

New releases!

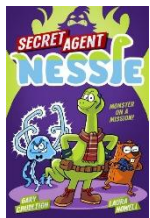
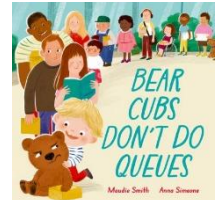


***Good Golden Sun!* Brendan Wenzel (author and illustrator)**

From the bestselling and award-winning Brendan Wenzel comes a bold and playful exploration of how the sun touches all life on earth--perfect for celebrating Earth Day! From sunbeam, to flower, to insect, to animal, to plant, to soil, and the earth itself...the sun makes, moves, and transforms life all around us. Celebrate the mysteries of light from sunup to sundown as it weaves its way through creation inspiring change, hope, wonder, and curiosity. Suitable for all, it uses a bold, young collage-style art perfect for fans of Eric Carle!

***Bear Cubs Don't Do Queues* Maudie Smith (author), Anna Simeone (illustrator)**

If you're heading into town, your bear cub will want to come too. They'll help carry the bags, enjoy the bus ride and love splashing around the fountain – but they definitely won't enjoy queuing. Queues are boring! When a trip to the post office means waiting in line, bigger and sillier games are needed to keep the bear cub entertained. By the time it's time to go home, the cub has vanished... only to be found happily joining the back of the queue to start all over again. It turns out bear cubs might do queues after all! A lovely little picture book, suitable for all children.

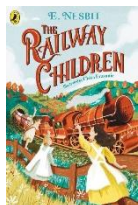
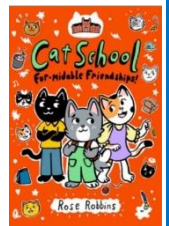


***Secret Agent Nessie: Monster on a Mission* Gary Chudleigh (author), Laura Howell (illustrator)**

Secret Agent Nessie: Monster on a Mission is a fast-paced graphic novel packed with laughs, crime-solving and Scottish flair. When trouble hits a small village by Loch Ness, secret agent Nessie and her W.E.T. (Water Espionage Team) leap into action, dealing with cheeky seagulls, a stolen tractor and a mystery that leads to a castle across the loch. Bursting with humour, quirky characters and comic illustrations, this is a fun, pun-filled read perfect for emerging independent readers and reluctant readers who love fast, funny adventures. Suitable for children in Years 3 and 4.

***Cat School: Fur-midable Friendships* Rose Robbins (author and illustrator)**

The first in a new graphic novel trilogy featuring young kittens Tangle and Eno, and their new and neurodivergent friend Pelly. It's the first ever day of school! Tangle and Eno are a little anxious, but soon acclimatise. Pelly arrives late, and seems strange to all the other kittens. She feels alienated and stays home, but is sought out and brought back into the main mix by the efforts of Tangle and Eno. Now they are firm friends! Lots of fun extra features like a map of the school, Cat school rules, lesson plans, a Cat Herbarium... Suitable for children in Years 3 and 4.

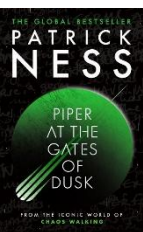
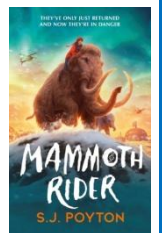


***The Railway Children (Puffin Classics)* Edith Nesbit (author), Chita Erayanie (illustrator)**

This Puffin Classics edition of The Railway Children brings a much-loved story to a new generation with fresh, engaging illustrations by Chita Erayanie. When their father is taken away, Roberta, Peter and Phyllis move from London to the countryside, where days spent by the railway bring friendship, hope and adventure. As they wave to the passing trains, an unexpected connection begins to unravel the mystery surrounding their father. A timeless classic now with an introduction by Jacqueline Wilson. Suitable for children in Years 4 and up.

***Mammoth Rider* S. J. Poyton (author), Johanna Tarkela (illustrator)**

In Ash's world, mammoths have been brought back from extinction to help fight the climate crisis, and she lives at a mammoth conservation centre in Greenland. Ash dreams of becoming a Mammoth Rider like her dad and shares a special bond with the animals – especially a young calf called Nayala. When villains threaten the mammoths and the rewilding project, Ash and her friends must act fast to protect them. Packed with action, adventure and heart, this exciting story also explores friendship, bravery and caring for the natural world, with dyslexia-friendly text to support emerging readers. Suitable for children in Years 5 and 6.



***Piper at the Gates of Dusk* Patrick Ness (author)**

Written by Patrick Ness, author of A Monster Calls, this novel returns to the powerful world first introduced in The Knife of Never Letting Go, the opening book of the original best-selling Chaos Walking trilogy. Set years after the original series, the story follows Todd and Viola's sons, Ben and Max, as New World faces terrifying new threats. With burning figures, eerie nightmares and a constant sense of danger, the tension builds from the very first page. Dark, intense and thought-provoking, this is a gripping science-fiction read best suited to confident Year 6 readers only. A book sure to be very popular in secondary schools this year!



What's happening at Newfield?

Pupils in Years 2 to 6 are looking forward to meeting **Catherine Barr**, an award-winning children's author, who will be visiting Newfield Park in person on **Thursday 18th June!** Catherine Barr is best known for her non-fiction books exploring nature, science and the environment. During the visit, Catherine will talk to pupils about her journey into writing, where her ideas come from, and how books can inspire curiosity about the natural world. There will also be an opportunity for children to purchase one of her latest books!



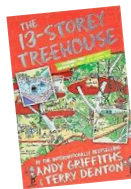
Recommend a book!

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....

Andy Griffiths is one of Australia's most popular children's authors. His books have sold more than 10 million copies in Australia and have won dozens of awards. Many of the books were illustrated by Terry Denton. *"Andy and Terry live in the best treehouse! It's got a giant catapult, a secret underground laboratory, a tank of man-eating sharks and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry! Just watch out for the sea monkeys! Andy Griffiths' fantastically funny 13-Storey Treehouse is told through a combination of text and illustrations!"*



Book Brag!

Frankenstiltskin by Joseph Coelho
What happens when Rumpelstiltskin meets Frankenstein? Frankenstiltskin is a darkly funny fairy-tale mash-up told in verse, where magic, greed and terrible choices collide. Bryony, a talented young taxidermist, is captured by a powerful king and set three impossible tasks. Just when all hope seems lost, a small, sinister creature offers to help – but at a frightening cost. It's packed with tension, twists and striking illustrations!
"This is a really fun and different version of the story which is still a horror but has funny moments too. It's a great book for children in Years 5 and 6!" Recommended by Sophie (Year 5)



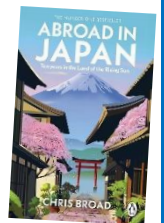
Staff recommendation (for Children)

Simply the Quest by Maz Evans
Simply the Quest is the second book in the "Who Let the Gods Out?" series. Elliot and Virgo face new challenges as death-daemon Thanatos and his mother threaten the world. With the help of immortal allies, they must reunite the Chaos stones and learn to be heroes. The book blends humour, adventure, and heartfelt moments; it's suitable for Years 4, 5 and 6.
"This is the sequel to Who Let the Gods Out. It follows the life of Elliot Hooper and the Greek Gods, who live with him. It's just as good as the first book and I'm excited to read the third book. It's quirky and informative, definitely worth a read." Recommended by Ms. Saunders



Staff recommendation (for Parents/Carers)

Abroad in Japan by Chris Broad
"Abroad in Japan" is a bestselling memoir by Chris Broad, a British filmmaker and YouTube sensation. The book chronicles his decade-long experience living in Japan, filled with hilarious and fascinating stories that explore the culture clash and eccentricities of Japanese life. It's an excellent read for anyone curious about Japan!
"A great book that covers the authors first few years in Japan as an English teacher. I have listened to their podcast for a few years so have heard some of the stories mentioned but they are in much more detail in the book. I would love to visit Japan one day, so hearing about the varied culture and amazing locations was really fascinating." Recommended by Mr. Cochran



Win a full set of Starminster books!

BookTrust is offering children and schools the chance to win the full **Starminster** series – a magical fantasy adventure set in a secret city in the sky written by Megan Hopkins. This exciting series is perfect for readers who enjoy imaginative worlds, mystery and adventure. To enter, simply complete the entry form on the BookTrust website below. Don't miss this opportunity to add a brilliant new fantasy series to your book collection! Enter by 11pm on **Thursday 30th April.**

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