to write a fourth book in the BUG series.

Do you have pet? If so would/could it win any competitions?

Sadly, all our family pets have passed away. My last dog, who died when she was 17, was amazing at tricks. She could have won an obedience competition for sure. My childhood dog (there's a photo of him in the back of the book; he inspired a lot of Aldo's antics) could have won a competition for 'who can eat the most underwear and then poop it out at the most inopportune moment!'



What are the best books for children that you've read recently? I just read a fun picture book to my youngest this evening that I enjoyed called 'Little Green Donkey' by Anushka Allepuz which made me laugh. I've also recently read 'Hercules: the diary of a (sort of) hero' by Tom Vaughan. That was a belter. Very funny with lots of Greek myth references. Brilliant for ages 8-11, I'd say.

The Day My Dog Got Famous is out now £7.99 from Puffin



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EASTER SPORTS CAMP

Boys & Girls, Ages 6-13, 8.30am - 3.30pm

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT

Week 1

Monday 25th to
Thursday 28th March

Week 2

Tuesday 2nd to Friday
5th April

Bookings paid for before Friday 15th March:

Full week **£60** Full day **£15** Half Week **£30** Half Day **£10**

Bookings paid for after Friday 15th March:

Full week **£75** Full day **£20** Half Week **£45** Half Day **£15**

From as little as £2.14 per hour!

FULL DAY

8.30 - 3.30

HALF DAY

AM 8.30 - 12.30

PM 11.30 - 3.30



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Phone: **07473 639 186**

By booking you agree to our terms and conditions, including first aid and photography consent for our website / social media pages.
Full terms & conditions can be found online.

We're delighted to continue running our highly successful holiday camp at Harborne Academy. We are again offering two camps to choose from, either **Multi-Activity** or **Football**. Our Multi-Activity Camp offers a wide range of different sessions (from Archery to Fencing alongside many other sports/team games and enrichment activities) for children to enjoy. Our Football Camp will look to develop children's football skills each day with plenty of opportunities for games and lots of teamwork.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle and appropriate clothing for plenty of FUN activities!

To book either our Multi-Activity or Football specific camp, see details below:

Booking link: [Harborne Academy – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)

| Venue | Date | Age | Time | Discounted Price |
|--|--|--------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Harborne Academy, Harborne Road, B15 3JL | Monday 25 th March – Friday 5 th April 2024 | 4 -11 years old | 9am-4pm* | £18.83 (30% off) |
| *4-year-old children are welcome and can attend our camps between 9 am – 1 pm (£10.76) | | | | |

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

We are able to offer FREE places (12 – 4pm) for Free School Meal (FSM) children - funded by Bring it on Brum as part of the government funded holiday activity and food programme (HAF). You must supply your FSM code when booking (the code will be provided by your school). We will provide your child with a free packed lunch, all your child will need is a water bottle and suitable clothing!

Week 1: Free Multi-Activity Holiday Activities and Food Camp: Mon 25th – Th 28th March 2024

Week 2: Free Football Holiday Activities and Food Camp: Tue 2nd – Fri 5th April 2024

Booking link: [Harborne Academy – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)

To book any session
Scan the QR Code



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Community Lead, Evan Heritage:

eheritage@premier-education.com



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YOUNG Rep Early Years

Young Rep is The Rep's celebrated youth theatre company for children and young people.

By popular demand, we have started two new companies for Early Years and KS1 on Saturday mornings. These brand new groups will develop children's confidence, self-expression and performance skills. The focus will be on having fun, being creative and at times we will host relaxed sharings at The Rep for parents and carers.

Young Rep Play Time

- Pre-School and Reception
- Ages 3-5

Young Rep Beginners

- School Years 1 and 2
- Ages 5-7

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Communication and Autism



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Communication and Autism Team

Parent Workshop SOUTH - Bellfield Infant School, B31 1PT

Come along and meet Wendy and Lisa from the Communication and Autism Team (CAT).

This is an opportunity for you to:

- Meet other parent carers with autistic children or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment
- For parent carers of children / young people of all ages
- Find out a bit more about autism
- Ask questions
- Have some time to reflect

The Spring Workshop Theme is: **Sensory Differences**

The session will be delivered face to face at:

| | |
|---|---|
| Bellfield Infant School, Vineyard Road, Birmingham B31 1PT | Wednesday 20th March 9.30-11.30am |
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Please note: there are no childcare facilities at the venue.

If you have any questions, please contact the email below:

CATLeadershipTeam@birmingham.gov.uk

Just turn up on the day - there is no need to book. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wendy Bantock and Lisa Walmsley



Communication and Autism



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Parent Session – NORTH Goodway Nursery, Goodway Rd B44 8RL

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| Goodway Nursery Goodway Road Great Barr B44 8RL | Tuesday 19th March 2024 1.30-3.00 pm |
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Dawn and Wendy G



Communication and Autism



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Parent Workshop – CENTRAL Wyndcliffe Primary School, B9 5BG

Come along and meet Viv and Katie from the Communication and Autism Team (CAT).

This is an opportunity for you to:

- Meet other parent carers with autistic children, or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment
- For parent carers of children / young people of all ages
- Find out a bit more about autism
- Ask questions
- Have some time to reflect and share ideas and experiences

The Spring Workshop Theme is: **Sensory Differences**

The session will be delivered face to face at:

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| Wyndcliffe Primary School, Little Green Lane, Small Heath, B9 5BG | Tuesday 19th March 2024 9.30-11.30am |
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Please note: there are no childcare facilities at the venue.

If you have any questions, please contact the email below:

CATLeadershipTeam@birmingham.gov.uk

Just turn up on the day - there is no need to book. We look forward to seeing you there!

Viv Walters and Katie Price

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.

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