



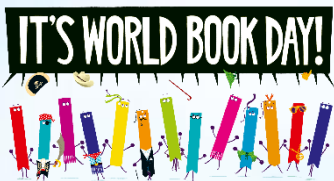
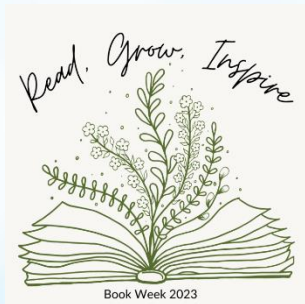
# Book Buzz

A reading newsletter for our whole school community



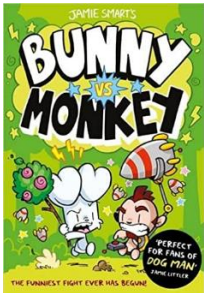
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Welcome to another edition of Book Buzz in which we celebrate Chinese New Year and the Year of the Rabbit with our favourite rabbit books! Whilst Christmas seems ages away, December saw a flurry of book related deliveries from Reading for Please Christmas Elves to every single class in school. This edition of Book Buzz celebrates our children's favourite Christmas books from all those special deliveries. Don't forget our Pop Up Bookshop in the foyer, outside the office. If you are looking for inspiration for what your child(ren) could read next, then pop along and browse the shelves. There is no obligation to buy. It is worth a visit as the shelves are packed full of interesting reads. Purchases can be made, with cash, at the office.



Book Week : You will receive a separate letter about Book Week but in essence Book Week promises to be a very special week at Staverton School. The whole school community will have the chance to share their love of books, enjoy reading a range of books and take part in a range of Reading for Pleasure activities. Our week long celebration of books will culminate in our very own World Book Day on Friday 3rd March (please note this is the day after the official World Book Day). On this day, we would like to invite all children and adults to come dressed up as a book character. There is no obligation to dress up and there is no need to spend loads of money. There are plenty of sew-no costumes. Often a few simple accessories or labels, turn an everyday outfit into a costume! A Book Fayre hosted by Yellow Lighted Bookshop will also be held in the foyer by reception. Please pop along! Make sure you give yourself enough time to browse at your leisure : we can promise an array of exciting books.

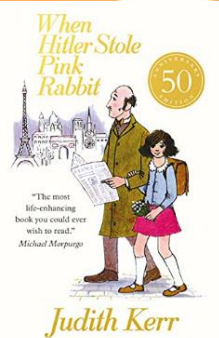
# 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit so here are our favourite rabbit books!



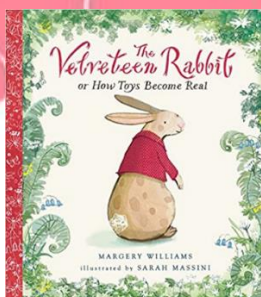
**FAST AND FURRY-OUS!** Welcome to the woods. It's chaos in there! Bunny and his friends Weenie the Squirrel, Pig (the pig), Action Beaver and Skunky the Inventor lived a peaceful life in the forest - until Monkey's rocket crash-landed and he decided to take over! Now Monkey is causing mayhem, Bunny is determined to put a stop to it, and . . . what's that? It's an out of control shark tank, ruining a lovely picnic!



These are gorgeously illustrated books. They are funny stories about a rabbit and a bear who discover that things are better when they're shared with a friend.



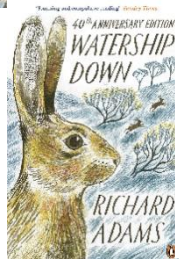
Suppose your country began to change. Suppose that without your noticing, it became dangerous for some people to live in it any longer, and you found, to your surprise, that your own father was one of those people. This is what happened to Anna in 1933. Anna is too busy with her schoolwork and tobogganing to listen to the talk of Hitler. But one day she and her brother Max are rushed out of Germany in alarming secrecy, away from everything they know. Their father is wanted by the Nazis. This is the start of a huge adventure, sometimes frightening, very often funny and always exciting.



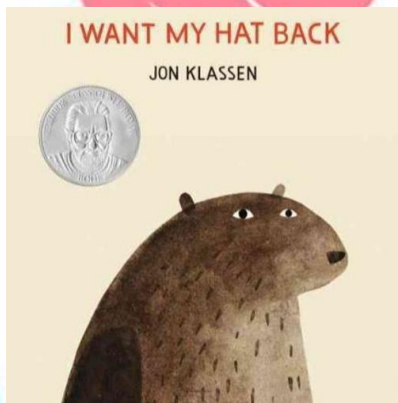
When the Velveteen Rabbit first arrives in the nursery, he is snubbed by the other toys but the Rabbit soon makes friends with the Skin Horse who explains how toys can become 'real', if only they are loved enough. One day, the Velveteen Rabbit finds that he is Boy's very favourite toy. They play together through a long, golden summer and, even though Rabbit becomes shabbier and shabbier, he becomes 'real.' The rabbits in the garden think otherwise – how can Rabbit be real when he can't leap and hop?



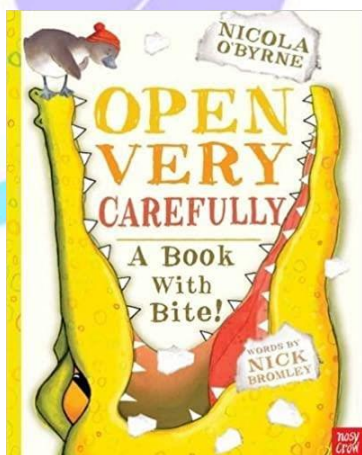
The most famous fictional rabbit is of course Peter Rabbit, in Beatrix Potter's *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. It was first published in 1902 and it was the first of her long sequence of stories about animals with human characteristics. It is easy to see why *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* is one of the best-selling books of all time.



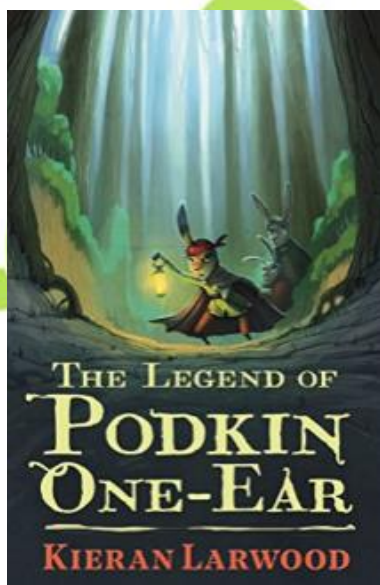
*Watership Down* is a saga about a motley band of rabbits! Sandleford Warren is in danger. Hazel's younger brother Fiver is convinced that a great evil is about to befall the land, but no one will listen. So together Hazel and Fiver and a few other brave rabbits secretly leave behind the safety of the warren and hop tentatively out into a vast and strange world.



This is possibly the funniest book ever written! This simple story is of a bear looking for his hat and the “villain” of this modern picture book is a Very Bad Rabbit! With almost no words at all and an incredibly minimal art style, Klassen manages to convey so much. This is a must read!

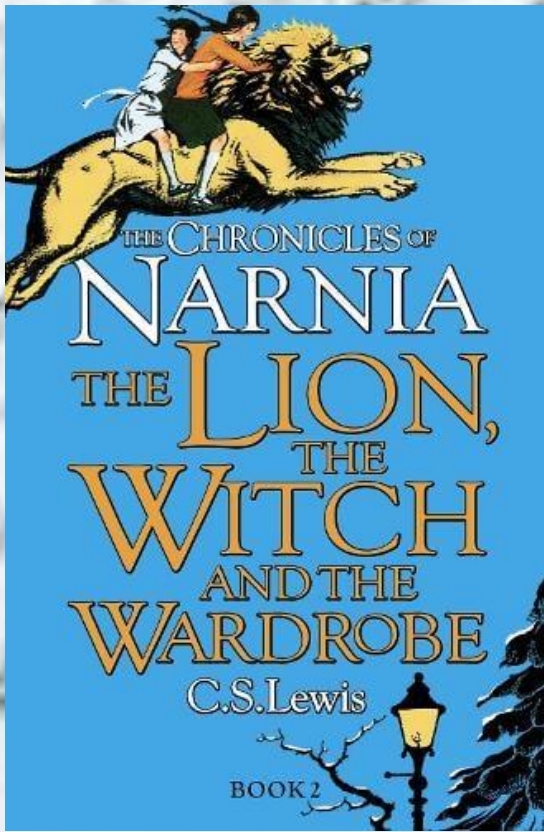


Open Very Carefully is a prize-winning book which features a bored rabbit who finds himself stuck with a wolf, who calls himself a librarian and takes an unhealthy level of interest in amusing rabbit with a story. But what story will they find themselves in? This is a brilliantly imaginative picture book about storytelling.

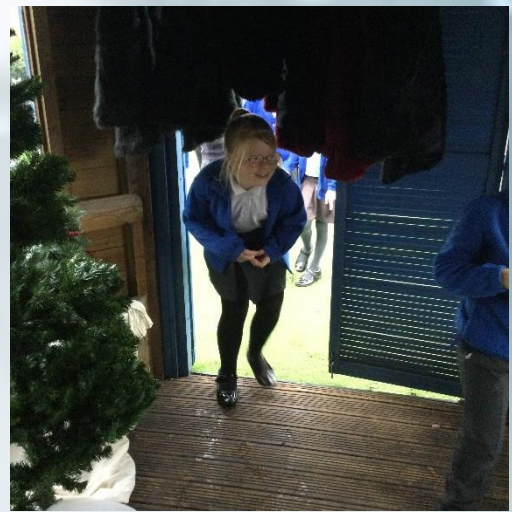


Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around annoying his older sister Paz, and playing with his baby brother Pook. Then Podkin's home is brutally attacked and the young rabbits are forced to flee. The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family.



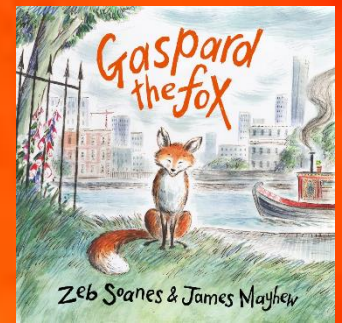


Years 3/4 have been enjoying reading The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe this term. One particular highlight was their very own trip to Narnia!





Recently, Mrs Harvey and the children in Book Club had a fabulous time reading Gaspar the Fox. They even had a go at making origami foxes!



Mr Powe's chess club takes place every Friday lunchtime in our library. The library is also open at this time. Why not pop along?



# Meet the author : Emma Perry

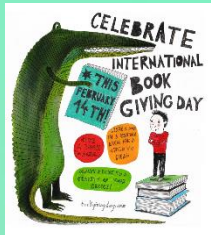
As part of our Book Week celebrations, Emma will be visiting our school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. She is a children's picture book writer.

Hello! I'm Emma Perry.



Nooooo I'm not a one year old as the photo suggests... I'm actually a fully-grown author! But the photo does show me taking my very first steps towards becoming an author. Even way back then in the dark ages I adored books. Sure I chewed the odd one (and there was that one time with the crayon), but we'll just put that down to untapped creativity. You'll be happy to know I do less book chewing now and much, much more book writing with my debut picture book publishing in February 2020 (hooray!).

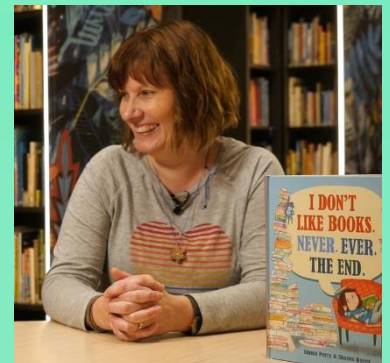
One of my earliest memories is listening to *Where The Wild Things Are* at my play group. I still reach for that book today. For me, its final line, "and it was still hot", is storytelling perfection!



I'm the founder of the award winning children's book review site My Book Corner, I run International Book Giving Day and can always be found with a book or two tucked in my bag. I love keeping up-to-date with the very best in children's literature and sharing it with the world. And as a primary school teacher I especially adore sharing those stories with my students.

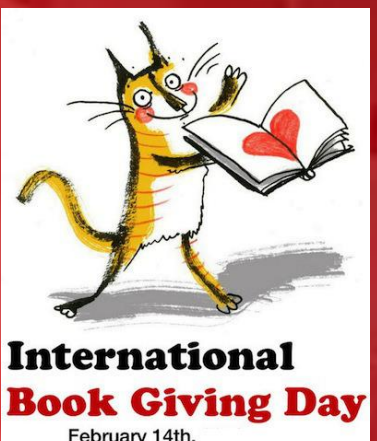


I now live in Bath, UK, with my husband, two children, two cats and a big pile of books. Prior to that, all of us (not the cats!) spent a lovely five years in Melbourne, Australia, chatting to kookaburras and kangaroos, but failing miserably at learning to surf – though we did get very good at swatting flies. Growing wonky veggies in an allotment in Bath is much safer – and cooler!



## INTERNATIONAL BOOK GIVING DAY

Every year on February 14th, International Book Giving Day strives to reach one goal. This goal is to get books into the hands of as many children as possible. The volunteer initiative also seeks to increase children's access to and enthusiasm for books.

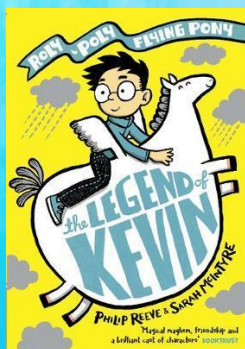
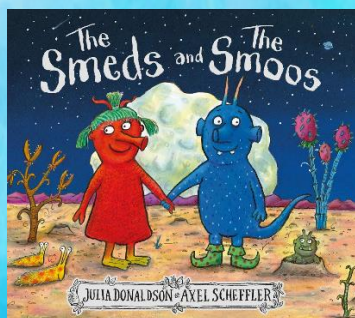


# Meet some of our book loving adults at Staverton School!

Miss Davies



Miss Davies favourite place to read is cuddled up on the sofa or lying on the beach! Some of her favourite books include The Sneds and Snoos, The Legend of Kevin and Fantastic Mr Fox. Miss Davies loves reading because it is a chance for her to escape. She loves to become part of the story!



Mrs Sykes



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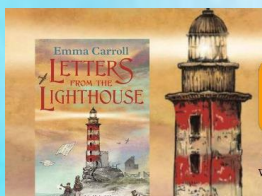
Mrs Sykes loves to read on holiday. In term time, she struggles to find the time to read so she stacks up her books for the holidays! One of her all time favourite books is Charlotte's Webb. Previously, on World Book Day, she has dressed up as Where's Wally but what will she



Mrs Nevers



Mrs Nevers loves reading and she often curls up with a good book for about half an hour before bedtime! Mrs Nevers loves to dress to impress and previously, on World Book Day, she has dressed up as Mrs Potato Head, Gangsta Granny and the Cheshire Cat. Who knows what she will wear this year? She likes reading because it helps her escape from the real world and it allows her to relax. She loves an exciting thriller or mystery book. Her most recent read, Frost Hollow Hall, was a thrilling historical fiction. If you like Letters from the Lighthouse, then you will like this novel.



Mrs Knight



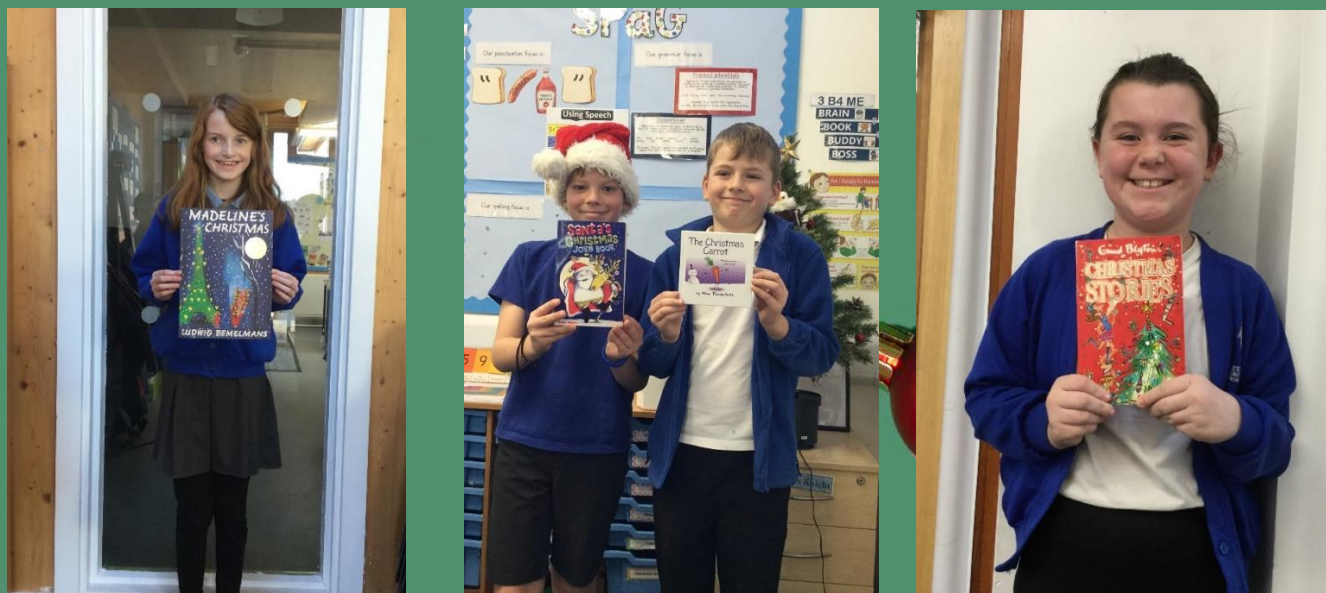
When choosing a book, Mrs Knight always looks at the title first and then reads the blurb. An exciting or intriguing front cover often entices her in! She recently read When the War Came Home, which she found by chance and she absolutely loved it! Like Mrs Nevers, Mrs Knight loves to read a few chapters before bedtime as it helps her relax. Her other favourite books include The Nowhere Emporium, Holes, Goodnight Mr Tom and Letters from the Lighthouse. She loves a good drama!



# Our favourite Christmas books from last term were...



<p><b>The Christmas Story by Brian Wildsmith</b></p>	<p><b>Santa Is Coming to Wiltshire by Steve Smallman</b></p>	<p><b>The Santa Trap by Jonathan Emmett</b></p>	<p><b>Wipe Your Feet Santa Claus by Konrad Richter</b></p>
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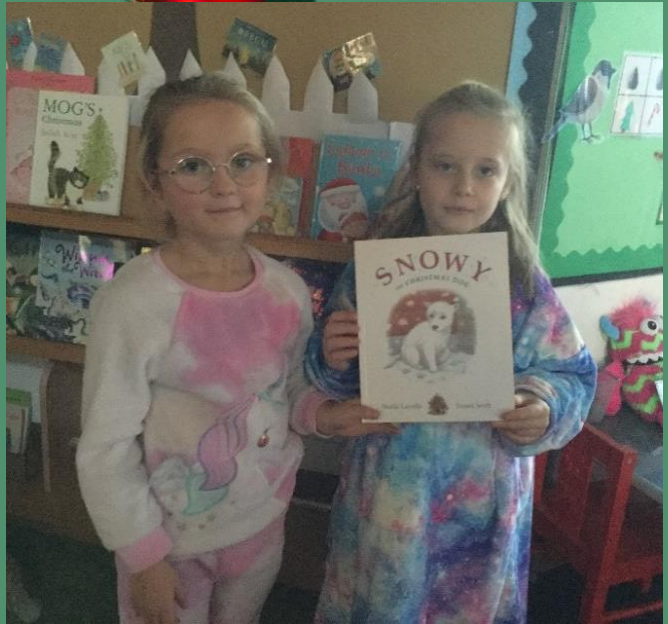
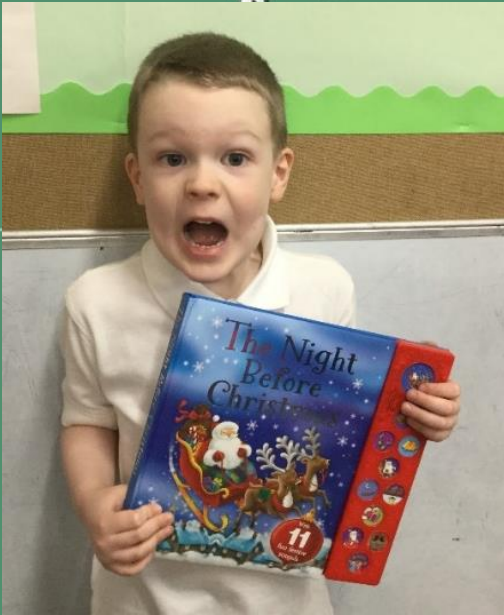


<p><b>Madeline's Christmas by Ludwig Bemelmans</b></p>	<p><b>The Christmas Carrot by Alan Plenderleith and The Ultimate Christmas Joke Book</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Stories by Enid Blyton</b></p>
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**Thank you to our wonderful Christmas elf librarians who delivered all the Christmas books!**





The Night Before Christmas based on the poem by  
Clement Clarke Moore

Snowy , the Christmas Dog by Sheila  
Lavelle and Susan Scott

## Our Christmas Favourites were...

