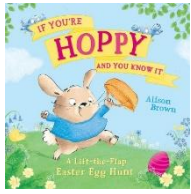




**New releases!**

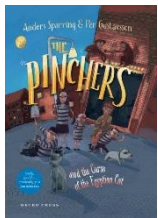
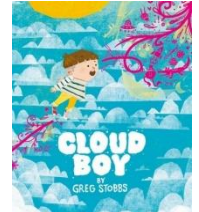


***If You're Hoppy and You Know It* Alison Brown (author), Alison Brown (illustrator)**

Celebrate Easter with bunnies, egg hunts and a joyful, familiar rhyme. Join a crew of bunnies for an adorable Easter egg hunt! Sing along with the much-loved rhyme, If You're Happy and You Know It, adapted for Easter by the author Alison Brown. Search around in all the best hiding places, see how many eggs you can find, and meet some friends along the way. Filled with fun actions to follow along with, things to spot, interactive flaps and plenty of springtime joy. The perfect gift for pre-school / nursery children who celebrate Easter.

***Cloud Boy* Greg Stobbs (author and illustrator)**

When Bobby gets distracted, he starts to float. Everyone tries to help him, but there are so many sights and sounds and smells which draw his attention away from everyday things. Bobby would like to concentrate like his friends, but it's very hard, so his family and friends come up with all sorts of clever plans. But a string tied around Bobby's ankle just makes him feel empty inside. In this uplifting story, Bobby's friends and family might just learn that the best way to understand Bobby to think a bit like him. A positive fable that celebrates the value of neurodivergence. Suitable for children in Reception and Key Stage 1.

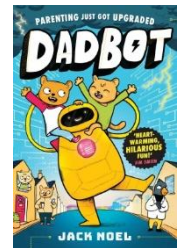


***The Pinchers and the Curse of the Egyptian Cat* Anders Sparring (author), Per Gustavsson (illustrator)**

If you haven't met them before, the Pinchers are a family of criminals, all of them happy crooks from grandma to the family dog, except for young Theo Pincher, motto: 'A clean conscience is the best pillow.' Everything is turned upside down though in their latest adventure, because in the course of it, an Egyptian plaster cat gets broken. And when an Egyptian cat breaks, unexpected things can happen. The story is funny, intriguing, and guaranteed to keep readers on the edge of their seats as Theo and his sister set out to escape the curse, untangling clues, encountering cute monkeys and a mean zookeeper in the process! Suitable for children in Years 3 and 4.

***Dadbot* Jack Noel (author and illustrator)**

Introducing the first book in a brand-new graphic novel series, in a riot of colour! What do you get when you mix workaholic parents, a car boot sale and a mad scientist together? DADBOT, that's who! With super-strength, hot chocolate on tap and a printer for a butt, Dadbot might be the most exciting thing Josh and Daisy discover - and he only cost £3! With this major parenting upgrade, Josh and Daisy's summer holidays just went from dull to dynamite. But the evil Doctor Egg is lurking to steal Dadbot for his own plans of world domination . . . Can Josh and Daisy protect their new robo-parent before it's too late? Full of robots, puns and dastardly dad-napping, this hilarious new series is perfect for fans of Bunny vs Monkey and Cat Kid. Suitable for children in Years 3 and 4.



***School for Fireflies* Erica Gomez (author)**

Siddy and Zadie are two normal 11-year-olds, obsessed with solving mysteries like their favourite detective podcast - until they discover they are anything but normal. Instead of starting at their normal new school, they've been enrolled in the parallel School for Fireflies. Amidst the excitement of learning they are here to develop their magical skills, they discover a decades- old mystery waiting to be solved. The girls set out to use all their detective knowledge, and soon find that the clues just might lead them to the reason Siddy's dad disappeared years ago. School for Fireflies combines the intrigue of a classic mystery story with contemporary sass and age-old magic to terrific effect. Perfect for children in Years 5 and 6.

***After* Padraig Kenny (author)**

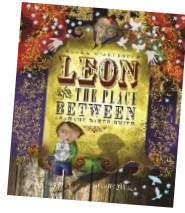
"Tell me again how the world ended." Jen and her father are making their way across a deserted world after a technological collapse brought civilization as people knew it to an end. The Flood took out all technology, but also many people who were connected to a central information hive. Those who are left behind must find each other and build a new life. But Jen's father isn't related to her by blood - he is a human-appearing AI, a glitch in the system, and a secret that must be kept, even from those she wishes she could trust... Exploring themes of what it means to be human, the value of every individual and where true danger lies, this is a powerful but hopeful dystopian adventure for confident readers in Year 6.







**What's happening at Newfield?**

- Our Year 2 pupils have been exploring a new book for Newfield Park over the last few weeks. The brilliant **Leon and the Place Between** is a magical picture book set in a mysterious circus. It has a very unusual art style and has been popular with the children!
- Year 5 have also been studying a picture book, **Journey**, and are using an **AI art generator** to imagine what might happen next in the story! They will then use this image to help prompt them with their own writing!



**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....**



**Sita Brahmachari** won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize with her debut *Artichoke Hearts* and is one of the most interesting and important voices in children's books today. Her latest novel, *Tender Earth* was awarded an

honour by the International Board of Books for Young People. She was even the 2015 Booktrust's writer in Residence! Most of her books are suitable for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 but she has written a few for younger children. Her book 'Where the River Runs Gold' is a popular book in our upstairs library!



**Book Brag!**

**Love and Kisses** by Jean Ure

A fun and feisty new novel from master storyteller Jean Ure - with a gorgeous new cover look to appeal to all girls who love real-life stories. A charming story about the innocence of first love - and learning to do the right thing. Only suitable for children in Year 6 who enjoy the romance genre!



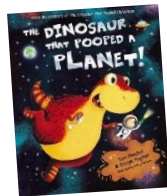
*"This is a great book and I was really interested in it. It's about a girl called Katie who is getting into relationships and finds that this can be really hard; she gives advice to the reader on growing up and being happy with yourself."*

*Recommended by Nancy (Year 6 pupil)*

**Staff recommendation (for Children)**

**The Dinosaur That Pooped a Planet!** by Tom Fletcher & Dougie Poynter

Discover the pooptastic world of Dino and Danny, from bestselling authors Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter! In this humorous rhyming picture book, Danny and Dinosaur are off on an adventure in space! But when Danny realises he's forgotten Dino's lunch box, the very hungry dinosaur eats everything in sight! How will Dino get them back down to earth? Well, there's only one way...

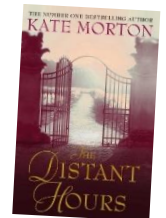


*"It's silly, very silly, but makes my child in nursery laugh out loud everytime we read it together. Still hilarious a decade after it was first published!" Recommended by Mr. T. Roddison*

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

**The Distant Hours** by Kate Morton

*The Distant Hours* is a tale of love, loss, and a hidden secret. Edie Burchill's discovery of a long-lost letter leads her to Milderhurst Castle, where she uncovers her mother's mysterious past. As Edie delves deeper, she unravels secrets that have been buried for decades.



*"I've read several Kate Morton books but this one was truly brilliant. Morton once again enthralled readers with an atmospheric story featuring unforgettable characters beset by love and circumstance and haunted by memory, that reminds us of the rich power of storytelling." Recommended by Mrs. R. Johnson*

**Blue Peter Book Badge**

Did you know your child can apply for a **Blue Peter Book Badge**! The badge is designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake – who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's *BFG* and *Matilda*! To apply, all your child needs to do is get in touch with Blue Peter to discuss a book they've enjoyed reading recently and draw a character or scene from the book. Click below for more information:

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