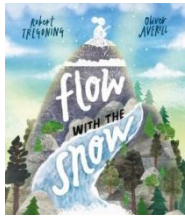




**New releases!**

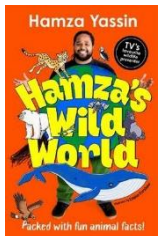


***Flow With the Snow* Robert Tregoning (author), Oliver Averill (illustrator)**

Snow lives high on the top of a mountain, but longs to join the clouds she watches as they glide past, floating freely through the air. Then one day, something extraordinary happens. As the clouds part, the sun shines down and Snow finds herself melting. Soon she is whizzing down the mountainside on a journey that will take her to the sea and beyond! Snow’s dramatic journey down the mountain, along rivers, through smoky, dirty cities, will capture children’s imaginations while this lyrical story is also a fascinating introduction to the water cycle. Suitable for children in nursery and reception.

***The Circular Square* Simon Philip (author) Neil Clark (Illustrator)**

An uplifting, perceptive rhyming story about life’s ups and downs, and how those experiences help shape us into well-rounded people. Square used to have FOUR straight sides and FOUR pointy corners, and this made life pretty tough. His corners always got knocked and travelling was an awkward, bumpy ride. Until one day, Square realised that dwelling on those thoughts was far from smart or wise. Instead he pledged to see the positives - like the cooling breeze on summer day. Then, unnoticed at first, Square slowly got rounder and rounder everyday. . . This heartening story is a beautiful, accessible metaphor that shows how our experiences contribute to who we are, and how even though life can be difficult, there is always good to be found. Suitable for nursery children upwards.



***Hamza's Wild World* Hamza Yassin (Author) Louise Forshaw (Illustrator)**

Did you know that cows have over 25,000 taste buds? And that sea stars eat mussels and barnacles? How do sparrow hawks catch their prey? Covering all aspects of animal life, from communication to feeding to learning to the different ways that animals move and sense things, this is jam-packed with fascinating facts. Hamza shares his enthusiasm in a very natural, chatty way, with lots of illustrations and photos. Hamza is dyslexic, as he explains in the introduction, and he wrote this book using recordings of him talking to his editor. Animal-lovers – and any non-fiction lovers – will find it engrossing. Suitable for children in Key Stage 2.

***History's Most Epic Fibs!* Athena Kugblenu (Author) Nicole Miles (Illustrator)**

Fibbing is a part of being human, with some lies being harmless and others damaging. Athena Kugblenu's book explores various fibs throughout history, from trivial ones like the idea that women's dresses don't need pockets, to harmful ones like misinformation. The book discusses fake news, how lies spread online, and teaches children to question information. It includes a "fib-o-meter" to show the severity of different lies, with clear text and fun illustrations to keep the tone light while addressing serious topics. Suitable for children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

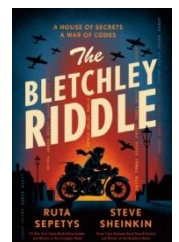


***The Last Boy* Eve McDonnell (author)**

Sparked by the true story of George Brewster — the last child chimney sweep — Eve McDonnell’s *The Last Boy* is an outstanding historic adventure about secrets, secrets of the stars, scientific innovation, deep-felt grief and long-held dreams. Brewster has been sold to a cruel Master Sweep to risk his life up the narrow jungle of chimneys to reach the sky. But Brewster has a secret: he's a wizard with numbers and he's predicted a terrifying storm of stars! McDonnell’s writing is classy, characterful and splendidly compelling, with a wonderfully inviting premise that keeps on giving as Brewster’s magical, suspenseful, big-hearted tale takes flight in illuminating and unpredictable style! Suitable for confident readers in Years 5 and 6.

***The Bletchley Riddle* Ruta Sepetys, Steve Sheinkin (authors)**

A thrilling, historical adventure from bestselling authors Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin. Remember, you are bound by the official secrets act... It is the summer of 1940. The world is at war. These days, you don't know who you can trust or who might be a secret spy... Maths whizz Jakob Novis has been recruited to the secret codebreaking centre at Bletchley Park. As Jakob works to crack the Nazi's Enigma cipher, his younger sister Lizzie is busy on an undercover mission of her own: to find their mother. Filled with codes to decipher and mysteries to unravel, this is the unputdownable historical adventure that will have you on the edge of your seats! A super and unique book which is perfect for readers in Years 5 and 6.






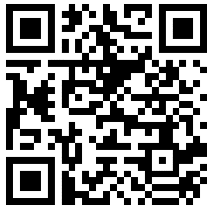
**What's happening at Newfield?**

- Brand new books have been ordered that children have requested via **The Wish Box**! These include books from award-winning authors Polly Ho Yen, Christopher Edge and Jennifer Killick.
- 5C completed the first round of their **What on Earth!** book quiz and will take part again in February/March!
- Our Year 6 Dudley Book Awards is off and running. The children will read books including *Angel of Grasmere*, *The Bletchley Riddle* and *River Spirit*!



**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...**



**Tony Bradman** is an award-winning writer of many children's books, a well-known editor with a particular focus on diversity and finding new voices, and a respected book reviewer. Tony has written for children of all ages – poetry and picture books, beginner readers. In recent

years he has written a lot of historical fiction which has been very successful in schools, particularly *Viking Boy* and *Anglo-Saxon Boy*. He is also well known in the UK for his Dilly the Dinosaur stories; his books have sold more than two million copies worldwide!



**Book Brag!**

**City of Ghosts** by V. E. Schwab

Victoria Schwab's excellent Edinburgh set novel is a blackly funny tale of friendship and a very modern take on the classic ghost story. Hooking you from the very first page, it has just the right amount of spookiness, mystery and action, keeping you on the edge of your seat without getting gory. Victoria Schwab is a superb new storyteller, blending well-crafted characters with a well-paced plot. A fun, spine-tingling read.



*"I really enjoyed this book. It's a horror book filled with suspense, drama and plot twists!" Recommended by Millie (Year 6 pupil)*

**Staff recommendation (for Children)**

**Fantastically Great Women who Saved the Planet** by Kate Pankhurst

This is an engaging book about women who have protected our natural world. It's filled with colorful illustrations and inspiring facts. This book shows how small actions can help fight climate change. *"It was amazing to learn how influential some of these women have been in helping to preserve our planet. There are other books in the series too that I want to read soon!"*



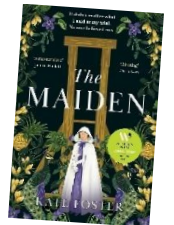
*Recommended by Lee (teacher)*

**Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)**

**The Maiden** by Kate Foster

Inspired by a real-life murder trial, Kate Foster's *The Maiden* is a remarkable story with a feminist revisionist twist that gives voices to women otherwise silenced by history. The book was longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction in 2024.

*"This book was based on real historical events. Lady Christian is arrested and sentenced to death, by the maiden, for murdering her lover. It details her plight and the events that lead up to the murder. It's a very unique read and definitely worth a read." Recommended by Clare (teacher)*



**Winners of the Lollies Awards 2024 announced!**

Scholastic have announced the winners of the **2024 Laugh Out Loud Awards (The Lollies)** at a ceremony filled with laughter, poetry, song, doodling and much more. The Lollies is the UK's biggest celebration of funny books and one of the few awards where the winners are voted for by children. Stephen Mangan was joined by guest stars from children's books and television including Lollies' ambassador Michael Rosen, Martin Brown, Anita Mangan, Ella McLeod, Shini Muthukrishnan, Axel Scheffler, George Webster and Cbeebies' Dodge the Dog! Take a look at some of the winners to the right and [Click here to find out more about the winning books.](#)

