

# NEWSLETTER






**12<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

The Woodhouse Support Hub

<https://sites.google.com/woodhouse.academy/support>


## How to get in touch

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 [families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team
- You can also send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.

 [sensupport@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:sensupport@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

- Use this for any queries about any additional learning needs or concerns.

## Year 6 Leavers Hoodie

You can order this year's Year 6 Leavers Hoodie by following this link:

<https://www.cicadasports.co.uk/product/woodhouse-primary-leavers-hoodie/>

The deadline for ordering these for free delivery back to school is Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>.

They can still be ordered after this date but will be sent via home delivery.





# School Dinner Menu

## 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July

**NOTE: We operate a 3-week rolling menu. Keep an eye on the menu each week for changes.**

**We use a range of suppliers, including local businesses so menus are subject to change if items are unavailable.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Chicken	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans or Tuna	Pizza Day
Vegan Sausage Roll	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Vegan Sausage	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Herby Diced Potatoes				Roast Potatoes
Baked Beans or Vegetables	Garlic Bread & Fresh Salad	Seasonal Vegetables	Crisps and Tossed Salad	With Chips and Fresh Salad
Arctic Roll	Apple or Rhubarb Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Assortment of Cakes	Jelly and Fruit
Fresh Fruit and Fresh Salad Bar available daily				

## Food Allergies

In order to keep our dietary records up to date, please inform the main office of any changes to your child's dietary requirements, allergies and intolerances. We are able to cater for most requirements but must know in advance.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please also let the main office know. We do not serve Halal meats.

Please either contact the main office on 0121 464 1769 or email us on [families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL

# Academic Year 2023 – 2024

## Summer Term 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 5 Guitar and Clarinet performance
- 2:30pm in the hall

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Concerts

- KS2 - 9:15 – 10am
- EYFS & KS1 – 2:15 – 3pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 4H & Year 6 Elective Violin concert – 9:30 in the hall

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Graduation – 2:30pm in the hall

- Followed by the Leavers BBQ on the main playground

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of school for children

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Inset day, school closed for children

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – End of Summer Term

Further dates here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-events>



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## Sharing & Swap Shed

Next year we are looking to set up a small shed for reading books that will be on the playground.

The idea is that you can borrow books and then return them once done.

In the meantime, we are looking for any donations of books in a reusable condition and before we buy a shed, if anyone has one similar to the photo that is no longer needed, we will be happy to repurpose it.

See the main office for more details.




# attendance ~~MATTERS~~

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: **94.22%**  
Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **95.16%** KS2: **95.06%** Whole School: **95.09%**

Our Attendance target for this year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week	Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	84.86%	3A	90.65%
<b>RL</b>	<b>98.28%</b>	3S	96%
RW	98%	4H	93.67%
1B	94.64%	4R	94.33%
1O	97.33%	<b>5H</b>	<b>98.39%</b> 
2F	93.57%	5W	98%
2P	97.33%	6D	94.19%
RR	85%	6WO	98.28%

Congratulations to **5H** who had the best class attendance last week.



Well done to **RL** who had the best class attendance in EYFS & KS1 last week.

Will you help your class have the best class attendance next week?

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## Attendance Challenge

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

35 Days of school. Get your countdown sheet from Miss Lavelle and colour the box for every day you attend school.

All children who attend for ALL 25 days will be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a £25 Asda Voucher.



Amazing Jewellery by Year 3



The  
Corner



# WOODHOUSE PRE-LOVED ESSENTIALS

We have a wide range of pre-loved uniform and non-school uniform items free of charge to those who need them. You are more than welcome to come and help yourself anytime.

We also have shoes, trainers, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and bags available.

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## Household Support

We are also able to access support for a wide range of household items such as white goods, beds, bedding etc.

Please speak with Mr Kennedy, the office staff or email us at [families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org) if you need support with any of this.

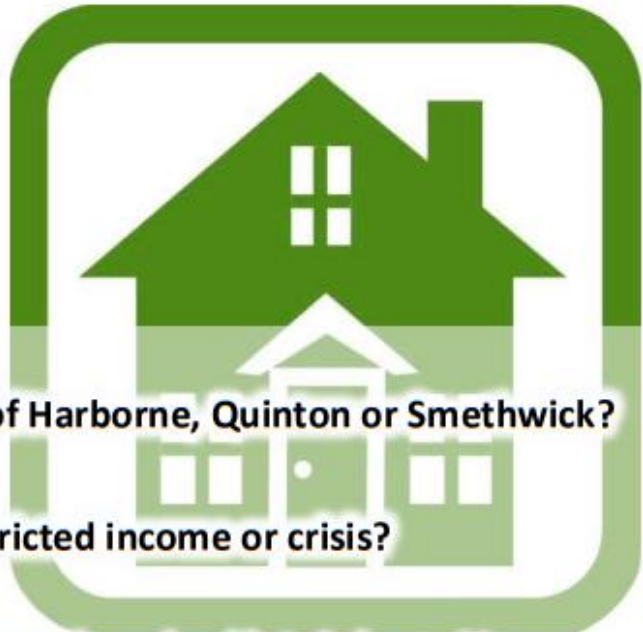
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## Help with Laundry

Thanks to a company called Smol and their Suds in Schools project, we also have washing and drying facilities within school for families who are struggling with this where we can offer a discrete laundry service.

If this is of any help to anyone, please speak with Mr Kennedy.





**Are you a permanent resident of Harborne, Quinton or Smethwick?**

**Are you struggling due to a restricted income or crisis?**

If so, Harborne Parish Lands Charity (HPLC) may be able to help provide you with essential items for your home such as white goods, beds, bedroom storage, or a whole host of support. This list isn't exhaustive but unfortunately we cannot provide cash or debt relief or help with bills.



HPLC is a friendly local charity. Our mission is to help people who are in need and who live in the "Ancient Parish of Harborne" (which even includes a large area of Smethwick!)

Each case is always looked at on an individual basis and application are always followed up with a home visit.



For an informal chat about your circumstances, please contact a member of staff at reception, or in the office, or one of our Support Officers.



**NEW: BREAKFAST INCLUDED!!!**

# Sporty Stars Holiday Sports Camp



**SUMMER HOLIDAYS JULY & AUGUST 2024**

WEEK 1: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> - Thu 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK 2: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - Thu 8<sup>th</sup> WEEK 3: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Thu 15<sup>th</sup> WEEK 4: Mon 19<sup>th</sup> - Thu 22<sup>nd</sup>

**WHERE?**  
Woodhouse Primary Academy, Woodhouse Road, Quinton, B32 2DL

**WHO?**  
Boys & Girls Ages 6 - 13

**WHEN?**  
Monday to Thursday

**FULL DAY:** 8.30am - 3.30pm  
**HALF DAY (AM):** 8.30am - 12.30pm  
**HALF DAY (PM):** 11.30am - 3.30pm

## SPECIAL OFFER

	Usual Cost	Discount Cost	Saving You	
Book 1 week	<del>£75 - £87.50</del> Full week Half week	£70 £35 Full week Half week	£5 £2.50 Full week Half week	Plus 1 x Lunch Stamp
Book 2 weeks	<del>£150 - £175</del> Full week Half week	£130 £65 Full week Half week	£20 £10 Full week Half week	Plus 2 x Lunch Stamps
Book 3 weeks	<del>£225 - £262.50</del> Full week Half week	£180 £90 Full week Half week	£45 £22.50 Full week Half week	Plus 3 x Lunch Stamps
Book 4 weeks	<del>£300 - £350</del> Full week Half week	£220 £110 Full week Half week	£80 £40 Full week Half week	Plus 4 x Lunch Stamps

### SPLIT YOUR PAYMENTS

Split Payment Booking Deadline: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Example: 3 week booking of £180

Payment 1: £60  
Due by 28<sup>th</sup> June

Payment 2: £60  
Due by 19<sup>th</sup> July

Payment 3: £60  
Due by 9<sup>th</sup> August

Please ask for further details and to create your payment plan agreement. By obtaining this option, you agree to make full total payment which must be paid prior to your child's first day with us.

We offer a wide range of traditional sports, plus many amazing extras such as:

QUIDDITCH  
GRAND PRIX

NERF GAMES  
HUNGRY HIPPOS

GLADIATOR DAY  
INFLATABLES

FORTNITE DODGEBALL  
CAPTURE THE FLAG

Sporty Stars is for all children, whether you are an amazing athlete, or have never tried a sport in your life!

All children receive prizes and awards as well as experiencing our wonderful provision of activities delivered by our fantastic team of staff.



### HOW TO BOOK

1. Scan the QR code
2. Email
3. Call or Text

www.sporty-stars.com  
enquiries@sporty-stars.com  
07473 639 186

By booking you agree to our terms and conditions, including first aid and photography consent for our website / social media pages. Full T's & C's can be found online.

#### PARENTS

We are Ofsted registered and our excellent staff are qualified, first aid trained and DBS checked. You can rest assured knowing that we will do the best job at looking after your children.



#### WE CAN ACCEPT

- Childcare Vouchers
- Tax-Free Childcare
- Childcare Grants

**LIMITED SPACES**  
Avoid our waiting lists and book now!



# AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

WOODHOUSE PRIMARY ACADEMY  
WOODHOUSE ROAD, B32 2DL

## MONDAY EVENINGS

Term Time Only

SESSION 1) **3.15-4.15PM**  
**DODGEBALL CLUB £75**

SESSION 2) **4.15-5.15 PM**  
**FOOTBALL CLUB £75**

Begins Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Ends Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025  
BOYS & GIRLS AGES 6-11

Session Dates: 09/09, 16/09, 23/09, 30/09, 07/10, 14/10, 21/10, 04/11, 11/11, 18/11, 25/11, 06/01, 13/01, 20/01, 27/01, 03/02  
(16 x sessions in total)

SPECIAL OFFER

Book both clubs for **£135**

Pay Monthly

Book now for just a **£45 deposit**

PAY IN 3 INSTALLMENTS

A payment plan will be made when you book both clubs only  
Example: £45 June, £45 July, £45 August



**Ofsted**  
REGISTERED

WE ACCEPT

Childcare Vouchers  
Tax-Free Childcare  
Payment plans  
(Not for weekly)



### HOW TO BOOK

1. Scan the QR code
2. Email
3. Call or Text

[www.sporty-stars.com](http://www.sporty-stars.com)  
[enquiries@sporty-stars.com](mailto:enquiries@sporty-stars.com)  
07473639186

By booking you agree to our terms and conditions, including first aid and photography consent for our website / social media pages. Full T&C's can be found online.



## SUMMER CODING CAMP

Embark on a byte-sized coding adventure



# Extend learning with the Python in Pieces Summer Coding Camp!

The Python in Pieces coding camp is tailor-made for summer holidays, designed to be student-led with support from parents and caregivers. We invite you to spread the word about this amazing opportunity with your students' families.

Ideal for children aged 8-13, our **free online coding camp** features engaging projects, expert guidance, and boundless creativity, this camp ensures the coding momentum keeps going strong throughout the summer break.

Simply share this link with your parents/carers and ask them to register for free:

[www.2simple.com/python-in-pieces-summer-coding-camp/](http://www.2simple.com/python-in-pieces-summer-coding-camp/)



# FREE Summer Holiday Camp

Multi-sports, arts and crafts, and many more fun activities!

AGES  
5 - 16

**WHERE? LEASOWES HIGH SCHOOL**

Kent Road, Halesowen - B62 8PJ

**WHEN? 25th July - 15th August**

16 dates available - Excluding weekends

**9.00am - 1.00pm**

SCAN ME



BOOK HERE



@sportingyf

info@sportingyourfutures.org

07878904879





**AVERY FIELDS**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



# SUMMER HAF CAMPS



Week 1: 24th / 25th / 26th July

Week 2: 29th / 30th / 31st July / 1st August

Week 3: 6th / 7th / 8th August



10am - 2pm



5-14 Years Old



Healthy meal provided with all dietary requirements catered for

## FREE

FOR CHILDREN WHO  
RECEIVE BENEFIT  
RELATED FREE  
SCHOOL MEALS.



Engage **Community**



SCAN TO BOOK





EDGBASTON  
PRIORY CLUB

# HOLIDAY CAMP

SUMMER HOLIDAY

MONDAY 15TH JULY - FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST

8:30AM - 4:30PM

AGES 5-16

Tennis, squash, table tennis, pickleball, fun group activities, swimming\* and more!

MEMBERS - £36.50  
NON-MEMBERS - £46.50

If you're not a member, you can register an account on [myedgbastonpriory.com](http://myedgbastonpriory.com)  
Please contact Simon Ferguson, our Head of Tennis, for more details:  
[simon.ferguson@edgbastonpriory.com](mailto:simon.ferguson@edgbastonpriory.com)





# 9 Books about... Trees



This month has been hot, so I've been taking shade under trees lots. I am in a true tree hugging mood so decided to find the best books about trees!

1. Tree

**Britta Teckentrup**

2. What Do You See  
When You Look At A  
Tree?

**Emma Carlisle**

3. The Magic and Mystery  
of Trees

**Jen Green &  
Claire McElfrick**

4. The Tree and the River

**Aaron Becker**

5. There's a Rang-Tan in  
My Bedroom

**James Sellick &  
Frann Preston-  
Gannon**

6. The Book of Trees

**Piotr Socha &  
Wojciech Grajkowski**

7. What Did The Tree  
See?

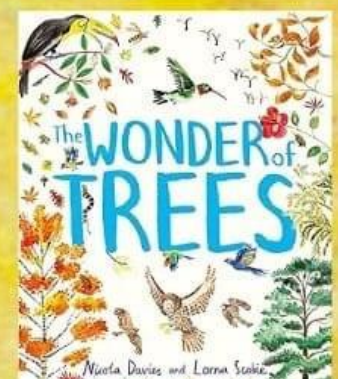
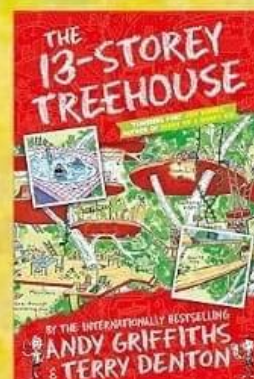
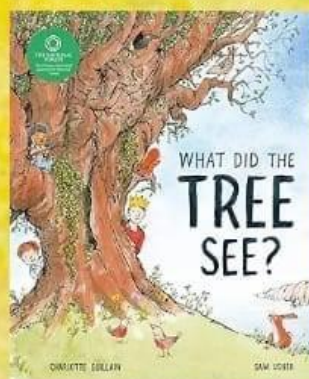
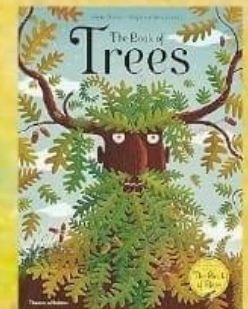
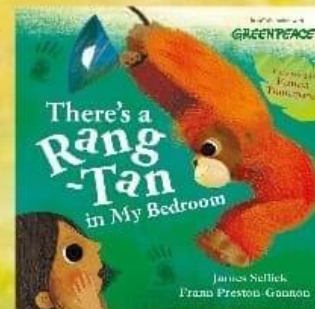
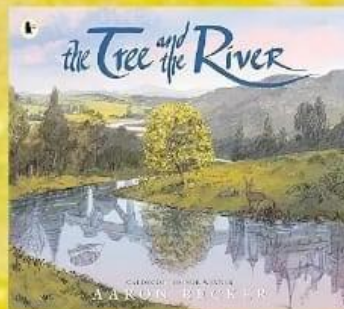
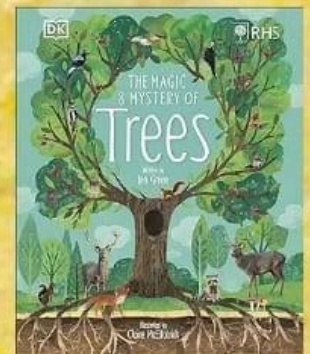
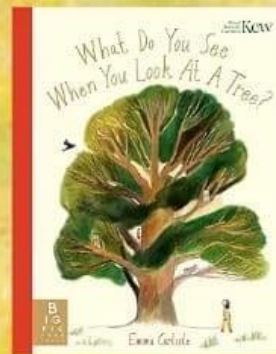
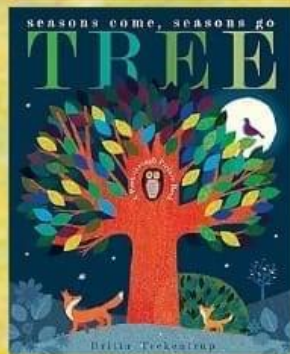
**Charlotte Guillain &  
Sam Usher**

8. 13 Story Treehouse

**Andy Griffiths &  
Terry Denton**

9. The Wonder of Trees

**Nicola Davies &  
Lorna Scobie**



If you have any questions or have a book released soon that you feel deserves a place on the newsletter: Email us - [MisterBodd@outlook.com](mailto:MisterBodd@outlook.com)

# No Shelf Control

Edition 38: June 2024

## The Super Sunny Murder Club

As a teacher, two of the most requested types of books that I struggle to find are scary books and short stories. So when a book comes along containing both... Well, I can't help but shout about it. So... **THE SUNNY MURDER CLUB IS THIS MONTH'S BOOK OF THE MONTH.** Sorry if that was too loud!

I couldn't fit a Q&A with all of the amazing authors involved in and I couldn't possibly only choose one! (Reviewers don't like to be accused of having favourites - even though we clearly do...) So I thought I'd tell you more about what to expect from this awesome book!

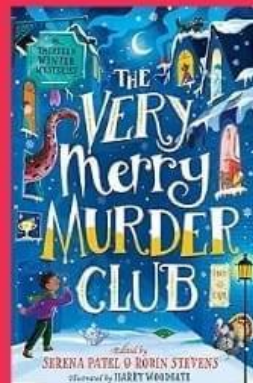
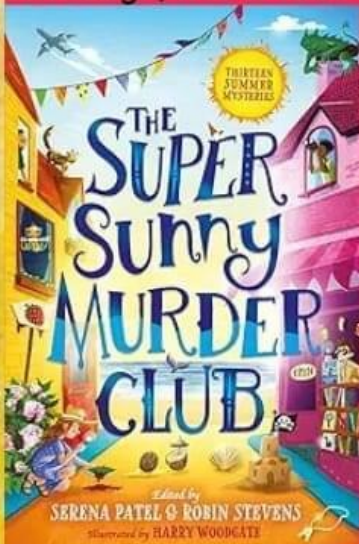
The collection is co-edited by Serena Patel and Robin Stevens. It features 11 more amazing authors (Abiola Bello, Annabelle Sami, Benjamin Dean, Dominique Valente, E.L. Norry, Elle McNicoll, Maisie Chan, Nizrana Farook, Patrice Lawrence, Roopa Farooki and Sharna Jackson).

Murders and mysteries set everywhere! From the beach, to the museum and even the dancefloor. There is something for everybody and you'll need to find other fans to check that your favourites are the same!

Short stories are perfect to be read in the summer as we're all busy jumping from activity to activity, ensuring that we're kept entertained in our tiny moments of downtime. Although, like a tube of Pringles...

Once you pop, you just can't stop! But whether you binge or enjoy slowly, you will love this book!

And if you haven't read it's predecessor, why wait until Christmas? Jump into The Very Merry Murder Club this summer to help cool down!





# Hannah Messenger

Bryony Pearce & Claire Powell

UCLan 8+

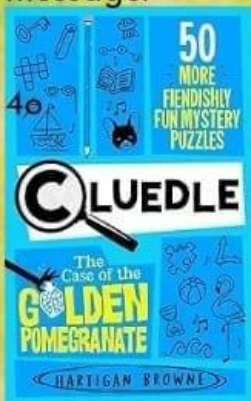
This awesome story blends urban fantasy with Greek mythology, as Hannah and her friends uncover the true identities of the gods living as ordinary humans. With witty humour and heartfelt friendships, this captivating adventure is perfect for young readers and mythology enthusiasts. This will go down an absolute storm!

# The Last Dragon

Polly Ho-Yen & Charis Loke

Knights Of 8+

Polly Ho-Yen has again written an amazing story for readers aged 7+. Yara's life is chaotic with her sister in hospital and school troubles, but everything changes when she is entrusted with the last dragon's egg. This moving story weaves themes of bravery, self-belief, and environmental stewardship, captivating readers with its magical narrative and powerful message.



# Cluedle- The Case of the Golden Pomegranate

Hartigan Browne

Macmillan Children 8+

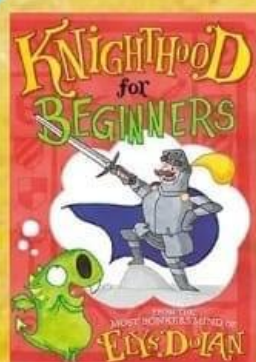
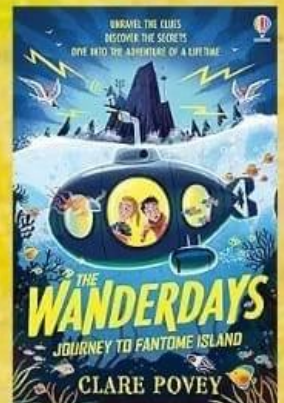
The fact that the first book earned me some extra quiet time and kept my son busy during the holidays, I obviously have to recommend this second edition! A new case to crack with 50 boredom smashing puzzles! Is it wrong to buy an extra copy for myself? Why should kids get all the fun?

# The Wanderdays

Clare Povey

Usborne 8+

Clare Povey invites readers on an exhilarating underwater adventure with the Wanderday siblings. When their famous mother goes missing, they uncover a sinister plot involving TV presenter Sir Frederick Titan. Packed with bravery, friendship, and a passion for conservation, this fast-paced tale captivates with its suspenseful drama and important environmental themes.



# One You Might Have Missed

Knighthood for Beginners - Elys Dolan

Oxford - 6+ 2017

Introducing Dave, a dragon who's terrible at being dragony but dreams of becoming a knight. With his unlikely steed, Albrecht the goat, Dave embarks on a hilarious quest to prove himself. Elys Dolan's transition from picture books to young fiction shines with humor and delightful illustrations.



## Dungeon Runners

Kieran Larwood & Joe Todd-Stanton

Nosy Crow 7+

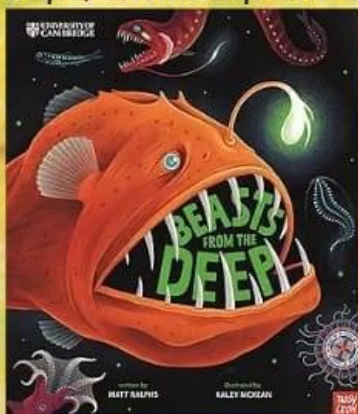
A brilliant new fantasy adventure series from two absolute heroes! Follow Kit, a determined gnorf (part gnome, part dwarf), and his quirky friends Sandy and Thorn, as they tackle mazes, monsters, and puzzles. Filled with humour, action, and a strong message about overcoming obstacles and friendship, this book is sure to captivate young readers.

## The Boy, The Troll & The Chalk

Anne Booth & David Litchfield

Templar 3+

A story about the power of kindness and art. A boy befriends a troll, connected through their love of drawing, proving that patience and imagination can overcome isolation and fear. With Litchfield's beautiful illustrations, Booth's gentle tale inspires hope, friendship and creativity.



## Beasts from the Deep

Matt Ralphs & Kaley McKean

Nosy Crow 7+

A mesmerising journey into the ocean's depths, revealing awe-inspiring creatures like anglerfish and goblin sharks. The vibrant illustrations make this book a treasure. A perfect gift for young marine enthusiasts, it is full of wonder on each and every page.

## Pinch Perkins

Cathy Fitzgerald & Chloe Dominique

Farshore 9+

A fast-paced magical adventure set in London's enchanting quarter. Twelve-year-old Pinch races against time to lift a curse from her mum, encountering fairies, knights, and fearsome villains. With unexpected twists and a rich, imaginative setting, this whodunnit will captivate readers of all ages.



IT'S NOT EASY TO FIT IN WHEN YOU'RE...

The  
**BOY**  
in the  
**SUIT**  
JAMES FOX



## One To Wait for...

The Boy in the Suit - James Fox  
Scholastic - September 23

This is promising to be a real tear jerker. Solo just wants to be normal! He wants a normal name and a proper school uniform that fits him. He also wants to stop having to crash funerals for food...



Here are six helpful tips from Coram Beanstalk to help you have fun with reading this summer!

Find the right time and place to read...

1

Sign up for the Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge at your local library, or join online:  
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

2

Read outside! Head to your local green space with a blanket and set up a relaxing reading den. If it's raining, make a comfy space inside instead.

1

Create a comfortable space to read...



3

Read a recipe and make something delicious. Take it in turns with someone else to read each step of the recipe out loud.

4

Turn your favourite book into a piece of art. Use any art materials you like to create a scene or illustration from the book.

5

Take books with you out on trips. Whether you're visiting a relative or off to the seaside, take something to read in your bag to keep you entertained at all times.



6

Play games with the books you are reading. Play 'I spy' using the pictures, or 'Who am I?' by guessing from the characters in a story.



1

Create a comfortable space to read...

Sit on the sofa together with a blanket. Make a reading den with cushions and toys. Lie on your tummies together on the floor.



2

Take your time...

Share books at different times of day. Don't give children time limits for reading. Make time for bedtime stories so you can relax too!



3

Have books all around the house...

Make books available in different rooms. Provide a range of books alongside other toys. Match the type of book to the time you're sharing it.



# Choose Reading #2

## Share different types of books...

As children learn to read, they are also beginning to develop their likes and dislikes when it comes to books. Very often for children who are reluctant to read, it might be that they have not yet found the right kind of book for them. If you can find the type of book that helps spark their curiosity and discover the joy in reading, you will be one step closer to supporting them to become lifelong readers.

**1**

It's important that children have someone to support them in finding out who they are as a reader, and they will need to be exposed to a wide range of books and texts to discover this for themselves. Luckily, there has never been a better time for the variety and range of engaging children's books being published to suit every child's need. Spend time talking to your child about the kind of books or magazines they could be reading.

**2**

We often think that children should only be reading traditional chapter books (sometimes the thicker the better) and we tend to focus on fiction, but there is so much more out there. It can also be easy to let our own childhood taste in books affect how we talk to children about what they like. Remember that the world is rapidly changing and so is the world of children's books. Graphic novels, non-fiction texts, diaries, magazine subscriptions, puzzle books, interactive books, joke books and poetry can open up many more opportunities for enjoying reading together and there is a lot out there to be explored.

**3**

If your child is learning to read using phonics reading scheme books, this doesn't mean that you can't share other material with them. Often children can be put off by a book which they have no interest in. Don't feel you have to buy lots of expensive books either. Sign up for free at your local library so children can choose new books regularly, swap books with friends or have a look for some bargains in charity shops.



# Choose Reading #2

## Share different types of books...

**1**

Make sure your child has access to a range of different books...

Try different types of books with your child. Explore graphic novels, non-fiction books, magazines, as well as fiction.



**2**

Help your child discover their own tastes...

Talk to your child about their likes and dislikes. Offer help and support with recommending books. Don't try and influence your child to like a certain type of book.



**3**

Be creative with finding new books...

Head to your local library and sign up for free. Let your child choose a range of books. Swap books with friends and look in charity shops.



## Choose Reading #3

### Read aloud...

It is a common misconception that when children reach a certain age, or can read fluently by themselves, we should encourage them to only read independently. Although developing the skill to read independently is important, this doesn't mean that we should stop reading aloud to children too! In fact, continuing to do this really helps children become better readers by hearing a good model of reading from an adult.

**1** Listening to you reading aloud, your child is free to imagine the story for themselves and visualise what is happening, rather than having to worry about reading the words themselves. If you find that your child is reluctant to let you read aloud to them, don't give up. Keep suggesting it and hopefully you'll catch them at the right time. It's also fine if they aren't 100% focussed while you're reading.

**2** If they want to sit close to you and look at the pictures and words that's great, but if they would rather be doing something else while you're reading, like drawing or playing, this doesn't mean they're not actually listening and engaged. Try and tempt them with a new book or ask them if they'd like to choose a book for you to look at together. Make the book sound exciting and get their attention by pointing out something about the front cover. For example, "Oh wow! Let's have a look at these pictures together!", "Shall we find out some facts in this book?", or "Look at this monster! Shall we find out what's inside?"

**3** Apart from all the ways that reading aloud can help develop your child's reading skills, it can also have a profound effect on their wellbeing. Even if it's only for 10-15 minutes a day, during this bonding time you share an emotional connection with your child, free from any other distractions where you can both focus fully on the book you're sharing together.



## Choose Reading #3

### Read Aloud...

**1** Keep reading aloud to your child...  
Reading aloud has great benefits for children of all ages and adults too. Let your child relax and imagine the story. Show your child a good model of reading aloud.



**2** Try reading aloud at different times...  
If your child doesn't want to listen, keep trying at different times of day. Don't worry if your child likes to draw or do something else while you're reading to them.

**3** Introduce books in an exciting way...  
Encourage your child to choose the book. Point out something interesting on the front cover. Ask them a question about the book to draw them in.



## Choose Reading # 4

### Chat about the books you are sharing...

Talking about the books you share with your child is equally as important as reading aloud and listening to them read to you. Chatting with your child can tell you a great deal about how much your child is enjoying the book, how much of the text they are accessing and what they really think.

**1** When you talk about the characters, settings, pictures, facts, or anything else you might find in the book, you are actively involving your child in the act of reading and helping them to become more engaged. Through these informal conversations, they can tell you what they think, ask you questions, and you can focus on what they are most interested in. Most importantly, it builds and strengthens the connection between you, your child and the book you are sharing.

**2** Be careful to not put any pressure on these conversations and avoid too many questions which only check their understanding. This can feel like a test and can put children off if they feel they don't know the correct answer. Instead, think of ways to connect your child to what's happening in the book and spend lots of time talking about the book before reading it. By talking about the characters, settings or topics they might find out about before they start the book, you are giving them extra confidence and setting them up to succeed. Ask them lots of open-ended questions and share what you feel or think about the book too.

**3** Use the pictures to play games, asking them to spot certain things on different pages or point out things they like. While talking about what's happening in the book, use this as an opportunity to explain some of the trickier words or concepts to them and try dropping in some higher-level vocabulary to extend their understanding. Always be guided by your child and don't worry if you feel the conversation has moved away from the book. You can take your time and find a way of bringing your child back to the book.



## Choose Reading # 4

### Chat about the books you are sharing...

**1** Let your child guide the conversation... Focus on what your child is most interested in talking about. Use the conversation to build a connection between you, your child and the book.



**2** Ask open-ended questions and value your child's opinion... Avoid using too many questions which check their understanding of the book. Help your child connect their life to the book.



**3** Have fun and extend their vocabulary... Play games using the pictures and words. Use this time to explain trickier words. Don't worry if the chat moves away from the book.



## Look for words all around you...

Remember that reading doesn't have to be limited to sharing books with your child. Although we know this is a brilliant way to show children the pleasure you can find in reading, there are lots of other ways to incorporate reading into your daily routine.

**1**

Think about all the things you need to read to find things out. Why not ask your child to help you read a message on your phone? Or see if they can read signs in the street while you're out for a walk. Make this into a game of 'I Spy' and see if they can spot any common words. What are the names of the shops you go into? Ask them to look at food items in the supermarket and help you read the ingredients. Later, find a recipe in a book or online that they could help read with you while cooking a meal.

**2**

If your child is into sport, you could look up results together and talk about them. You could even look at the daily news. Use a child-friendly website like CBBC's Newround and find out together what the top news stories are that day. Again, be guided by your child's interest and find something which appeals to them.

**3**

The more you get children to start connecting the words they see around with the sound of the word, the more interest they will have in being able to read it for themselves. If children see that reading can be something that helps you to learn how to do more things or find out more interesting stuff, they are more likely to start seeing the benefits of putting in the work required.



## Look for words all around you...

**1**

Incorporate reading into your daily routine...

Ask children to spot words on road signs and tell you what they say. Play 'I Spy' seeing if they can spot names of roads or shops while out on a walk.



**2**

Encourage your child to notice that reading is all around us...

Ask your child to help you read out food ingredients in the supermarket. Encourage your child to help you read any important notices out and about.



**3**

Seek opportunities where reading helps your child to do something...

Encourage your child to read age-appropriate news sources with you to find out what the top stories are. Ask your child to help you read a recipe while making a meal.



# Choose Reading # 6

## Communicate with your child's school...

It's important to keep up all the positive reading habits you have been building with your child, even if they become reluctant at times. You can share any phonics or reading scheme books your child brings home from school in a fun way while supporting them with learning to read.

**1**

Make sure that your child is still encouraged to choose books they want to read alongside school requirements. Remember you are not expecting your child to be able to decode every book they choose and you can get a great deal out of any book by reading to them, sharing the reading and talking about the pictures.

**2**

Children are supported best when all the adults around them are working together towards the same goal. Make sure that you have a good line of communication with your child's teacher around their reading. It's likely that they will see a different attitude or approach to reading from your child compared to what you see at home, so be open and honest about what you notice. When possible, attend any reading activities or workshops your child's school offers to parents. By doing this, you will be able to learn more about how your child is learning to read in school and how to better support them at home.

**3**

Remember that you play a values and crucial part in helping your child to become a reader. Model good reading habits to your child and show them the value in learning to read. The most important thing you can do is to help your child feel supported, relaxed and happy and ultimately encourage them to choose reading.



# Choose Reading # 6

## Communicate with your child's school...

**1**

Enjoy a range of books alongside school requirements...

Support your child with any books they have been given to read from school. Keep encouraging your child to choose books they want to read.



**2**

Take an interest in your child's reading at school...

Talk to your child's teacher about how they are getting on with reading. Be honest and open about how things are going. Attend any reading activities or workshops.



**3**

Try to keep things positive...

Focus on helping your child feel supported, relaxed and happy about reading. Model reading habits to your child and show them the value of reading. Encourage them to choose reading for themselves.





## Harborne Academy Summer Holiday Camp

### Multi-Activity Camp

Our Multi-Activity Camp offers a wide range of different sessions (from Archery to Fencing alongside many other sports/team games and enrichment activities) for children to enjoy.

**Dates:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July To Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

**Times:** 9am- 4pm (4-year olds allowed for half days 9am-1pm)

**Price:** £18.84 (£12.30 for half day)

Early Bird 30% Discount on offer until 30/06/2024 (Reduced to 20% from 01/07/2024)

**Booking Link-** [Harborne Academy – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)



### Football Camp

Our Football Camp will look to develop children's football skills each day with plenty of opportunities for games and lots of teamwork.

**Dates:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August To Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August

**Times:** 9am- 4pm (4-year olds allowed for half days 9am-1pm)

**Price:** £18.83 (£12.30 for half day).

Early Bird 30% Discount on offer until 30/06/2024 (Reduced to 20% from 01/07/2024)

**Booking Link:** [Football Holiday Camp – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)



### FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY

We are able to offer FREE places (12pm – 4pm) for any children who are Free School Meal (FSM) from 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024 funded by the governments Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF). You must supply your FSM code when booking (the code will be provided by your school). We will provide your child with a free packed lunch, all your child will need is a water bottle and suitable clothing plus lots of energy!

Booking link:

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/892512>



For any queries, please contact our Community  
Lead, Evan Heritage:

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# Temporary Opening Hours

## From 22nd July 2024

### Quinton Library

Monday	<b>CLOSED</b>	
Tuesday	10am to 1pm	2pm to 6pm
Wednesday	<b>CLOSED</b>	
Thursday	9am to 1pm	2pm to 5pm
Friday	9am to 1pm	2pm to 5pm
Saturday	9am to 1pm	2pm to 5pm
Sunday	<b>CLOSED</b>	

Birmingham Community Libraries are currently in a transitional period as we consult on the new libraries model amalgamating with the Neighbourhood Advice service.

Due to the consultation timeline and the requirement to make in year savings, as staff leave the service, they are unable to be replaced.

Due to the reduced number of community library staff available we are introducing a temporary timetable for the majority of libraries which will close for one additional day per week.






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This is a FREE walk in clinic open to everyone.

[www.sossen.org.uk](http://www.sossen.org.uk)

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# A whistle stop tour of Educational Health Care Plans

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

10am – 11.30am

Online

Talking SENSE! are a registered charity providing low cost advocacy, advice and support to parents of children with special educational needs & disabilities.

On online workshop covering:

- EHC needs assessment re-cap
- Contents of an EHC plan
- What to watch out for
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# Autism and Me for diagnosed autistic children 8 - 12 years



**Supported by SOLAR**

- Is your child autistic?
- Are they aged 8-12 years?
- Would you like them to learn more about what it is to be autistic in a neuro-affirming way?

**Then enquire about our Autism and Me program.**

Autism and Me is a 3-morning, face to face group program for autistic children aged between 8 and 12 years.

It offers the opportunity to explore what it is to be autistic in a small, supportive group setting.

It provides the opportunities to discuss individual experiences and hear about the experiences of others and offers supportive strategies that can help in day-to-day life.

**Monday 12th**  
**Tuesday 13th**  
**Wednesday 14th August**

10:00 - 11:30 am



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# Support Group Schedule



Handsworth – Every second Tuesday of the month

Solihull – Every second Wednesday of the month

Kings Heath – Every second Thursday of the month

Northfield – Every second Friday of the month

Sutton Coldfield – Every second Friday of the month

Solihull Picnic – August 2024  
Amys@autismwestmidlands.org.uk

Please see Eventbrite for further details; to book a space or find out about any other events we have happening in your area.



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/autism-west-midlands-4516901521>

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13<sup>th</sup> December 2023: 10:00

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### Family Q & A

21 March 2024: 10:00

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17 July 2024: 10:00

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