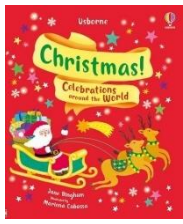


New releases!

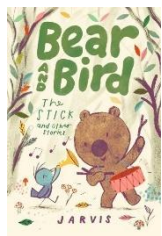
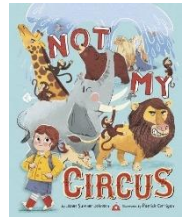


***Christmas Celebrations around the World* Jane Bingham (author), Mariona Cabassa (illustrator)**

From roller-skating to church, to carving decorations from radishes, there are so many surprising and wonderful traditions going on around the world at Christmas time. Young children can dip in at any page and enjoy the visual feast, whilst learning about different countries and cultures. Suitable for children and families who celebrate Christmas and would like to know more about how it is observed elsewhere! Jane has worked on various other Usborne books and encyclopaedias; her edition of the Usborne Illustrated Dictionary was awarded a prize for a significant contribution to children's literacy!

***Not My Circus* Janet Sumner Johnson (author), Patrick Corrigan, Patrick Corrigan (illustrator)**

Olivia was supposed to buy eggs at the shop. Instead, she bought a circus! Between food fights and a lack of toilet training, her mum is not thrilled. When Mr Victor refuses to take the animals back, it's off to the zoo for Olivia's new friends... unless she can find a way to prove that she is in control of her circus. Janet Sumner Johnson takes a simple idiom and turns it into a hilarious story of one girl's love of animals, weaving in themes of responsibility, determination and creative thinking. Suitable for all children.

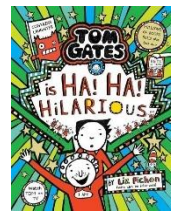


***Bear and Bird: The Stick and Other Stories* Jarvis (author, illustrator)**

Bear and Bird are best friends! And while they don't always understand each other, they both agree: all they want is to make the other happy. So, when Bear and Bird find they both want to collect the same stick, they are absolutely determined not to let it get in the way of their friendship. Full of comic mix-ups and misunderstandings, as well as genuine warmth and affection, these four stories are the fourth instalment in this irresistibly charming chapter book series from award-winning creator Jarvis. Great for children who are ready to start reading by themselves but may need a little help!

***Tom Gates Ha! Ha! Hilarious* Liz Pichon (author, illustrator)**

The top-of-the-class, extra special 22nd book from bestselling author and illustrator Liz Pichon. A feel-good, laugh-out-loud, packed-with-pictures Tom Gates story! Tom Gates is Ha! Ha! HILARIOUS! He's created brand new comic *Ants In Pants* to make everyone laugh. Inspiration for his new comic is everywhere! There's Mr Keen's unicycle mishap and their NEW supply teacher Miss Jam (whose first name is NOT Strawberry or Traffic - but it should be). But when Tom's comic falls into the wrong hands, everything starts to go wrong. Suitable for Years 3 and up!

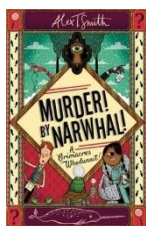
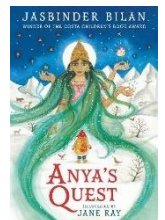


***The Snowman Code* Simon Stephenson (author), Reggie Brown (illustrator)**

A beautifully hopeful, funny and heartwarming tale from the critically-acclaimed and award-winning screenwriter behind Pixar's *Luca* and *Paddington 2*. In London, in a winter which shows no sign of ending, a unique friendship begins. This is the story of Blessing, aged ten-and-a-half, and Albert Framlington, aged six hundred – an eccentric snowman who has seen many winters in many cities, and who is duty-bound by the Snowman Code to help any child in need. Together, Blessing and Albert must find a way to defeat Blessing's bullies, win back Albert's long-lost love Clementine, and even overcome the never-ending winter itself... Suitable for children in Years 4 and up.

***Anya's Quest* Jasbinder Bilan (author), Jane Ray (illustrator)**

This beguiling fantasy adventure inspired by Hindu mythology from the author of *Asha and the Spirit Bird* sends young Anya on a quest to find elusive spirit animals and forgotten lullabies in a desperate bid to heal a fragile planet. When the mighty goddess Ganga hears a forgotten melody in the night, she follows its tune to a palace in the icy Himalaya and to a young girl called Anya... Together, they must confront their fears and discover friends new and old, as they join their voices in a celebration of the planet. Suitable for confident readers in Years 5 and 6.



***Murder! By Narwhal!* Alex T Smith (author, illustrator)**

When the tyrannical family patriarch, Sir Ignatious Gristle is murdered on his 90th birthday at his country estate, every one of his gathered family members is a suspect. Trapped by a snowstorm with no way to contact the police, it's up to his meddlesome granddaughter, Edna, and her trusted tortoise. Absolutely pitch-perfect take on classic crime mysteries, with a lively cast of characters, plenty of twists & turns and fantastic illustrations. Full of head-scratching clues and page-turning twists, it's suitable for confident readers in Years 5 and 6.




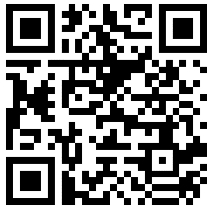
What's happening at Newfield?

- Children in 5C will be taking part in a Britannica quiz this month! Children have had free copies of the popular *What on Earth!* magazine from September and will now test their knowledge against other schools in early December – best of luck!
- Pupils in Year 6 will soon be starting our annual participation in the **Dudley Children's Book Award**. The group, led by Mrs Saunders, have to read 6 books which are shortlisted by judges before voting on which one is their favourite!



Recommend a book!

Have you or your child read a book which you'd like to recommend!? Scan the QR code (or click the link below) and your book recommendation may appear next month in the Reading Newsletter!

Children's book recommendation	Grown-up book recommendation
	
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An author you might not know....



Sharna Jackson

Born in London, Sharna Jackson grew up with a passion for storytelling and a love for engaging young minds. Her debut children's novel, the gripping "High-Rise Mystery," was published in 2019 and was followed by "Mic Drop" in 2020. In 2022,

Jackson introduced readers to her latest work, "The Good Turn," which focuses on a group of children who form a scout troop and embark on various adventures while learning about friendship and community. Brilliantly crafted and featuring Jackson's unique voice, the book became a bestseller! Jackson's books are normally suitable for children in Years 5 and 6. This year, Year 5 pupils will read High-Rise Mystery!

Book Brag!

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold

This wonderful moving story was shortlisted for The British Book Awards 2022 Children's Fiction Book of the Year and was the Waterstones Children's Book of the Month for April 2022.

"This book is about a girl called April. Her mother has sadly died and her father is always busy with work. She then has to go to Bear Island on a business trip with her Dad. The island is amazing; it used to have thousands of bears but now there are none... That is until April thinks she saw one and begins to investigate. It's a great book that's great for 9 year old children and up!" Recommended by Lilia (Year 5)



Staff recommendation (for Children)

Spooksmiths Investigate: The Cinderman by Alex Atkinson

Discover a brilliantly spooky new horror-mystery series for fans of Dread Wood, Goosebumps and Aveline Jones...

"I devoured this in 24 hours. It was very different to anything I've read before. Indigo and Rusty make a powerful team and teach us that family is important and we have to look out for each other. I'm already looking forward to reading the sequel." Recommended by Mrs Saunders

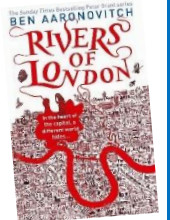


Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)

Rivers of London by Ben Aaronovitch

Overlaying a wonderful supernatural gloss on the streets and landmarks of the capital, Aaronovitch provides a thrillingly exciting opening mystery for his detective/apprentice wizard protagonist in the opening instalment of the Rivers of London series, which was first released back in 2011!

"A brilliant book! An odd but fantastic mix of the supernatural, police drama, comedy and adventure. An excellent read which has led to many sequels." Recommended by Mr. T. Roddison



Turn on the subtitles!

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can **'double the chances' of a child becoming good at reading**. It's so brilliantly simple and can help children's literacy so much that we want to shout it from the rooftops! There's extensive global research that shows just how effective this is. For more information on the research [click here](#). Most apps such as Netflix, Prime Video, Disney+, Apple TV and iPlayer allow subtitles on almost every show. "Live" programs, such as those on Cbeebies and CBBC, are normally also available with subtitles on. Finally, click the "CC" button on YouTube to activate the subtitles on any videos/shows your child might be watching!

"Just turn on the subtitles. Extraordinary. Evidence has shown they can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading." (Lenny Henry, author and comedian, pictured right)

