

### New releases!

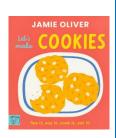


**A Winter's Morning** Angélique Leone (author), Gregoire Solotareff (illustrator)

A Winter's Morning is a heart-warming picture book in which Sylvester the wolf discovers an unlikely friend—a small teddy bear named Poppy—beneath a snow-covered oak tree. Together they learn that love and companionship can bring warmth even in the coldest of winters. Award-winning storytelling and enchanting illustrations make this tender tale a celebration of friendship and care. The perfect book to share on cosy nights; suitable for children in reception and nursery.

## Jamie Oliver: Let's Make Cookies Jamie Oliver (author), Adrian Johnson (illustrator)

Little Food Library is a tasty collection of board books from Jamie Oliver designed to get children excited about food and cooking from the very start. Each Let's Make book—Pizza, Pasta, Pancakes and Cookies—invites little chefs to explore ingredients and actions through fun flaps and playful sounds like 'glug glug' and 'crack crack'. With bright, sturdy pages and mouth-watering illustrations, these books make learning about food a joyful experience for families. Perfect for sharing together; suitable for toddlers and young children interested in cooking/baking!





The Stuff That Stuff Is Made Of Jonathan Drori (author), Jiatong Liu & Raxenne Maniquiz (illustrator)
The Stuff That Stuff Is Made Of is a fascinating celebration of the natural world, introducing readers to the stories and behaviours of 30 remarkable plants and the countless ways humans have used them. From familiar staples like wheat, cacao and tea to surprising discoveries—such as seaweed making ice cream—every page offers an eye-opening fact. The book is complemented by stunning illustrations reminiscent of traditional natural history drawings. Beautifully presented and endlessly intriguing, this is the perfect book for curious minds of all ages in

# Fujiko and the Fox Ewa Jozefkowicz (author), Gillian Flint (illustrator)

Fujiko and the Woodland Explorers Club love discovering the secrets of the ancient woods behind their school. When Fujiko finds an injured vixen, she learns how fireworks frighten the woodland animals—and how her own accident has shaped her feelings. With the help of her spirit fox, Flare, and her friends, can she persuade the neighbours to celebrate differently? A gentle, magical story full of nature's peace and the power of teamwork. Perfect for young readers in Years 3 and 4.





Flember: The Golden Heart Jamie Smart (author), Jamie Smart (illustrator)

The brand-new, epic conclusion to the amazingly action-packed, empathy-inspiring middle grade series, from the bestselling creator of Bunny vs Monkey. Flember Island is in grave danger, at the mercy of the evil lola and her sinister plans. The only hope is young inventor Dev, and his loveable giant red robot bear, Boja. Can they bring the magic flow of flember back to the island? Has Dev got the tools to restore peace to every inhabitant's life? The answers lie in this thrilling series conclusion... Perfect for fans of comedy and silliness in Years 3 and 4.

## **The Twelve** Liz Hyder (author), Tom de Freston (illustrator)

From the author of Bearmouth comes a haunting tale steeped in folklore and ancient ritual. On the Winter Solstice, Libby vanishes at midnight—erased from existence. Only her sister Kit and a mysterious boy named Story remember her. To bring Libby home, they must journey into the distant past, across a land alive with myth, and uncover the secret of the Twelve before time runs out... Winner of the Nero Prize, The Twelve is a spellbinding story of prophecy, peril, and the power of love. It's perfect for confident readers in Years 5 and 6 who enjoy the drama, horror and thriller genre(s).



Registered Office: Waterloo Road, Smethwick, B66 4ND



### What's happening at Newfield?

### Newfield ParkCast Live!

Every Thursday at Newfield, the school hall transforms into a stage for **Newfield ParkCast Live!** This weekly



event celebrates oracy by giving pupils the chance to research, write, and present topics they care about to the whole school. Each child crafts their own speech, which we help refine while keeping their authentic voice. From fascinating facts to thought-provoking ideas, ParkCast Live builds confidence, curiosity, and communication skills—empowering our learners to speak with clarity and pride. Currently, six children have taken part... could you be next!?

### 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!





https://forms.office.com/e/cixMpvzsbY

\_\_\_\_\_

## An author you might not know....

# WK a

### **Louie Stowell**

Born in London, Stowell grew up on a cultural diet of Doctor Who and Lord of the Rings! Her debut children's novel, the hilarious The Dragon in the Library, was published in 2019 and was followed by The Monster in the Lake in 2020. In

2022 Stowell embarked on the first book in the **Loki** series, Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good, which focused on the Norse trickster god's attempts to escape his current form as a human schoolboy by proving his altruism. Brilliantly funny and boasting Stowell's distinctive cartoons, the book became a bestseller! Suitable for children in Year 3/4 and up!

## Book Brag!

Breakfast Club Adventures by Marcus Rashford From beasts lurking beyond fences and ghouls living in school to thieving phantoms and monsters on a treasure hunt, get ready to become part of a band of puzzle detectives ... and make some really great friends along the way. Plus, if you love football, then this series will be without doubt your match made in heaven!



"I really like this book because the children go on exciting adventures. And now there are lots more books in the series too!" (Thomas, Year 5)

## Staff recommendation (for Children)

### Call the Puffins! by Cath Howe

A joyous story about a plucky puffin search and rescue team, Howe's feelgood tale shows younger readers that they can achieve their dreams if they really try. Suitable for children in Years 2 and up.

"There are 3 or 4 books in the series about a puffin who wants to become part of the puffin colony but they earn different badges (eg caring badge) and do tasks to get the badges. All of the books contain teamwork and friendships!" (Anne; parent)

## Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)

The Housemaid by Frieda McFadden

Putting a fresh spin on the domestic psychological thriller, Freida McFadden delivers a chilling tale of duplicity, jealousy and greed as a live-in housemaid to a wealthy family must keep her real identity hidden at all costs. Soon to be released as a movie!



"This book is a real page turner that was gripping and had me glued throughout. I enjoyed it that much that I have now read the other titles in this series!" (Miss. Parchment)

# The Diverse Book Awards competition!

This vibrant collection celebrates stories that reflect the world around us. The **Diverse Book Awards** shortlist features powerful picture books that champion inclusion, identity and empathy. From joyful journeys to heartfelt discoveries, these books are perfect for sparking meaningful conversations with young readers. BookTrust are giving away the complete picture book shortlist to three lucky winners who fill out the form below by 11pm on **Sunday 15 December 2025**. Good luck!

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/about-us/newsupdates/diverse-book-awards-win-the-complete-picturebook-shortlist/

