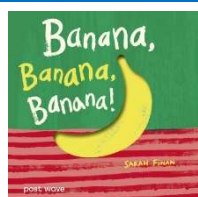


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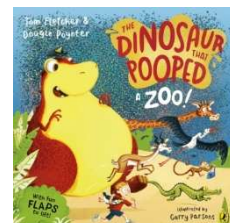


***Banana, Banana, Banana!** Sarah Finan (author / illustrator)*

There's only one thing this little baby wants to eat as a snack - bananas, bananas, bananas! Mashed in a bowl, mixed with porridge, smothered in honey - always yummy. With sweet rhyming text, bold, bright artwork and clever die-cuts throughout, this board book is a joy to read aloud to little ones and can be enjoyed again and again. Banana, Banana, Banana! is the second title in this pre-school series which introduces little ones to favourite foods and all the delightful ways they can be eaten. Suitable for nursery children and younger!

***The Dinosaur That Pooped a Zoo!** Tom Fletcher, Dougie Poynter (author), Garry Parsons (illustrator)*

Join Danny and Dino at the zoo in this pooptastic lift-the-flap story! With rip-roaring rhyme and laugh-out-loud silliness, the Dinosaur that Pooped has sold over 1.5 million copies around the world! Danny and Dino are enjoying a school trip to the zoo... until a cheeky monkey steals their packed lunch! They chase the monkey past parrots, zebras and rhinos, but soon get stuck in an enclosure with some VERY hungry lions! Can Dino's quick thinking and rumble tummy save the day? This hilarious addition to the lift-the-flap series features a host of hidden surprises. Very silly and very popular with young children!



***The Wild Robot on the Island** Peter Brown (author)*

Venture into Roz's wild world in this gorgeously illustrated picture book that brings to full colour the adventures of the #1 New York Times bestselling novel The Wild Robot - now a popular movie which you may have heard of or seen! Roz the robot wasn't designed to live in the wilderness. But when she washes up on an island, she must learn from the animal inhabitants and adapt to her new, natural surroundings, and before long, the island begins to feel like home. Filled with Peter Brown's stunning artwork, this moving picture book is the perfect gift for readers new to The Wild Robot. Suitable for reception children and up!

***Blue, Barry & Pancakes: Mount Choco Meltdown** Dan Abdo, Jason Patterson (author / illustrator)*

Meet the funniest trio in town! Despite their differences, they ALWAYS have each other's backs... Barry convinces Blue and Pancakes to enter an epic ice cream sundae-making contest. Blue and Pancakes just want to have fun, but Barry is in it to WIN IT. He is on the ultimate quest: to find the best chocolate ice cream the world has EVER SEEN! The Blue, Barry & Pancakes series is loved by early readers and includes themes like friendship that embraces difference, teamwork and problem solving! Lots of silly fun and suitable for children in Years 2 and up!



***Ivy and Bearlock Holmes: The Case of the Missing Flower** Kristyna Litten (author)*

When the rare Agave flower goes missing from Bearona's botanic gardens, it's up to super-sleuth Ivy and her grandpa Bearlock Holmes to crack the case. But with multiple suspects and a trail that's starting to run cold, can they catch the culprit before the flower is lost forever? The first book in a brand-new mystery fiction series, this interactive book features 15 puzzles that are woven into the action, so readers can feel immersed in the exciting detective plot. A really unusual, perfect book for newly independent readers; look out for more titles in the Ivy and Bearlock series! Suitable for children in Years 3 and up.

***When the Storm Comes** Polly Ho-Yen (author)*

The storm had been brewing for weeks... We had no idea what lay ahead. Mali, Jonesey, Fara and Petey don't want to be friends. They definitely don't want to be stuck in the library together after school, on a rainy day. When the storm outside gets worse and traps them in school overnight, the group is fractured. As things go from bad to worse, they must embark on a dangerous adventure to rescue their teacher and find help. Trusting each other may be the only way out... A propulsive and magnetic new story from award-winning author Polly Ho-Yen. It's suitable for children in Years 5 and 6 who love adventure!



***Netta Becker and the Timeline Crime** Jennifer Claessen (author)*

A crumbling villa. A mythical maze. A race against time. Netta's summer in Crete with her history-obsessed brother Remy is anything but exciting—until vivid dreams pull her into Ancient Greece. There, King Minos readies his labyrinth, and whispers of a monster grow louder. As Netta slips further into the past, her grip on the present weakens. She and Remy must uncover what's drawing her back before it's too late—because if they fail, Netta might be lost to history forever. This thrilling time-travel adventure blends myth, mystery, and a bold feminist twist on Greek legend. Suitable for confident readers in Years 5 and 6.

Local Authors	Recommend a book!				
<p>Andy Jones Andy Jones is a children's author and creative writing advocate based in the West Midlands. His book <i>Wishes Come in Threes</i> blends humour and heart in a story about family, friendship, and magical thinking. Jones also wrote <i>Unleash Your Creative Monster</i>, a guide to help children develop their storytelling skills. He regularly leads workshops in schools, helping young writers find their voice and confidence.</p> 	<p>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!</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="790 392 1141 436">Children's book recommendation</th><th data-bbox="1141 392 1492 436">Grown-up book recommendation</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="790 436 1141 660">  https://forms.office.com/e/TmHxPx756v </td><td data-bbox="1141 436 1492 660">  https://forms.office.com/e/sanb04eP05 </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Children's book recommendation	Grown-up book recommendation	 https://forms.office.com/e/TmHxPx756v	 https://forms.office.com/e/sanb04eP05
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<p>Sir Lenny Henry - Sir Lenny Henry has risen from being a star on children's television to becoming one of Britain's best known comedians, but now spends a lot of his time writing for children! The <i>Boy with Wings</i> was his first book and was written only a few years ago. In that time, the exciting and funny book series has really taken off; there are a number of Lenny Henry books already in our library – go take a look! The second in the series, <i>The Book of Legends</i> was released last year. Both of the books are only 250 pages long so easily accessible for less-confident readers!</p> 	<p>Olympus and the Lost Hero by Rick Riordan Seven Heroes. One Prophecy. Destiny Calls. When Jason, Piper and Leo crash land at Camp Half-Blood, they have no idea what to expect. A haven for the children of the Greek Gods, like the famous Percy Jackson, they are apparently safe here – despite the monsters roaming the woods. But before they can settle into their new lives as demigods, the trio are thrown into a quest – to rescue Hera, Queen of the Gods, from the clutches of a terrifying enemy... <i>"A great book that I wouldn't hesitate to recommend. It starts so dramatically and is a great thriller, with the children embarking on an incredible journey!" Recommended by Lilia, Year 5 pupil</i></p> 				
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<p>Blue Monster by Petr Horacek (author / illustrator) Blue Monster wants to play with Rabbit - but Rabbit is sleeping and doesn't want to play. SO... what should Blue Monster do? Blue Monster does something you should NEVER do and then... he does it again and again! Now he DEFINITELY has no one to play with! He feels sad, lonely and VERY guilty. Things may get better, but only when Blue Monster says he's sorry. <i>"A lovely simple story of learning to say 'sorry' from an author who visited us at Newfield a few years ago!"</i> <i>Recommended by Mr. T. Roddison</i></p> 	<p>An Almost Perfect Summer by Jill Mansell Nick is charming, funny, and unexpectedly supportive—but he lives far from Nella, and now he might be her new boss. When Nella takes a job at a Cotswolds retreat, falling for Nick becomes the one thing she must avoid. Meanwhile, a reclusive Hollywood star finds herself drawn into village life, unaware that a life-changing secret is about to surface... <i>"Every book by Jill Mansell is joyous and uplifting and this new one doesn't disappoint. The characters are likable, the setting is glorious and the plot, although predictable, is just what is needed for a delightful summer read!" Recommended by Mrs. Roper</i></p> 				
Inclusive Voices Competition!					
<p>Writers of all ages and abilities can enter the Inclusive Voices short story competition by submitting a story (up to 550 words) inspired by the themes of audio, braille, or community! This inclusive contest celebrates creativity and accessibility, encouraging everyone to share their voice in any format—written, audio, or video. Winners across four age categories will receive exciting prizes like an Amazon Echo Dot and book vouchers, and have their stories featured in a special anthology. Submit your entry by 5 September 2025 via the official Calibre Audio website here: https://www.calibreaudio.org.uk/news/inclusive-voices Calibre Audio is a UK charity that provides free audiobooks to anyone who struggles to read print due to conditions like dyslexia, sight loss, or physical disabilities. Since 1974, they've been making reading accessible for all, with a growing library of over 15,000 titles.</p> <div data-bbox="989 1747 1500 1926">  </div>					