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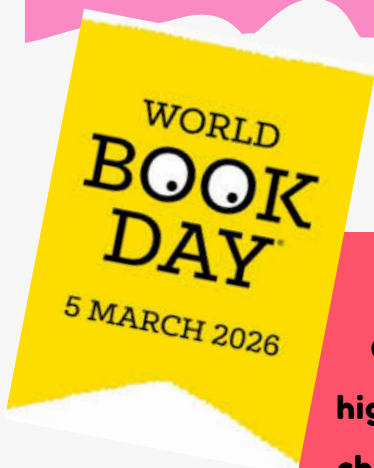
READING NEWSLETTER

Spring 2

It has been a wonderfully busy half term filled with reading across the school! As the days grow longer and signs of spring appear, there has been a real buzz around books in every classroom. From children sharing their favourite stories to exploring new authors and genres, it's been fantastic to see such enthusiasm for reading.



Thank you for your continued support in encouraging reading at home—it really does make a difference. We hope you enjoy hearing about all the wonderful reading that has been taking place!



World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, we celebrated World Book Day—always a highlight that children eagerly look forward to. This year, pupils were challenged to dress up as a word, and they truly rose to the occasion. The creativity on display was fantastic, and all of the children looked brilliant!

Throughout the day, classes took part in a range of exciting activities to celebrate reading. From exploring new stories to engaging in fun, book-inspired tasks, it was a wonderful opportunity to share a love of reading together.

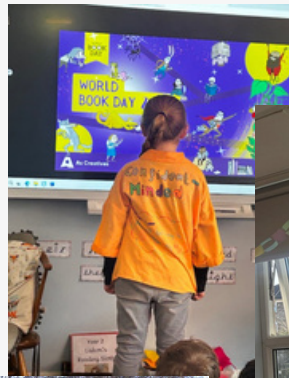
**“Reading is dreaming
with your eyes open.”**

Anissa Trisdianty



**“You are never alone
when lost in the magic of
a good book.”**

Marie Lu



The British Library Fairytales Exhibition

Fancy a trip to the British Library this half term?

The British Library's Fairy Tales exhibition invites visitors into a magical world of well-known stories like Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood, alongside tales from around the world. With interactive displays, costumes and original books, it brings these classic stories to life and shows how they have changed over time—perfect for inspiring a love of reading and imagination.

The exhibition is running until the 23rd August, tickets can be purchased via the British Library website.

<https://events.bl.uk/exhibitions/fairy-tales>



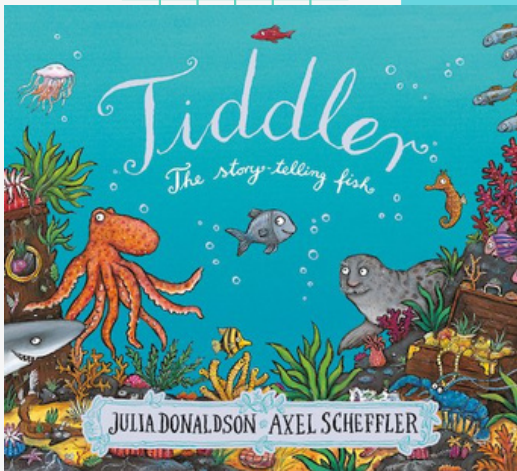
Y6 Reading Ambassadors

- Name: Zuri
- Favourite author: David Walliams
- Favourite illustrator: Tony Ross
- Favourite book: The Midnight Gang
- Favourite character: George from the Midnight gang
- The best thing about reading: You learn different vocabulary to use in your writing.



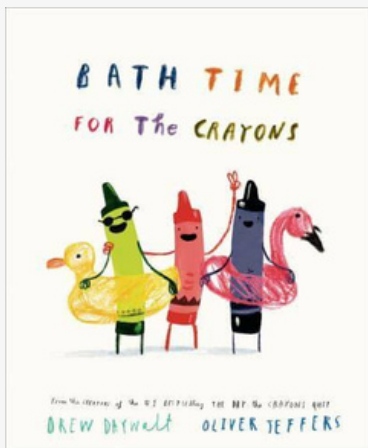
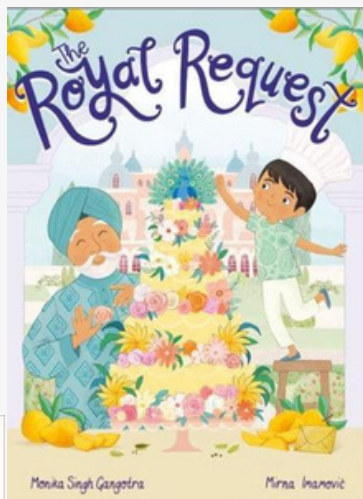
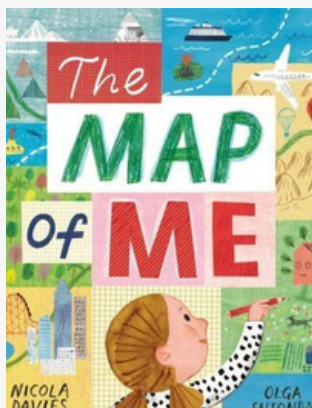


Staff favourites



Orla recommends Tiddler as it's perfect for younger readers, with catchy rhymes, colourful illustrations, and a gentle message about confidence and creativity.

New releases- Spring 2026



Reading Mornings

14th April

5th May

2nd June

Location: Activity studio

Time: 8.25-8.45

Bring a book and enjoy reading with your child

before school






Millionaire reading challenge



Our Millionaire Reading Challenge encourages children to develop a love of reading by working towards an exciting goal—reading one million words! Each time a child finishes a book, they can record it in their reading record along with the book’s word count. Word counts can easily be found online or estimated using page numbers, and these are added together over time to track progress. Along the way, children will reach important milestones such as 100,000, 250,000 and 500,000 words, before achieving the ultimate goal of becoming a “Millionaire Reader”! It’s a fun and motivating way to celebrate reading both at school and at home.



Stronger Starts



We are excited to share that our school has been selected to take part in the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme (previously known as the Blue Tokens initiative). This means that every time you shop at Tesco, you can help support our school library simply by placing your Blue token in the voting box in-store. Voting will commence in store from Tuesday 28th April 2026 until the end of July 2026.

How it works:

When you shop at Tesco, you will receive a Blue token at the checkout. You can vote for our school by placing your token in the designated voting box. The more tokens we receive, the greater the funding we can secure for our library.