



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter! It has been a busy term in the library; we have seen some big changes, which include new comfy sofas and the repositioning of the library desk. The whole effect is to make the library feel more spacious for reading and study and we've seen many of you already enjoying the sofas with one of our magazines or new graphic novels. We've also enjoyed World Book Day and the Scholastic Book Fair. Next term, our Year 8 judges will be fully involved in The Hampshire Book Award reading and evaluating the books ready to vote for their favourite in July.

Pop by soon as we can't wait to say hello and share with you our new books.

Happy Easter!

Mrs Paine

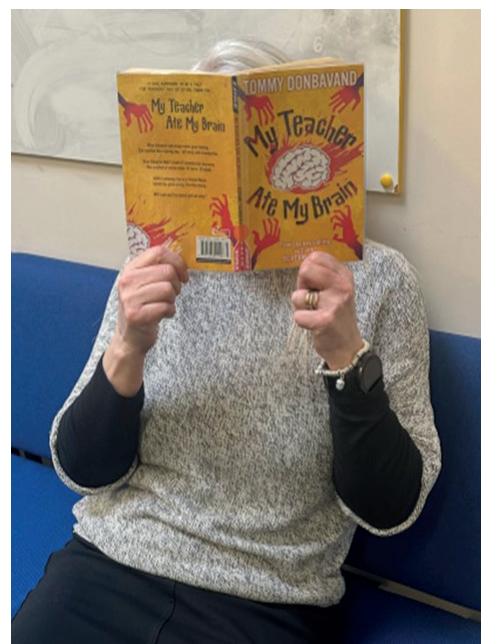
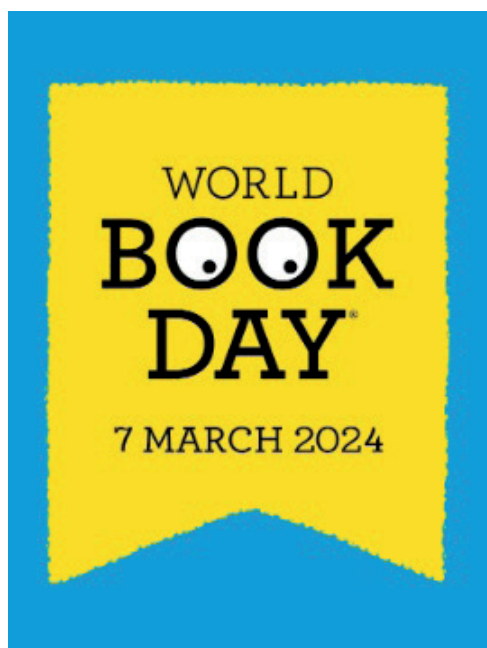
NEWS AND EVENTS

World Book Day 2024 Winners

Congratulations to everyone who took part in World Book Day activities and thank you to everyone who entered our very popular 'Guess the Teacher Behind the Book' competition. It generated a lot of animated discussions with students trying to figure out who the teachers were. There were one or two very tricky ones!

Congratulations to Oscar T and Edward T who were able to correctly identify all 20 of our avid readers.

Thomas E, Alex W and Cristian T were our runners up who came very close and also win a prize.





NEWS AND EVENTS CONTINUED

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who supported our Book Fair earlier this month. As a result of our excellent sales we will now get rewards of £497.17 to spend on books from Scholastic.

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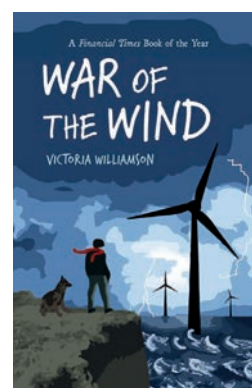
BOOK FAIR!

The Hampshire Book Award 2024

A number of Year 8 students have started taking part in the Hampshire Book Award (HBA) this term. HBA is a prestigious award held annually and is judged solely by Year 8 students across Hampshire. The shortlist of 6 books consists of paperback fiction titles published in the previous year. Past winners include *The Hunger Games*, *Lockwood & Co* and *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* - all before they were famous!

This year's shortlist features a ghost story, a city built on stilts, a young boxer from East London and secret government experiments. Students taking part will read all six shortlisted books and attend regular meetings in the library to discuss each book. They will evaluate each book using the criteria in their Judge's Handbook and will finally attend the voting event in July and be one of the students who chooses the HBA 2024 winner.

There's still time to become a Year 8 judge so if you are interested, please come and see Mrs Paine or Mrs Smallwood in the library.





NEW STOCK

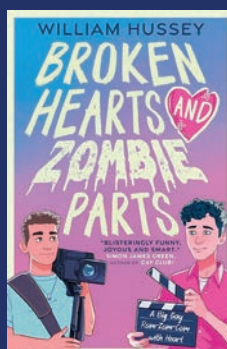
We have been very busy adding a lot of new stock to the library shelves. Here is just a small selection of our new titles.

T+ Section

Broken Hearts & Zombie Parts by William Hussey

Stand Up Ferran Burke by Steven Camden

Stateless by Elizabeth Wein



General Fiction

Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick

Tremendous Things by Susin Nielsen

Noah's Gold by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

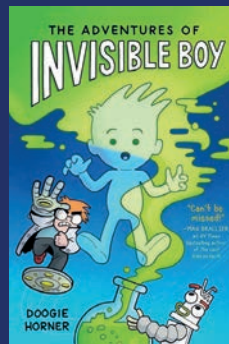


Graphic Novels

Tales of a Lizard Boy by Jonathan Hill

The Adventures of Invisible Boy by Doogie Horner

The Golden Hour by Niki Smith





AUTHOR OF THE HALF TERM

Ross Welford

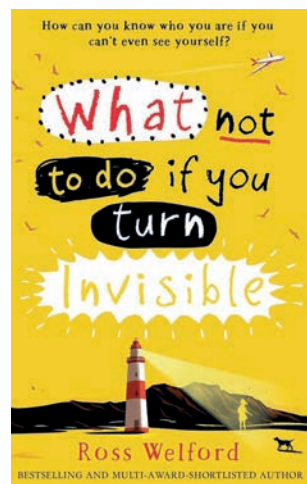
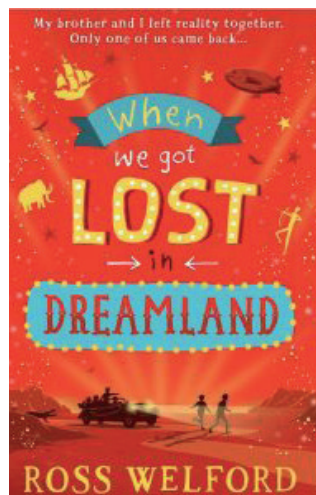
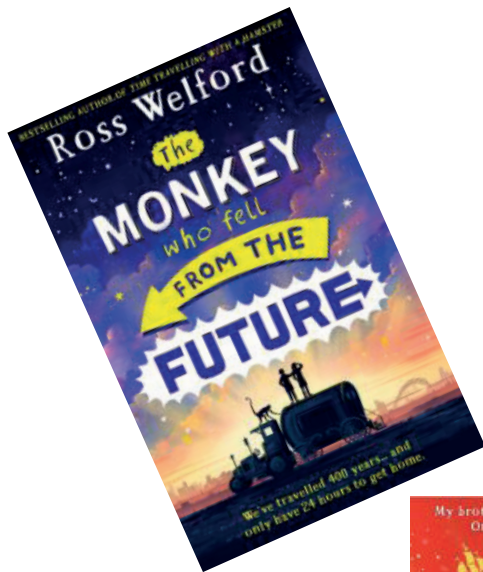
Ross was born in Cullercoats, a small seaside town in the north east of England (it appears in his books as 'Culvercot').

After university, he moved to London and became a journalist and then, after a few years, a television producer.

He worked on many well-known shows, including ITV's This Morning with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnegan; Channel 4's Big Breakfast and the long-running Pet Rescue.

He began writing Time Travelling With A Hamster in 2014. It was published in January 2016 and was shortlisted for the Costa, Blue Peter, Waterstones and Branford Boase Awards. His second book, What Not To Do If You Turn Invisible followed a year later. His most recent book, Time Travelling With A Tortoise, was released ten years after the release of his first book.

He lives in London with his family, tropical fish and border collie, Jess.





MRS SMALLWOOD POEM OF THE MONTH

Bluebells By David Wood

Bluebells carpet the woodland floor
Packed so tightly that insects tip-toe
Softly and quietly between them.
Their beauty unlocks a woodland door

With such colour of delicate blue,
And a fragrance that is heaven sent.
They droop their heads in the spring rain,
With their beauty making all things new.

Their magic weaves a pleasant spell
A sea of blue that meanders in the breeze
And floats delicately over the forest floor,
Their fragrance creates a delicate smell.

Nature now has all its beauty brought
To the fore before summer casts its spell
Delicate bluebells making spring so fine
Their time on earth far too short.



One of the great joys of spring is the chance to walk in a bluebell wood. The colour and scent of these wildflowers are breath taking. David Wood suggests the bluebells cast, 'a magic spell' and I agree! Look at the last line and he suggests that in part what makes them remarkable is that they are so short lived. If you get the chance this year, go for a walk and enjoy the vivid display.

Below I have listed some of the places you can go to enjoy bluebells:

Broomy Enclosure, New Forest, Durley Mill, Botley, Exbury Gardens, New Forest, Hinton Ampner, Alresford, Hollycombe, Liphook, Itchen Valley Country Park, near Eastleigh, Manor Farm Country Park, Burseldon and Micheldever Wood, Winchester.

Mrs Smallwood



MRS PAINE'S RECOMMENDED READS

Murder Mysteries – can you work out who did it?

This Book Kills by Ravena Guron T+

When Hugh Henry Van Boren is found dead, the student body is left reeling and wondering who the murderer could be. Jess Choudhary finds herself at the centre of the investigation when it's revealed that Hugh died in the exact same way as a character in a short story she wrote. With time running out, Jess knows if she doesn't solve this mystery, she'll be dead soon too.

Ravena Guron's exciting debut novel.



Murder at Twilight by Fleur Hitchcock

When Viv has a fight with Noah, she doesn't think it'll be the last time she sees him. But when she gets back from school, he's nowhere to be found. Viv is sure Noah's run away to get attention. But it's really cold and getting dark, so she sets off to look for him, furious at his selfishness. And then she finds him, and realises that a much more dangerous story is unfolding around them...

From Winchester author Fleur Hitchcock.



Murder on The Safari Star by M. G. Leonard

Harrison and his Uncle Nat are on the journey of a lifetime aboard the Safari Star - a luxurious steam train travelling through South Africa. Close encounters with the amazing animals are adventure enough, but things get mysterious when a passenger is found dead inside a locked compartment. Is it a terrible accident or is something more suspicious afoot? It's up to train detective Hal and his new friend Winston to find out. Another enthralling mystery in the Adventures on Trains series.



The Great Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

From the strange case of 'The Red-Headed League' to the extraordinary tale of 'The Engineer's Thumb', Sherlock Holmes and his assistant Dr Watson grapple with treachery, murder, and ingenious crimes of all kinds. But no case is too challenging for the immortal detective's unique power of deduction. A collection of short stories involving the most popular fictional detective in English literature.

