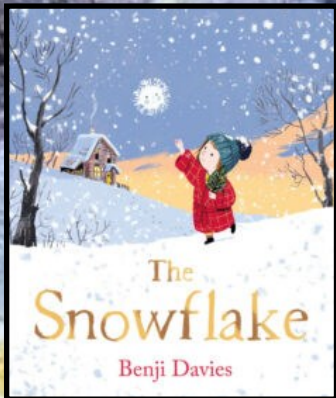




The Staverton Bell

December 2023 21st edition



Have a little look at our festive book recommendations.



Take a peek at what our children have been achieving in our Student Spotlight.

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Here we are! The end of term 2. It's been quite a year for us all hasn't it? The end of term marks a full three years for me at Staverton and it has been an honour and a privilege to lead the school in that time. Here are some of the year's highlights:

January: Bikeability in the snow! Class collective worships continue.

February: Prayer spaces project, children's mental health week, dance festival, e-safety day.

March: Book week and Easter festivities, Emma Perry Author visit, Year 1 and 2 trip to SS Great Britain, Comic Relief.

April: Ramadan, M and M theatre perform Alice in Wonderland, Book at bedtime, whole school visit to Trowbridge Library.

May: SATS week, Year 6 residential, FOSS bake sale, parent helpers morning coffee, year 3 and 4 trip to Cheddar Gorge.

June: New Reception parents, Teddy Bears picnic, sports week, outdoor gym, Robins trip to Cotswold wildlife park.

July: Year 6 Residential, production, year 6 leavers, Jungle Jonathan animal experience for KS1.

August: New gates, new shed, new KS2 toilets! Summer holiday fun!

September: New classes, lots of new pupils, return of clubs and tournaments.

October: Prefects, Bath literature festival.

November: Parents evenings, Anti-bullying week, school photographs

December: Christmas! Nativities, carols and decorations, whole school Panto trip!

Together parents, children and staff have accomplished so much! Thank you for everything that you have done to support the life of the school, whether its that kind word of encouragement to a teacher, a friendly 'hello' on the playground, helping your child with the learning or volunteering your time, we are really grateful for your involvement.

My word for this year has been 'Hospitality'. I can think of no other school that models our level of welcome and has a community like us, and we should be proud of that. I can't wait to see what the next year brings for Staverton.

Have a wonderful Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Mr E Powe

Head Teacher



PETER PAN

THE HIGH-FLYING
PANTOMIME ADVENTURE

Our children went on an amazing whole school trip to the Bristol Hippodrome this year to see Peter Pan (oh no they didn't... OH YES THEY DID!)

They had a fantastic time, behaved beautifully and did Staverton proud as always. A huge thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who made the trip possible. Hope you enjoy these photos as a little snapshot of the fun they had!

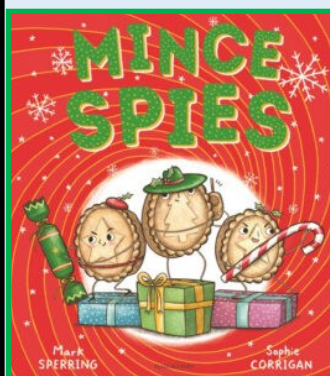


Christmas festivities!



Reading for pleasure

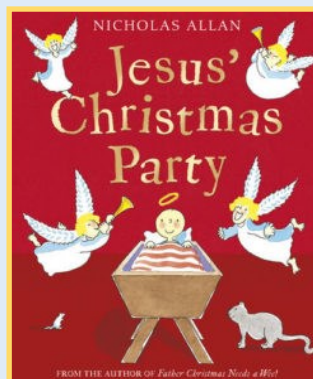
Fancy a festive read...?



Age 3-6

Mince Spies by Mark Sperring & Sophie Corrigan

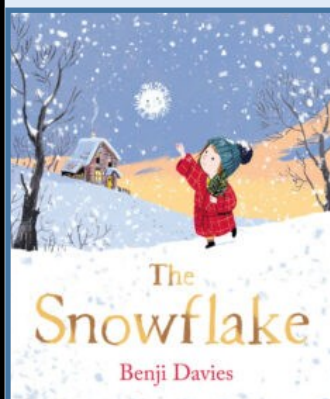
Who or what is destroying all the Christmas treats in the super-markets? Santa sends his Mince Spies on a secret mission to uncover the culprits. With puff-pastry jetpacks, shortcrust walkie-talkies and squirty whipped cream they foil the



Age 3-6

Jesus' Christmas Party by Nicholas Allan

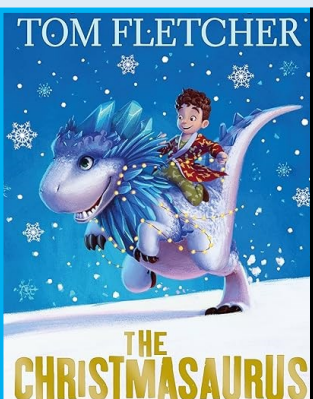
Christmas story told from the point of view of the grumpy inn-keeper. When a night of angels, shepherds and bright stars keeps him from his sleep, is there anything that will cheer him up?



Age 4-8

The Snowflake by Benji Davies

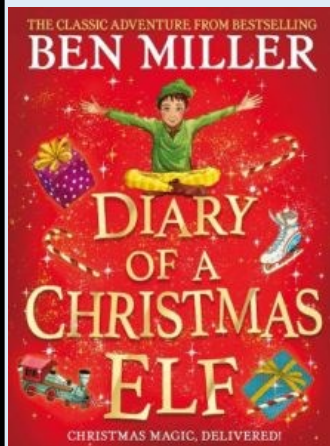
High in the sky, a tiny snowflake is born and it begins to tumble down, wondering where it is destined to land. Meanwhile, a little girl called Noelle is getting ready for Christmas, decorating her tree and looking for Christmas wonder in everyday activities.



Age 6-8

The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher

This is a story about a boy named William Trundle and a dinosaur named the Christmasaurus. It's about how they meet one Christmas Eve and have a magical adventure. It's about discovering your heart's true desire, and learning that the impossible might just be possible . . .



Age 6-10

Diary of a Christmas Elf by Ben Miller

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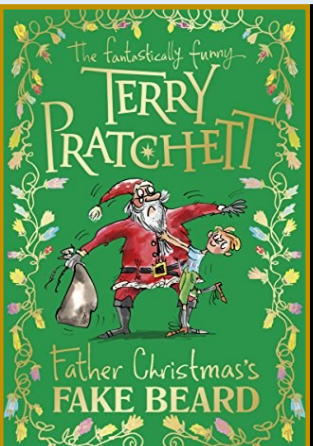
A Boy Called Christmas tells the story of Nikolas, whose father is a woodcutter who has disappeared on a dangerous expedition to find Santa's elves. Nikolas sets out to the Far North to rescue his father, encountering danger, new friends and a good deal of Christmas magic along the way. Eventually Nikolas finds that he has his very own part to play in bringing festive joy to many.



Age 8-12

The Christmas Pig by J.K. Rowling

Jack loves his childhood toy, Dur Pig. DP has always been there for him, through good and bad. Until one Christmas Eve, something terrible happens - DP is lost. But Christmas Eve is a night for miracles and lost causes, a night when all things can come to life... even toys.



Age 9-11

Father Christmas' Fake Beard by Terry Pratchett

Have you ever wanted Christmas to be different? Turkey and carols, presents and crackers - they all start to feel a bit . . . samey. How about a huge exploding mince pie, a pet abominable snowman, or a very helpful partridge in a pear tree? What if Father Christmas went to work at a zoo, or caused chaos in a toy store or, was even, arrested for burglary!?

Reading for pleasure

Happy Jólabókaflóð!



IN ICELAND, books are exchanged on Christmas Eve, and you spend the rest of the night **READING**. People generally take their books to bed along with some chocolate. How cozy and wonderful does that sound?

Iceland publishes **MORE BOOKS** per capita than any other country, and new books are typically published only during the Christmas season--the frenzy is called **Jolabokafloed**, which means **Christmas Book Flood**.

AZpennyreadfuls.com

Jólabókaflóðið

Christmas Eve is one of the most magical times of the whole year. What better way to spend the day than curled up with a brand new book and a cup of steaming hot chocolate – with marshmallows, of course! This is what they do in Iceland. What a marvellous Christmas tradition!



As is tradition here at Staverton, we have had little book fairies making deliveries every day of Advent! This year, the staff have even been lucky enough to benefit from a little gift too!



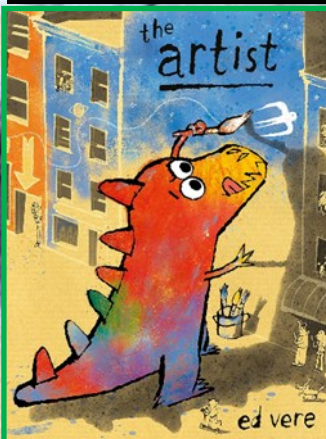
Reading for pleasure

Below are some of the best books of 2023... Now obviously one best book could be someone else's worst book but here is a selection of books which have hit the headlines in 2023!



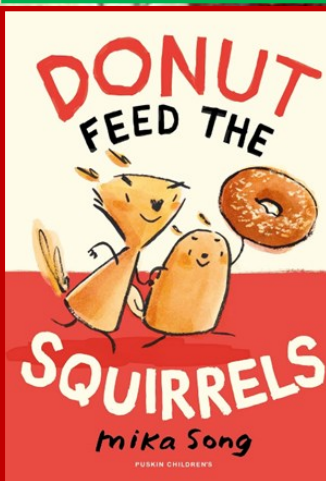
Recommended Year 5/6 - The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow

10-year-old Nate has been split from his best mate PS, who is placed in another class and makes friends with the school bully. This is a must read about friendship, loyalty and hope.



Recommended Reception, Year 1/2 - The Artist by Ed Vere

One brave little artist goes on one epic adventure to share her art, and in doing so learns that it doesn't matter if you colour outside the lines, that art is full of heart... and that maybe you are an artist too! A joyful and inspirational celebration of beauty, mistakes and the artist in all of us



Recommended Year 3/4 - Donut Feed the Squirrels by Mika Song

Norma and Belly really really REALLY want a donut. But things aren't going their way! With a burned breakfast and a grumpy donut seller at the local food truck, they may be stuck with only nuts to eat... But these squirrels won't give up that easily! They're on a mission to get their paws on the biggest, most delicious donut of their tiny lives!



Recommended Foundation to year 4 - The Pandas Who Promised by Rachel Bright, illustrated by Jim Field

High on a misty mountainside, red panda cubs Popo and Ketu live happily with their mama. As the sisters grow, they promise that they will ALWAYS stay close to home. But while Popo is content to stay in the family's cosy treetop nest, bold Ketu dreams of excitement and exploration.

An epic tale about family, love and the power of keeping a promise.

Student Spotlight

Congratulations to our lovely Isla, who received the player of the match trophy and pin badge from Trowbridge Rugby club in her match against Bradford on Avon. Trowbridge won 3 games out the four they played so won overall. Isla played outstandingly in both her games and scored 4 tries herself and assisted in the other tries. We are super proud of you Isla and hope you continue scoring epic tries!



We loved seeing some of our older children being flag bearers for their Guides and Brownies units at a local Remembrance service in Hilperston and doing Staverton proud.



We love hearing what our students are getting up to outside of school and anything they are achieving. If they would like to be featured in the Staverton bell, please email l.adley@staverton.wilts.sch.uk

Student Spotlight

Thank you to Mrs Little, the grandmother of two of our students, who very kindly sewed together the year 3 & 4 artwork they had based on the text they had been studying in English 'The Princess' Blankets' by Carol Ann Duffy. Each class now has their very own blanket displaying their beautiful pictures!



A big thank you to our wonderful Miss Smith who organised for our year 5 and 6 students to take part in the Collaborative School's football tournament, where 24 of our children had great fun representing Staverton whilst playing various teams from other Trowbridge schools across a 5 week period. Well done to all the children who took part!



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An enormous Congratulations to Matilda, who was very successful in her recent gymnastics competition. Over the year she has been competing as part of a team in the West Country League against gymnasts from the whole of the southwest and after the final round her team came 2nd overall. Also in this final round she achieved a personal best finishing 1st overall individually against over 30 other gymnasts. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what you achieve next!



"Oscar wanted me to forward a photo to you of him and the big man in red. Tonight he walked for over 2 hours around the Staverton Marina knocking on doors & raising money for Trowbridge Lions Club having spotted me replying to a plea on a local Facebook site requesting helpers. He had every opportunity to sit it out & stay at home with Daddy whilst I volunteered my time but felt it was important to do his bit. Oscar tells me that 'it's important to raise money for charities as they help people in need. Tonight was especially special because putting smiles on people's faces and wishing them a Merry Christmas in a time when they might be sad or alone is a kind thing to do' We are incredibly proud of his efforts & thoughtfulness."

We love getting emails like this from parents, telling us how kind and thoughtful our students are. Well done Oscar.



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Stronger Starts

We need your help!

We have been selected as a candidate for the Tesco Stronger Starts grant (the little blue tokens you get given at the checkouts!) and our project is being put forward to a customer vote in local Tesco stores.

The title of our application is 'Our waste of space to tranquil place' and we have applied for the grant to try and transform the outdoor space that we have for the children.

Voting is open from now until mid January 2024. The project with the highest number of votes across the region will receive £1,500 the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500. You will be able to vote for us in the stores listed below - the more votes we get, the more we will have to create a beautiful outdoor space for our children!

Below are the stores where you can vote - please get us lots of tokens!

2477	Eastbourne Rd Trowbridge	BA14 7HW
3316	Trowbridge Extra	BA14 7AQ
4617	Frome Forest Rd	BA11 2TU
5053	Brook Rd Trowbridge	BA14 9DL
5063	Warminster Express	BA12 8EE
5161	Leigh Park Westbury	BA13 3GL
6160	Westbury Fore Street	BA13 3AY
6246	Melksham	SN12 6TA
6404	Trowbridge Frome Road	BA14 0DT



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- ✓ Debt & budgeting advice
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- ✓ Accessing information
- ✓ Meeting room available for hire
- ✓ Signposting to organisations & agencies
- ✓ Form filling assistance
- ✓ Work Club
- ✓ Housing advice
- ✓ Foodbank
- ✓ Counselling

BRADFORD ON AVON COMMUNITY AREA



Working in partnership with: Bradford on Avon Churches Together (BACT), Bradford on Avon Community Area Network and Bradford on Avon Town Council.






Opening Times: Monday - Friday 10.00 - 1.00
 See separate opening times for groups including Foodbank, Debt Advice, Work Club

Food Bank Collection

Just a little reminder that we are now a permanent collection point for The Hub food bank in Bradford-on-Avon so you will be able to donate food items throughout the whole year to help local people in crisis. We have a trolley for donations in the school reception and would love your help filling it up if you are able.

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| <p>PASTA</p> <p>FRUIT JUICE</p> <p>Biscuits</p> | <p><i>Savoury</i></p> <p><i>biscuits</i></p> <p>Tinned macaroni cheese</p> <p>Tinned Tomatoes</p> | <p>Packets of rice</p> <p>N O O D L E S</p> |
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with a friendly, welcoming nature, a clean home & a comfortable spare room who would be happy to accommodate foreign students aged 12-18yrs (or their teachers) for 3-5 nights at a time.

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- Make new friends
- Help generate a positive 'English Experience' for students
- Earn up to £7,500/year additional tax-free income (Up to £304 - for a 4-night stay hosting 4 students overnight)

Would you be able to....?

- Take a minimum of 2 students (max 4)
- Provide breakfast, packed lunch & evening meal
- Drop daily no later than 7.40am & collect again from 6.30pm from one of our centre Meeting Points in:

Melksham Trowbridge Warminster or Westbury

To find out more, please visit our website,
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For those of you with a spare room Wiltshire Host Families can offer you an opportunity to earn some much-needed cash and a chance to help your school funds, for every family that registers and hosts more than once we will give your school a £20 voucher to buy resources.

Our host families can earn up to £304 per week, it's paid in cash at the start of the stay and is completely tax free as the payment comes under the [Rent a Room scheme](#).

We are based in Melksham, Trowbridge, Westbury & Warminster. We are now busier than ever as bookings for 2024 are flooding in, as a result we are expanding to accommodate much larger groups. This will give more local people the opportunity to join us as hosts and to supplement their incomes accordingly.

Hosting short stay students is great fun and because each school group only stays 3-5 weekday nights at a time and go out everyday sightsee-

ing, our hosts find that it doesn't adversely impact on home or work life. It's also very flexible, in that a host can dip in and out to suit their circumstances taking as many or as few groups as they want. Of course, the extra money is a great bonus too!

We are looking for hosts who can take a minimum of 2 students (maximum 4) and make them feel welcome. Throughout the stay we will support the hosts, students and their teachers and make sure that everyone has a great time. We will visit all new hosts to explain exactly how we work and answer any questions they may have. Once on our register we will allocate students according to a host families availability and the group's matching requirements. In fact, we will be there every step of the way with help and advice whenever needed.

Val Rideout, Managing Director and founder of Wiltshire Host Families is passionate about giving the students a great English Experience and loves the diversity of our hosts, we have single ladies, couples with or without children, single parent families and retired folk – all of different ages and from different backgrounds and cultures. Everyone brings a different experience to their students stay – and this is then shared with the school group as a whole. Although the students are only at home in the evenings, hosts can give them some great memories to take back with them.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 4th January 2024	First day of term
Thursday 11th January 2024	Year 4 swimming lessons start
Thursday 1st February 2024	Parents evening
Tuesday 16th February 2024	Parents evening
12th February - 21st February 2024	Half Term ** Mon 20th & Tues 21st Inset days**
Wednesday 21st February 2024	First day of Term 4

Please see the link on the school website and the online calendar for any additional dates/changes to dates.

Is your child start school next September?

Come and have a look around our school and ask any questions you might have (feel free to bring your little one along too!) We have some open days coming up, or alternatively phone the office and book for a date and time that suits you.

** The deadline for primary school applications is the 15th January 2024

A moment to reflect...

*God grant you peace at Christmas
And fill your heart with cheer,
God grant you health and happiness
Throughout the coming year,
God guide you with His wisdom
And keep you in His care –
This is my special wish for you,
This is my Christmas prayer.*

Merry Christmas

