

**New releases!**

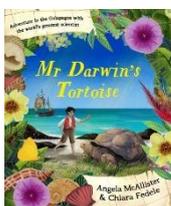
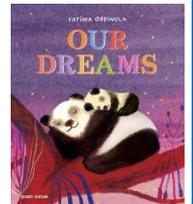


***Pass the Parcel* Carly Gledhill (author and illustrator)**

Parcel is off on an adventure to somewhere far, far away—and you’re invited to come along! Passed around the world by sea, sky, and snail mail, Parcel discovers joy in unexpected places and shows just how much fun a simple cardboard box can bring. Bursting with energy, imagination, and wonderfully whacky detours, this interactive picture book celebrates creative play and ends with a brilliant fold-out surprise that reveals where Parcel truly belongs. Perfect for sparking curiosity and imaginative thinking – suitable for all.

***Our Dreams* Fatima Ordinola (author and illustrator)**

Talented new illustrator Fatima Ordinola follows up her debut *Our Love* with another reassuring, dreamy picture book perfect for bedtime. Each page features different animals, parent and child, cosily snuggled up together. We travel across the world as there are pandas, meercats, tigers, hippos, even a flock of sheep. Most are fast asleep, though some have an eye open, all depicted in warm watercolours which are guaranteed to spread a sense of warmth and security to children and the feeling of the whole world settling down to sleep. Perfect for children in the Early Years.

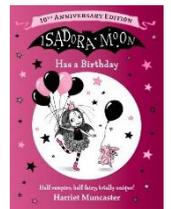


***Mr Darwin's Tortoise* Angela McAllister (author), Chiara Fedele (illustrator)**

This beautifully illustrated story introduces young readers to Charles Darwin through the eyes of Antonio, a curious boy growing up on the Galápagos Islands. When Antonio meets Mr Darwin, the pair bond over their shared love of asking questions and exploring the natural world, from lizards and cactus trees to hatching tortoise eggs. Told with warmth and wonder, this charming tale celebrates curiosity, discovery, and the beginnings of scientific thinking, making it a perfect introduction to one of history’s greatest naturalists. Suitable for children in Reception and Key Stage 1.

***Isadora Moon Has a Birthday - 10th Anniversary Edition* Harriet Muncaster (author / illustrator)**

Isadora Moon is excited to finally have her very own birthday party—but with a fairy mum and a vampire dad, it’s bound to be a little different from the human parties she loves. With its pink-and-black illustrations, short chapters, and charming story, this beautifully presented book is a perfect step up for newly independent readers in Years 2 and 3. This special anniversary hardback edition includes activities and a bonus story from Pink Rabbit, celebrating one of the much-loved original *Isadora Moon* titles that has delighted over a million readers worldwide since its release 10 years ago.



***Chicken Hill: Attack of the Zombie Cactus* Beccy Blake (author / illustrator)**

Welcome to Chicken Hill, a seriously weird town where pets can talk, frogs rule a secret underwater empire, and alien invasions are always just around the corner. Join tech-loving Ferdy, his farty pug Gripper, and his forever-tired cat Tink as they investigate zombie cactuses, cloned conspiracy cats, and all things strange in this full-colour graphic novel. Packed with three hilarious stories, it’s perfect for fans of *Dog Man* and *Bunny vs Monkey*—because in Chicken Hill, if you think things can’t get any weirder, they always do. Suitable for readers in Years 3 and 4.

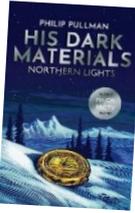
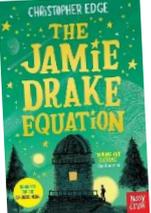
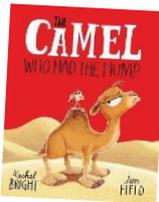
***Silverbrook: Yumna and the Golden Horse* Yassmin Abdel-Magied (author)**

In a quiet town where nothing ever happens, Yumna discovers that her friends are changing in extraordinary ways—some can touch fire, others can transform, but she remains ordinary. When one friend vanishes and a mysterious new family arrives, Yumna is the only one asking the right questions. As secrets unravel and danger grows, this gripping story explores friendship, courage, and what it truly means to be a hero, even without special powers. Perfect for readers in Years 5 and 6 who like fantasy.



***Evenfall: The Tempest Stone* Alexander Armstrong (author)**

*Evenfall: The Golden Linnet* continues the gripping fantasy series as thirteen-year-old Sam steps fully into his role as the Tempest, leader of the ancient Order of the Evening. When a dangerous enemy with the power to tear through time threatens the world, Sam and his friends are drawn into a deadly race across the globe—where the stakes are high and not everyone will survive. Dark, fast-paced, and thrilling, this sequel is perfect for confident readers who love action-packed adventures with real peril. Suitable for children in Year 6.

| <p><b>What's happening at Newfield?</b></p> <p>As part of <b>National Storytelling Week</b>, our Early Years children will be taking part in <i>Soundtrack Your Story</i> in early February, a storytelling project created by the National Literacy Trust. Developed with poet Simon Mole and musician Gecko, the project uses poetry, rhythm, music and movement to help children explore storytelling in a playful and engaging way. Through songs, sounds and stories, children are encouraged to use their imagination, develop language and build confidence in expressing ideas!</p>    | <p><b>Recommend a book!</b></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="794 338 1145 371">Children's book recommendation</th> <th data-bbox="1145 338 1509 371">Grown-up book recommendation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="794 371 1145 622"> <br/> <a href="https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/TmHxPx756v">https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/TmHxPx756v</a> </td> <td data-bbox="1145 371 1509 622"> <br/> <a href="https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/SWcAht3FW6">https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/SWcAht3FW6</a> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Children's book recommendation | Grown-up book recommendation | <br><a href="https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/TmHxPx756v">https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/TmHxPx756v</a> | <br><a href="https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/SWcAht3FW6">https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/SWcAht3FW6</a> |
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| <p><b>An author you might not know....</b></p>  <p><b>Phillip Pullman</b> is the creator of daemons and the spinner of the finest fairy tales! Pullman is one of the world's greatest and most influential storytellers. His wide-ranging body of work encompasses books for both adults and children, but he is best-known for the unparalleled achievement that is <i>His Dark Materials</i> and the long-awaited <i>The Book of Dust</i>. The latter was the winner of the Waterstones Book of the Year in 2017. While <i>His Dark Materials</i> (which was made into a BBC television show in 2019) is only really appropriate for confident Year 6 readers, he has written other books for younger pupils including <i>The Firework Maker's Daughter</i> and <i>Clockwork</i>.</p>   | <p><b>Book Brag!</b></p> <p><b>The Jamie Drake Equation</b> by Christopher Edge<br/>         Jamie Drake's dad is an astronaut orbiting Earth, and while everyone else thinks that's amazing, Jamie just misses him. When Jamie picks up a mysterious signal on his phone at an observatory, he begins to wonder if it could be linked to alien life – and whether it might help when his dad's mission goes wrong. This exciting story blends real science with adventure and emotion, exploring family, courage and growing up. Suitable for Years 4 and up, particularly for children who enjoy science fiction, space and fast-paced stories.</p> <p><i>"An amazing book that I'd definitely recommend. It's full of maths, science, aliens, art and adventure. A great book."</i> (Lilia, Year 6)</p>    |                                |                              |   |  |
| <p><b>Staff recommendation (for Children)</b></p> <p><b>The Camel Who Had the Hump</b> by Rachel Bright<br/> <i>"Cuthbert the camel wakes up feeling grumpy and just can't seem to shake his bad mood. Set in a bright desert world, this rhyming story explores big feelings in a gentle, humorous way and shows how kindness, friendship and a change in perspective can turn a difficult day around. The illustrations are vibrant and full of character, adding warmth and humour to the story. I'd recommend this book for younger readers, particularly in KS1, and for anyone who's ever had 'the hump' My son really enjoyed it!"</i> (Mr. T. Roddison)</p>    | <p><b>Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)</b></p> <p><b>The Glittering Edge</b> by Alyssa Villaire<br/>         In the town of Idlewood, long-held rumours tell of a dangerous family curse. When Penny's mum is badly hurt, Penny discovers the curse may be real and must work with two rival families to uncover the truth before it's too late. This gripping fantasy mixes mystery, magic and friendship, with plenty of twists along the way. A gothic contemporary fantasy which is also a debut book for the author!</p> <p><i>"This is an exciting, magical fantasy with unlikely alliances and forbidden magic. A great book for those who love romance, tension and anticipation!"</i> (Miss. Cooper)</p>   |                                |                              |   |  |
| <p align="center"><b>Bear and Bird: Win the Full Series!</b></p>  |   |                                |                              |   |  |
| <p>Children's reading charity BookTrust is currently running a competition celebrating the much-loved <b>Bear and Bird</b> series by award-winning author-illustrator Jarvis. The cosy, beautifully illustrated stories follow the friendship between Bear and Bird, exploring everyday ups and downs with warmth and humour. The prize includes all six books in the Bear and Bird series, along with the new picture-book prequel, <i>The Cloud: A Bear and Bird Picture Book</i>. The stories are particularly popular with younger readers and those transitioning to longer texts, making them ideal for shared and independent reading. Families can enter the competition directly through BookTrust before the closing date in February! Link here: <a href="https://www.booktrust.org.uk/about-us/news-updates/bear-and-bird-win-the-full-series/">https://www.booktrust.org.uk/about-us/news-updates/bear-and-bird-win-the-full-series/</a></p>  |   |                                |                              |   |  |