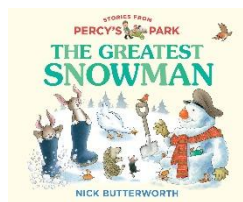


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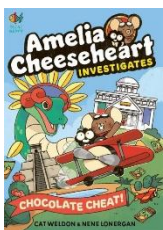
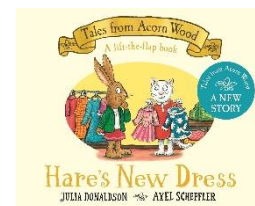


***The Greatest Snowman* Nick Butterworth (Author)**

From the creator of One Snowy Night comes this entertaining board book for the youngest of Percy fans! Percy the park keeper and his friends are enjoying an action-packed day, playing in the snow. From skating on the frozen pond to playing tunes on giant icicles, there are so many exciting things to do. But poor Hedgehog feels left out. Can Percy find a way to make this the greatest day ever for Hedgehog too? A great first book for children aged 0 to 3 years and for those in Nursery/Reception who love winter.

***Hare's New Dress* Julia Donaldson (Author), Axel Scheffler (Illustrator)**

Lift the flaps and join in the fun with this bestselling rhyming preschool favourite, Hare's New Dress by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, creators of The Gruffalo. It's time for a dance in Acorn Wood! But Hare needs a new dress first . . . Lift the flaps to join in the excitement as Hare hunts for something to wear, then heads to Acorn Hall for a party with her friends. With sturdy flaps on every spread and rhyming stories that are a joy to read aloud, the Tales from Acorn Wood series has sold over 10 million copies worldwide and has been delighting both parents and toddlers for over twenty-five years.

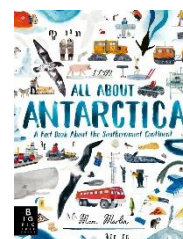


***Amelia Cheeseheart Investigates: Chocolate Cheat* Cat Weldon (author), Nene Lonergan (illustrator)**

Amelia Cheeseheart and her friend Webster are back and going bananas in this delightful comic for young readers! Webster, a banana-loving spider, is on a quest to collect packs of choco-nana sweets to win an exclusive T-shirt. However, the friends soon discover that the choco-nanas have been stolen along with all the chocolate in the museum. It's now up to brave and bold Amelia to solve this mystery. Written in accessible and clear language, this charming story emphasises self-expression, friendship, misunderstandings, and the importance of making amends. Suitable for Years 2/3 and up.

***All About Antarctica (Hardback)* Marc Martin (author)**

Antarctica is a place most of us will never visit - and it's disappearing... This fascinating book takes readers on an icy adventure to the far south, from riding Sno-Cats and exploring icefalls to spotting colossal squids, volcanoes, and migrating whales. Packed with hundreds of fun facts, it reveals how humans survive in the coldest place on Earth and why this fragile world matters. Perfect for curious kids who love asking questions, All About Antarctica is an unforgettable journey by Marc Martin, author of A River and The Curious Explorers' Guide. A brilliant non-fiction book which will be interesting for all, but with challenging vocabulary more suitable to Year 4+ children.



***The Snow Girl* Sophie Anderson (author), Melissa Castrillon (illustrator)**

From award-winning and critically acclaimed Sophie Anderson, comes a fairy-tale story of friendship, belonging and bravery, in an adventure through a winter wonderland. *I wish the snow girl would come to life. Then I would have a friend, a real friend I could trust, and I wouldn't feel so alone...* When Tasha builds a snow girl with her grandpa, all she wants is for her to be real. If only wishes on snow could come true... Then Tasha meets Alyana, a friend made of wishes, starlight, snowfall and magic. But when your best friend is made of winter, what do you do when spring comes? A wintry, fantastical adventure, perfect for fans of *Narnia* or *Frozen*. Suitable for confident readers in Years 4 and up.

***The Not-So Great Escape* Emma Green (Author)**

Hedley has always played it safe, especially since the night that changed his life for ever. But when his friend Aiden steals an alpaca, Hedley is dragged on a runaway road trip that he did NOT sign up for: An accidental robbery. A night in a haunted wood. And becoming internet famous *#AlpacaBandit*. As the chaos builds, Hedley finds he isn't just running from the police, he's also running from the truth. And as his world comes crashing down, will Hedley play it safe, or take his biggest risk yet? A hilarious and heartbreaking road trip adventure about friendship, grief and the stories we tell ourselves to survive. Suitable for confident readers in Years 5 and 6. Note: Includes references to grief and the loss of family members.



What's happening at Newfield?

Maisie Chan Author Event

On Wednesday 28th January, our Key Stage 2 children will join a live BookTrust workshop with award-winning author **Maisie Chan**. She'll talk about her writing journey, share secrets behind her latest book **Nate Yu's Blast from the Past**, and answer questions from schools. It's a brilliant chance for pupils to discover what inspires an author and how stories are brought to life. We will be sure to send in some questions for her to answer!



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!

I'm Dougal Trump... and it's not my fault! by D. Trump

In this first book, football-loving Dougal Trump finds himself at risk from the mysterious creature living in the garden shed. Nobody believes him but as a precaution, he sets upon writing his will - rewarding those who help him, disinheriting those who get on his bad side, and fielding constant pleas from friends and associates. Meanwhile, as limbs and windows alike are broken by rogue footballs and unhinged canines, Dougal finds himself in all sorts of trouble.. Suitable for Years 4 and up who enjoy silly comedy!

"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)

Tyger by S.F. Said

"Adam befriends a Tyger and with the help of his new friend Sadie they try to protect it. It's a world where people are treated badly for being outcasts, but Adam and Zadie show determination and courage, as well as their new-found powers, to change people's attitudes. The life of the Tyger relies on their actions. The illustrations add excellence to this fantastic, engaging story. I'd recommend this book to anyone 8 or older. 5 stars." (Mrs. Saunders)



Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)

Goodbye Mr Chips by James Hilton

The beloved classic novel about an unforgettable teacher. Mr Chips is the beloved Latin master at a quiet boy's school. For forty-three years he acts as the heart and the soul of his institution, proving that dedication, love and a good sense of humour can make all the difference! The classic story of a quiet, unassuming man and the many lives he touches. "I really enjoyed this and reading about his love of teaching. I preferred the film adaptation, but I did like how he was portrayed in the book." (Mrs. Saunders)



Winners of the Lollies Awards 2025 announced!

Scholastic has revealed the winners of the **2025 Laugh Out Loud Awards (The Lollies)** at a fun-filled ceremony at London's Southbank Centre in December. Hosted by Stephen Mangan, the event featured laughter, doodling, poetry and more, with special guests including Lollies ambassador Michael Rosen, Thiago de Moraes, Anita Mangan, Serena Patel, Liz Pichon and Jim Smith. Over 150 children attended to celebrate the UK's funniest books—chosen by children themselves! This year's winners:

- Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Book: **There's Nothing Faster Than a Cheetah** by Tom Nicoll and Ross Collins (Macmillan Children's Books)
- Ages 6–8: **Trixie Pickle Art Avenger: Toxic Takedown** by Olaf Falafel (Puffin)
- Ages 9–12: **Evil Emperor Penguin: The World Will Be Mine!** by Laura Ellen Anderson (David Fickling Books)
- Non-Fiction: **Kay's Incredible Inventions** by Adam Kay, illustrated by Henry Paker (Puffin)

