

Park Junior School Newsletter



Newsletter Monday 18th May 2026

Our school newsletter to keep you up to date with the latest news from PJS.

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Headteacher's Latest News



Year 6 SATs Success

A huge well done to our outstanding Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs this week with exceptional focus, determination and maturity. Their commitment to their personal goals has been remarkable, and they thoroughly deserve to feel proud of their efforts. Our thanks also go to the staff who have supported and guided them throughout their preparation. We hope the children enjoyed celebrating with their well-earned visit to Cadbury World last Friday.

National Gallery Exhibition

We are delighted to share some truly exciting news: artwork created last year by our current Year 5 pupils has been selected for display in the *National Gallery* from 5th June. Mr Draper, a small group of Year 5 children and I will be travelling to London for the official unveiling and to speak to invited guests. The project, inspired by the painting '*Regatta on the Grand Canal*' by *Canaletto*, was developed in partnership with our artist-in-residence, Lynda Grant, and resulted in some exceptional pieces. This is a tremendous honour for our school, and we look forward to seeing the exhibition and sharing more with you soon.

Year 4 Residential – Ilam Hall

Our Year 4 children attending this week's residential at Ilam Hall will no doubt have been busy preparing over the weekend. The group departs on Wednesday morning and returns on Friday evening. Ilam Hall, set in the heart of the Peak District, offers a wonderful environment for adventure and learning, and we are sure the children will create many lasting memories.

Transition Arrangements

This term we devote significant time to ensuring that all children joining or leaving our school in September feel supported and confident. For some pupils, transition can be an anxious period, and we are committed to guiding them through it with care.

Year 6 pupils will take part in a range of activities, including visits from staff at their new schools, sessions with professionals such as school nurses, and transition days on **Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July**, during which they will spend the full day at their secondary schools.

We also look forward to welcoming our new Year 3 cohort. Their transition day, during which they will spend the full day with us, will take place on **Tuesday 7th July**. On the same day, all current pupils will spend time with their new class for September.

Half-Term Break & Mufti Day

School closes for the half-term break on **Friday 22nd May**, which will be a mufti day to celebrate another successful half term. Children return to school on **Monday 1st June**.

Upcoming Dates

- **Year 5/6 Sports Day** – Monday 22nd June, 1.30pm
- **Year 3/4 Sports Day** – Wednesday 24th June, 1.30pm. Families are warmly invited to join us on the playground for these popular events.

Year 6 Leavers' Performance

Our Year 6 pupils will present their Leavers' Performance on **Wednesday 15th July at 6.00pm**. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with you all.

Kind Regards

David Tebbutt

Dates for this term

Wednesday 20th May - Friday 22nd May

Year 4 Ilam Hall Residential

Thursday 21st May

NO Year 4 Tennis Club - please collect at 3.30pm

Friday 22nd May

School closes for half term at 3.30pm

Monday 1st June

School opens at 8.50am

Tuesday 2nd June

Year 5 Multi Faith Workshops

Last Year 5 Building Club

Year 6 Building Club starts

Thursday 4th June

3JW Swimming finishes

Tuesday 9th June

Local Governing Body Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday 10th June

School Games Athletics at Weavers Academy 12.30pm - 2.45pm

Thursday 11th June

3KY Swimming starts

Friday 12th June

Year 6 Magistrates visit

Monday 22nd June

Year 5/6 Sports Day 1.30pm

Wednesday 24th June

Year 3/4 Sports Day 1.30pm

Thursday 25th June

Last Year 5 Ukulele

Wednesday 1st July

Year 4 National Gallery in London visit

Friday 3rd July

All Extra Circular Clubs finish

Monday 6th July

Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day

Tuesday 7th July

Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day

Year 2 and Years 3-5 Transition Day

Year 2 Parents Evening 5.00pm

Thursday 9th July

3KY Swimming finishes

Friday 10th July

Year 4 University of Northampton visit

End of Year Reports to parents

Tuesday 14th July

Local Governing Body Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday 15th July

Year 6 BBQ 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Year 6 Leavers Performance 6.00pm

Last Titans Basketball Club

Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Bowling 1.00pm

Friday 17th July

Mufti Day

School Closes for the summer break 3.30pm

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Training Day

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Training Day

Thursday 3rd September 2026

School opens at 8.50am

Headteachers Awards

Head Teacher Awards for Friday 8th May 2026

3JW – Yash for RESPONSIBILITY - Yash is now showing a more responsible attitude toward his work and learning. He has become more organized, takes greater ownership of his tasks, and is demonstrating a growing maturity in his approach. Keep it going!

3JW – Oliver for PERSEVERANCE – Oliver shows excellent perseverance across all subjects and approaches his learning with a positive attitude. He is attentive in lessons, works hard, and consistently tries his very best, even when tasks are challenging. Keep it up Oliver!

3KY – Kacper for RESPONSIBILITY - He consistently gives 100% effort in his lessons, and this dedication is helping him make strong progress. He is always ready to learn, comes prepared with all his equipment, and carries out his class job reliably. Kacper's positive attitude and commitment make him a great role model in the classroom. Great work Kacper!

3KY – Paul for PESEVERANCE - He always tries his best and never gives up, even when things feel a little tricky. He responds really well to positive praise and recognition, which helps him stay motivated. Paul also comes up with fantastic ideas in his writing and is beginning to work more independently, showing growing confidence in his abilities. Well done Paul Junior!

4VdB – Logan for RESPONSIBILITY – Logan is working really hard in class to develop is confidence to speak in front of his peers and ask adults for help. It has been lovely to see him offering contributions during class discussions to share his ideas with the class.

4VdB - Felix for PERSEVERANCE – Felix is trying really hard with his learning in class, taking on board and using the advice that is given to him. He has recently started working with Mrs Coleman and he is showing lots of perseverance and enthusiasm in these sessions.

4JD – Pranshul for RESPONSIBILITY - Pranshul is a reliable and insightful member to all our class discussions, sharing his thoughts with an impressive range of vocabulary. Keep it up, your opinion is such an important and valued part of who you are.

4JD – Zayaan for KINDNESS - Zayaan is a quiet but incredibly thoughtful student who has proven to be a fantastic work partner in every lesson. His manners and behaviour toward both his peers and adults are exceptional, and I am lucky to have him as a member of my class.

5VT – Jo for AMBITION – Jo has demonstrated his ambition when using his amazing voice to complement the ukulele work he has been doing.

5VT – Noah for AMBITION – Noah has outstanding ambition in ukulele and shows his focus and attention to detail every week. His recall of prior learning has been superb. Well done.

5LL – Anna-Dzhuli for AMBITION - For showing great ambition by increasingly contributing in maths lessons and growing in confidence every day. Your progress is impressive!

5LL – Egle for PERSEVERANCE - For showing excellent perseverance in our PE sessions by mastering the triple jump and challenging yourself to complete the more difficult sequence with determination and confidence.

6HM / 6JM - Amelie for RESPONSIBILITY – Amelie has shown excellent responsibility for her learning in the lead-up to SATs. She has worked with determination, a positive attitude, and a constant smile, always giving her best and supporting others. A fantastic achievement—well done!

6HM / 6JM - Lucas for RESPONSIBILITY - Lucas shows great determination and always tries his best. He works hard to stay focused, shows excellent self-control, and takes real pride in his learning. A well-deserved award—well done!

6HM / 6JM (The Hive) – Sofiyyah for KINDNESS - Sofiyyah walks into school each morning with a bright smile and a cheerful greeting, she exemplifies kindness every day, from offering to help tidy up or ensuring her peers have all their stationery and books at the start of the lesson. Keep being wonderful Sofiyyah

6SM – Imani Rae for KINDNESS - she is a fantastic, loyal and thoughtful friend and an asset in our class.

Head Teacher Awards for Friday 15th May 2026

3JW – Gideon for PERSEVERANCE – Gideon has shown notable perseverance in his writing, on predicting and writing an ending to the Anglo-Saxon myth and legend of Beowulf. Keep it up!

3JW – Ben for RESPONSIBILITY - is demonstrating a clear and encouraging improvement in his attitude towards his learning. He has shown increasing responsibility to his work and a genuine desire to revisit and refine any work completed. I'm very pleased Ben.

3KY – Lila for RESPONSIBILITY - Lila is thoughtful and dedicated and has shown wonderful responsibility towards her learning. She listens beautifully in class and always participates actively, contributing with enthusiasm and care. Recently, in a piece of writing, Lila truly impressed me with her ability to edit her work, thoughtfully refining her vocabulary and punctuation choices to improve it. Her determination to uplevel her writing and make it the best it can be is fantastic and I am very proud of her!

3KY – Kaitlyn for KINDNESS - Kaitlyn is a truly kind and thoughtful member of our class, and has a wonderfully caring nature. She consistently shows genuine concern for others, often letting me know if someone is feeling sad or has been upset, so that they can be supported.

Kaitlyn's warm smile and positive attitude brighten the classroom each day, making it a happier and more welcoming place for everyone. Well done Kaitlyn!

4VdB – Zidane for KINDNESS – Although Zidane has only been at Park for a few weeks, he has settled into Park life really well. He has shown some lovely kindness towards his peers in class and he always greets the adults with a cheerful 'good morning'.

4VdB - Norah for PERSEVERANCE – Norah has the most wonderful work ethos in all of her lessons. She is conscientious, always persevering to produce thoughtful work and I have seen huge improvements in her learning so far this year.

4JD – Maddie for KINDNESS - Maddie is an exceptionally kind student who is always eager to help her peers with their writing. She is a talented writer herself and uses her skills to help others flourish. Thanks for all your help this year.

4JD – Elecia for PERSEVERANCE- Elecia always gives her best effort. Her magnificent dedication to handwriting has resulted in beautifully joined script and a much-improved sentence flow. Well done Elecia.

5VT – Yug for RESPONSIBILITY – Yug has been working really hard to engage in lessons and put his hand up more, he has really taken responsibility for his learning.

5VT – Al Farhan for RESPONSIBILITY – Al Farhan has begun to put in real effort during lessons to ensure that he is listening and takes part, the level of responsibility will serve him well in the future.

5LL – Alina for KINDNESS - For always being a great support to everyone, helping others with kindness, care, and consideration.

5LL -Ruhi for RESPONSIBILITY - For showing excellent responsibility through your exemplary behaviour on our school trip to Holdenby House.

Parental E-Safety Newsletter



Online Safety Newsletter

June 2026

Pinterest

You need to be at least 13 years old to use Pinterest.

Pinterest is a social media app, where users can share images and videos (called Pins). Users can browse through the images based on their stated interests, for example cooking. Users can then 'pin' (save) these images to their own boards to revisit.

There is content on Pinterest that is not suitable for young people to see. Also, did you know that there is a messaging element to it, so your child could be interacting with strangers? Therefore, if your child is using Pinterest, it is important to show your child how to use the blocking and reporting tools. You can find out more information, including how to set up parental controls here: <https://help.pinterest.com/en/article/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers-of-teens>

Find out more here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/help/news-blogs/what-is-pinterest-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowledgeics.org.uk/june-2026-primary/>

Online Scams

It is important to be aware that scammers can target your child whilst online through social media, messaging apps and games. These scams often look genuine, and children may not have the digital literacy skills to question their authenticity. This can happen across lots of platforms that your child is accessing, for example Roblox or TikTok. Scams can include:

- Offering in game currency.
- Befriending your child, which can then lead to requests for money or account details/personal information.
- Phishing links, with the intention of sharing malware or requesting account details/personal information.

What can I do?

It is important to have regular conversations with your child about what they are doing online and remind them to:

- Never share passwords or verification codes.
- Speak to you or another trusted adult if they are unsure about anything.
- Ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are in place.
- Talk to your child about the different scams that can appear online and remind your child to check links before clicking on them.
- Remind your child that if they do think that they have been scammed, then to tell you straightaway.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>

Digital Footprints

When we go online, we create a digital footprint, which is a record of what we do online. This can be by visiting websites, sharing photos, liking or commenting on other people's posts or playing games. It is important that children are aware of the digital footprint that they are creating and the lasting effect it can have. Childline provides further information about digital footprints, including advice on how to protect our privacy online:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>



Risks of Auto saving

Does your child use the likes of WhatsApp, which may automatically download any image/video that is sent to them to their phone's own camera roll? We would advise switching this feature off.

Children may receive lots of photos/videos, particularly within group chats, that they have not requested. If auto download is allowed, then your child does not have control over what is being saved to their camera roll. Potentially, it may also be content that you would not want your child to have saved. Additionally, from a safeguarding perspective, if everything is automatically downloaded to your child's camera roll, it can become difficult to ascertain the source of the image.

How can I disable this feature?

If your child is using a platform that allows this, then there is usually an option to disable this feature, so your child has control over the images saved to their device. The option to disable will be within the settings of the App, here is how to do this on WhatsApp:

- In WhatsApp, go to settings (click on 'You' in the bottom right).
- Click on 'Chats'.
- Toggle 'Save to Photos' to off.



Storybooks and games from the BookTrust

BookTrust have a whole host of storybooks and games on their website. They have storybooks to read, story time videos to watch and kid's games to play.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-we-help/have-fun-at-home/storybooks-and-games/>

Emoji Meanings

Did you know that some children and young people may be using emojis to mean something completely different? For example, a cap emoji may be used to represent a lie. It is important that you are aware of how emojis can be used and keep up to date with the way in which they can be used as their meanings are changeable. You can find out further information here: <https://www.bark.us/blog/emoji-slang-guide/>

"Retro – Photos with Friends" App

This is a photo sharing app, and it is rated as 13+ by the App store. The aim of the app is users share their photos with close friends only, like a photo journal. Whilst it is marketed as a safer alternative to other social media apps, you do need to be aware of the following:

- Privacy and data access.
- It does include group chats so there is still the potential for cyberbullying and peer pressure.
- Users may feel safer sharing images as it is with close friends, but content can still be shared with others (through screenshots).

If your child is using this app, make sure you check that privacy settings are set up appropriately.

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Omoggle

Omoggle is an online platform that is for adults only. However, you can simply lie and say you are over 18 to access it. The platform joins two strangers together and uses AI to rate their appearances in a "mog battle".

As you are paired up with a stranger and can see and hear them, there are serious safeguarding concerns and young people should not be accessing this site. Find out more here: <https://www.waynedenner.com/omoggle-parent-guide/>

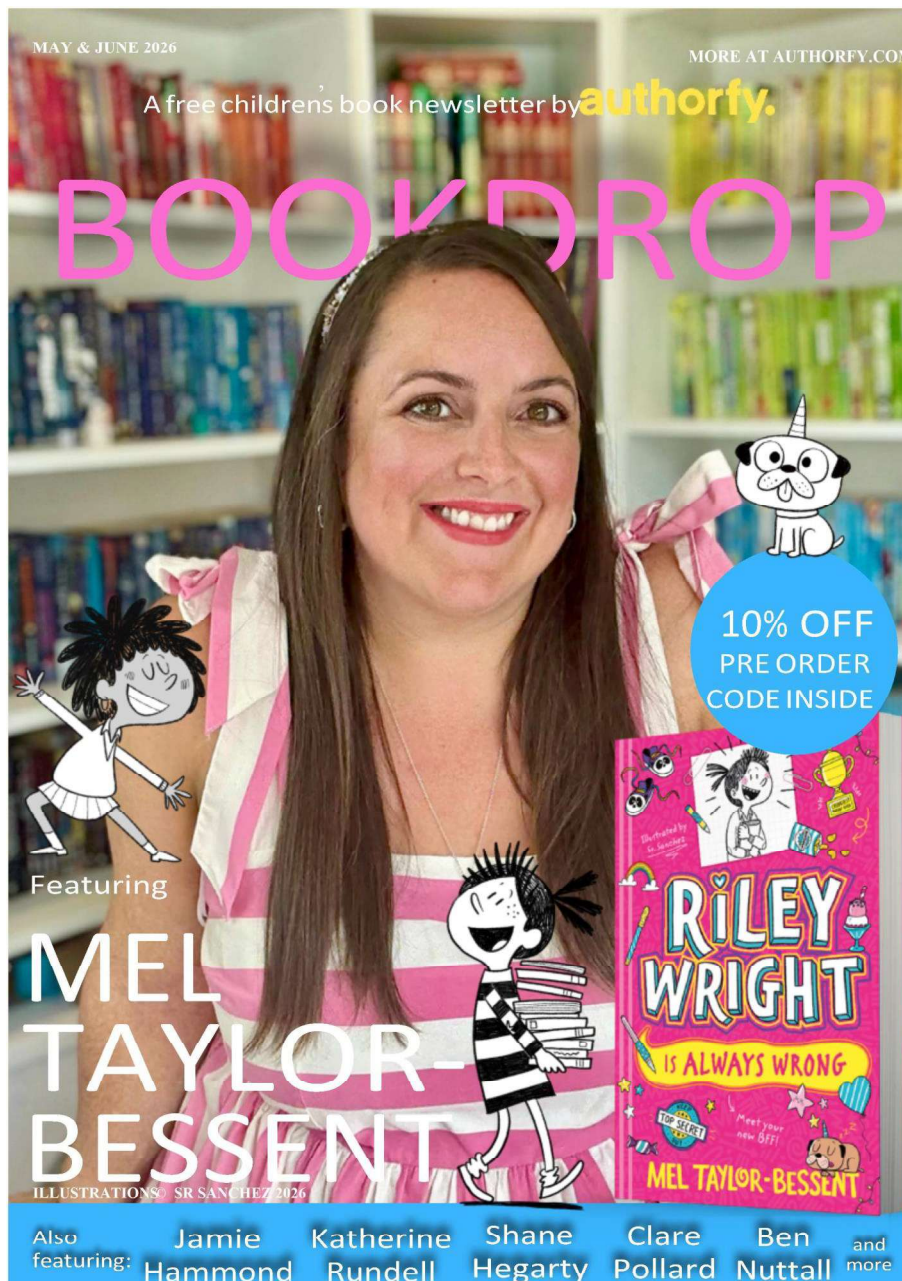
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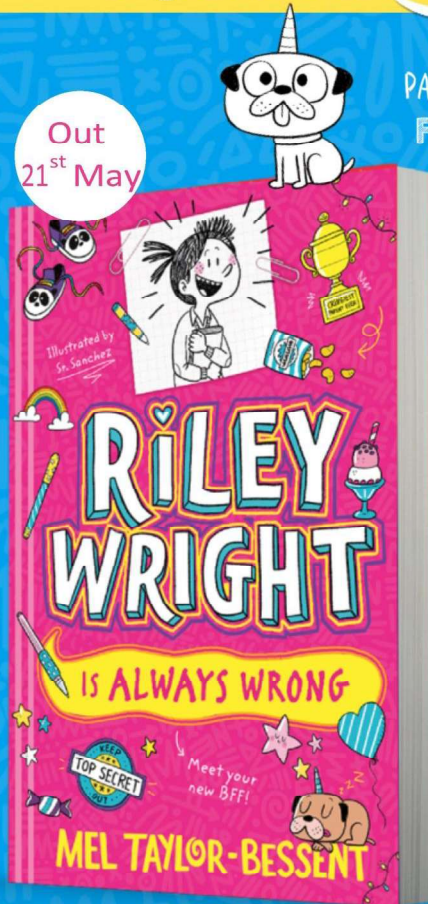
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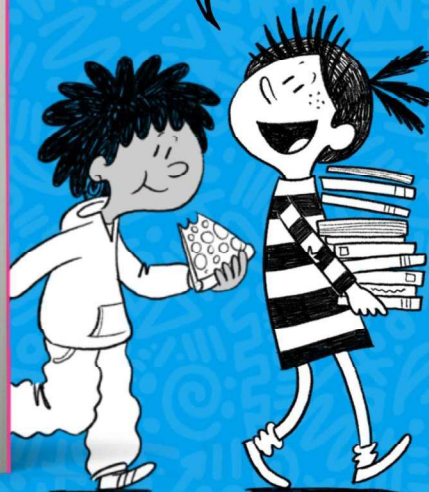
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Q&A

WITH MEL TAYLOR-BESSENT

Riley Wright is starting at Heverton Junior School with one awkward disadvantage: her MAJORLY embarrassing, cringe-worthy dad is the new head teacher! Riley has to figure out how to fit in, find a talent for the talent show, look out for her unpredictable new BFF Emmie and face down super mean girl Harper. As someone who gets a lot of stuff wrong, when will Riley finally get something RIGHT?

Q What inspired you to write RILEY WRIGHT?

I love diary-style books and when I realised a lot of them were for ages 9 or 10+, I thought how cool it would be to write something that 7 and 8 year olds would love too. The name 'Riley Wright' came to me on holiday last year, and once I knew she was going to be clumsy and forgetful and funny, the story came quite quickly.

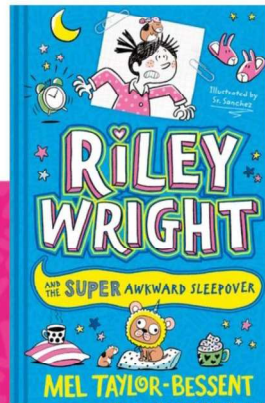
Q Who is your favourite character?

I obviously love Riley. She always tries hard and wants to do her best, but she struggles to fit in and always manages to do something wrong. She's a bit like a female Wimpy Kid in that way.

But I also love her BFF, Emmie. She's quirky, confident, loud and not afraid to be herself.

Q How many Riley Wright books have you written?

So far, I've written 3! Book 2 – RILEY WRIGHT AND THE SUPER AWKWARD SLEEPOVER will be out in November. **Here's the cover!**



Click here to watch Mel's video

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AN EXTRACT FROM RILEY WRIGHT IS ALWAYS WRONG



I'M NOT BEING FUNNY, but have you ever seen your head teacher take the bins out as soon as the sun comes up, in their tatty, too-small dressing gown and ugly superhero slippers? It's like seeing a giraffe skateboard into school. WEIRD ON EVERY LEVEL!!!!

It's even worse when your head teacher has overpowering coffee breath, chants a cheery, 'Good moooooorning, neighbour!' like they're permanently stuck on school-assembly mode - and they're . . . your dad.

I know, right?
CRINGE.

Click here to read more!



DON'T GET ME WRONG, Dad's all right sometimes.



- He buys me ALL the notebooks and pens I want. All I have to do is mention the words 'new school project' and he races to his laptop like there's a flash sale at BoringShirtsAndTies.com and orders me anything with a twenty per cent off sticker. A girl can never have enough notebooks and pens, right!?
- Dad also works a lot. So I get way more TV time than he knows about.
- And at weekends, he makes the tastiest tomato pasta with three different cheeses and not a vegetable in sight. Result!

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But don't be fooled by my dad's love of dairy and a big online discount. When it comes to being a totally embarrassing, forever-annoying parent, he's the MASTER.

Just yesterday, he charged around the supermarket pretending the shopping trolley was a racing car. Every time he vroomed down an aisle or screeched round a corner, strangers would point and snigger or pull their phone out to film him, and I wanted the ground

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CHECK OUT MEL'S OTHER BOOKS...

Meet the Carrolls – the funniest and most festive family in the world!



Find adventure, danger and laughs galore on Imagination Island – an island that comes to life when children use their imagination!



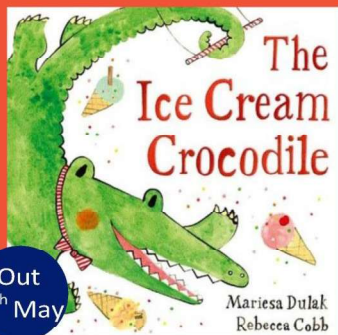
Out 21st May

Out 5th Nov



NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Picture Books & Early Readers



Out
7th May

Mariesa Dulak
Rebecca Cobb

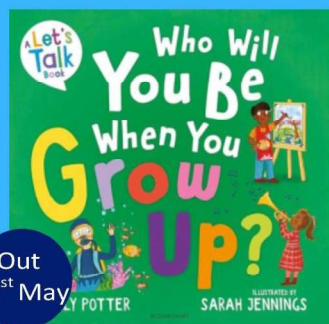
A fabulously winning story about a crocodile who will not be sidelined, from the extraordinary team behind 'There's a Tiger on the Train'.



Out
7th May

LU FRASER & SARAH WARBURTON

This heartwarming new picture book, from the bestselling creators of 'Mavis the Bravest', reassures us there is always a way to make room for us all.



Out
21st May

LILY POTTER

SARAH JENNINGS

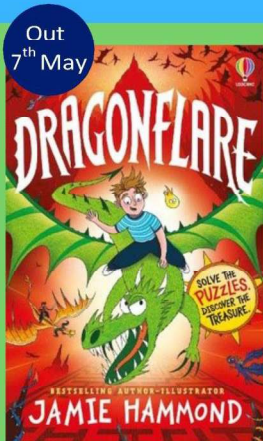
From bestselling early years author, this book invites children to imagine the type of person they will be in the future. Perfect for starting conversations about hopes, values and aspirations.



[CLICK HERE TO READ EXTRACTS FROM THESE BOOKS](#)

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Middle Grade: ages 7+



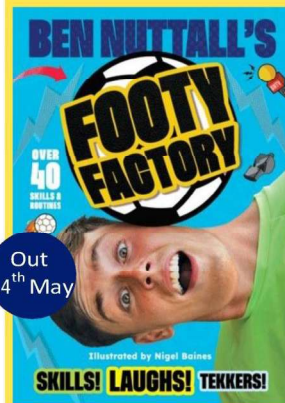
Solve the puzzles to find the gold in this thrilling and funny interactive dragon-riding adventure from the bestselling author-illustrator of 'Grumpfort'.

Packed with epic illustrations and fun puzzles

'A fiery, five-star adventure' – Jennifer Bell, author of Magicalia

Do you have what it takes to become a dragon rider?

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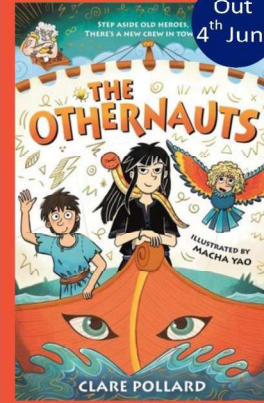
Join football's freestyle phenomenon and record-breaking social media superstar Ben Nuttall for step-by-step guides to freestyle skills of all levels.

Want to learn new freestyle skills for your next game?

Or just have a laugh trying a new sport?

This is the book for you!

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An original retelling of the classic Greek myth of 'Jason and the Argonauts' for young readers with a fresh and funny twist.

Laugh-out-loud funny

Fast-paced & packed with surprises & jokes

For fans of 'Who Let the Gods Out' and 'Loki'

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NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Middle Grade: ages 9+



Jacq is the daughter of giant hunters. Corman is a young giant on his first trip above ground. Two stories, two lives and two worlds collide.

'Skandar' meets 'The BFG'

A powerful, cinematic adventure

Folklore, fantasy and adventure combine in the BIGGEST debut of the year.

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Alex is part-minotaur. You read that right – part-boy, part-bull. Instead of just battling with spots the size of Mars and the looming school musical, he also has to worry about horns and hairy toes!

A hilarious, heartwarming twist on Greek mythology

Perfect for anyone who has ever felt a little bit different

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When Christopher is unexpectedly woken by a miniature dragon chewing on his face, his heart leaps for joy. For months he's dreamed of returning to the Archipelago - the secret islands where all the creatures of myth live.

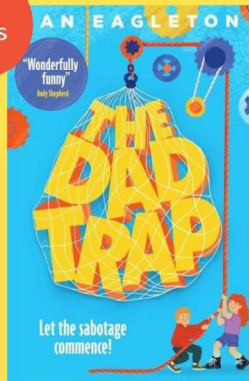
For fans of Philip Pullman, Percy Jackson and Skandar.

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BOOK REVIEWS & RECOMMENDATIONS

For ages 9+

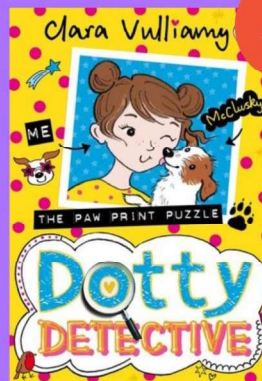


'The Dad Trap' is hilariously funny and has characters you will wish you could meet. William lives with his dad. It's just the two of them and he couldn't be happier! Their lives are bound by routine, involving grilled cheese sandwiches and murder mysteries aplenty. All is going perfectly until Ross and Florence come into their lives. Florence is a new girl at school who William has to share a desk with, and Ross is her dad. When the dads start becoming more than old friends, Florence and William unite in a bid to set a trap and break up their dads.



Primary School Teacher Mrs Vardy
@escape_to_the_reading_corner on Instagram

For ages 7+



Dot is a clever, kind character who loves dogs. In this story, her family visit their favourite farm. At the farm, there is a black and white bunny that Dot's sibling twins adore. After a few days, the fruit at home starts disappearing and the twins start acting suspiciously. Dot has to work quickly to solve the case before it ruins her mum's birthday afternoon tea. The book is engaging and interesting. It includes funny phrases in it - an example would be 'we barked up the wrong tree' when solving a mystery about an animal.



Delilah, age 9

Reading for Pleasure

Tips from the Open University team

Making time to read together

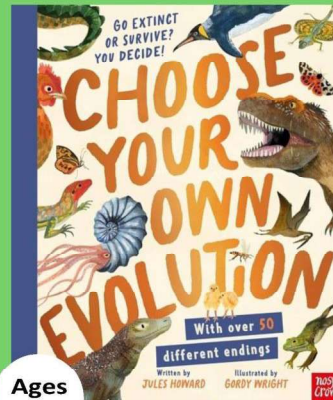
Family reading time looks different in every home. What matters is sharing the moment together.

- Dip into poetry. Repeat favourite lines and enjoy the sound of language.
- Browse magazines & newspapers. Share something interesting or surprising.
- Feed curiosity with non-fiction. Talk about new ideas together.
- Listen to audiobooks together, at home or on the move.

For other, simple ways to support reading at home, download the poster below by [clicking here](#).



The Reading for Pleasure team recommend...



Ages 7+

Vibrant illustrations

Invites fast-paced enjoyment

A great stimulus for book chat

Reading for Pleasure

The Open University

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Stories build connection with ourselves, others and the world



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TAKE the Empathy Challenge

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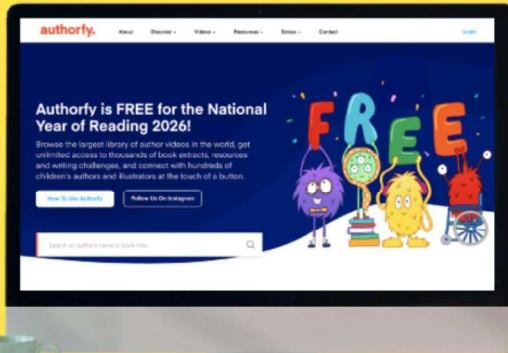
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MEL TAYLOR-BESSENT'S TOP TIPS FOR WRITING



CREATE CHARACTERS YOU CARE FOR

Give your characters strengths and weaknesses to make them feel real.



CREATE A COSY WRITING ENVIRONMENT

Relax with a blanket, a snack, fluffy socks or colourful pens as you write.



WRITE WITH YOUR EARS

Listening to music can help transport you into a setting and feel your way through a scene.



WRITE WITH A FRIEND

Writing with a friend means twice the ideas, twice the imagination and twice the fun.



PUSH THE PRESSURE AWAY

Don't worry about trying to get everything perfect straight away. Write a messy draft first.



PLAY A GAME

Go to Mel's Write for Fun YouTube account and play a fun writing game.



ADD MORE PROBLEMS

Stuck halfway through a story? Add another problem to make it more exciting, dramatic and tense.



WRITE ABOUT SOMETHING YOU ENJOY

Whether it's football, magic fairies or mutant zombies, if you enjoy what you're writing about, we'll always enjoy reading it.



NO SUCH THING AS A 'WRONG' IDEA

Your writing can be exciting, scary, magical, weird, surprising or simple. Think of one idea and see where it takes you.



WRITE LIKE AN AUTHOR

You might not be a published author, but you ARE an author. All you need to be an author is an imagination!



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LEARN HOW TO WRITE LIKE AN AUTHOR WITH MEL'S WRITE FOR FUN YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

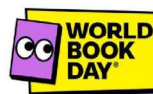


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PE Days

Year 3 Thursday (3JW swimming from 30th April) and Friday

Year 4 Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 Wednesday and

5LL Tuesday

5VT Friday

Year 6 Monday and Thursday

Achievements

Many congratulations to our Year 6 boys cricket team who all performed brilliantly at the tournament two weeks ago. Absolutely delighted that they came 3rd overall, had an excellent day and showed the school values throughout. Well done to the whole team.



Well done to the children who successfully played the keyboard in assembly. It was great to hear the musical pieces they have been working so hard on.



Many, many congratulations to our Year 6 children who have finished their SATs last week. Each and every one of them have worked incredibly hard and dedicated themselves to this.

We could not be prouder of them all. They are such an amazing year group and will thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Cadbury s World last Friday to celebrate!

Year 6 Celebration video¹

Super Work

Year 5 started working on their painting skills, they have used Bob the brush to mix paint and create a monochrome design. Some chose boxes and others chose patterns. The widest shade spectrum was 32 from white to black!



¹<https://www.facebook.com/reel/919141484472822>







Year 5 children had an amazing day at Holdenby House where they had a day learning all about the World War 1. Holdenby House² is always an incredible place to visit.

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Musician of the Month


HOME INFORMATION


May's Musician of the Month

Gamelan gong kebyar







About: Gamelan gong kebyar was first documented to exist in North Bali in the early 1900s. The first public performance was in December 1915 at a gamelan gong competition in Jagaraga, North Bali. It is a style or genre of Balinese gamelan music of Indonesia. Kebyar means "to flare up or burst open", and refers to the explosive changes in tempo and dynamics which are characteristic of the style.

Genres: Traditional Indonesian Music

Began: Early 1900s

Origin: Indonesia, Asia

Books to read...

If you like Gamelan gong kebyar, try...





- Le group Anklung
- Gamelan Son of Lion
- Edi Bud

Extra Curricular Clubs

Club	Day	Year Group	Leader	Where	Time
Choir	Monday	3 - 6	KY	Hall	3.30pm-4.15pm
Rounders	Monday	3 and 4	JW	Playground	3.30pm-4.15pm
Rounders	Monday	5 and 6	SM	Playground	3.30pm-4.15pm
Building	Tuesday	5	JM VdB	Group room/library	3.30pm-4.15pm
Writing	Tuesday	4	VT	VT classroom	3.30pm-4.15pm
Recorder	Tuesday	3	LL	LL classroom	3.30pm-4.15pm
Basketball	Wednesday	All years	Titans	Playground	8.00am-8.45am
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Cricket	Thursday	5 and 6	DT	Playground	3.30pm-4.15pm
Tennis	Thursday	4	JD	Playground	3.30pm-4.15pm
Basketball	Friday	All years	Titans	Playground	8.00am-8.45am

Please note - there is NO Year 4 Tennis Club on Thursday 21st May as Mr Draper is away on the Year 4 Ilam Hall residential visit. Please collect your child at 3.30pm unless they are booked on After School Club at The Avenue Infant School.

Music Lessons



We have one space for guitar lessons. If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar please contact the school office for more information.

School Lunches

We use Dolce Catering to provide all our hot school meals to the children.

Meals are ordered on SchoolGrid. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

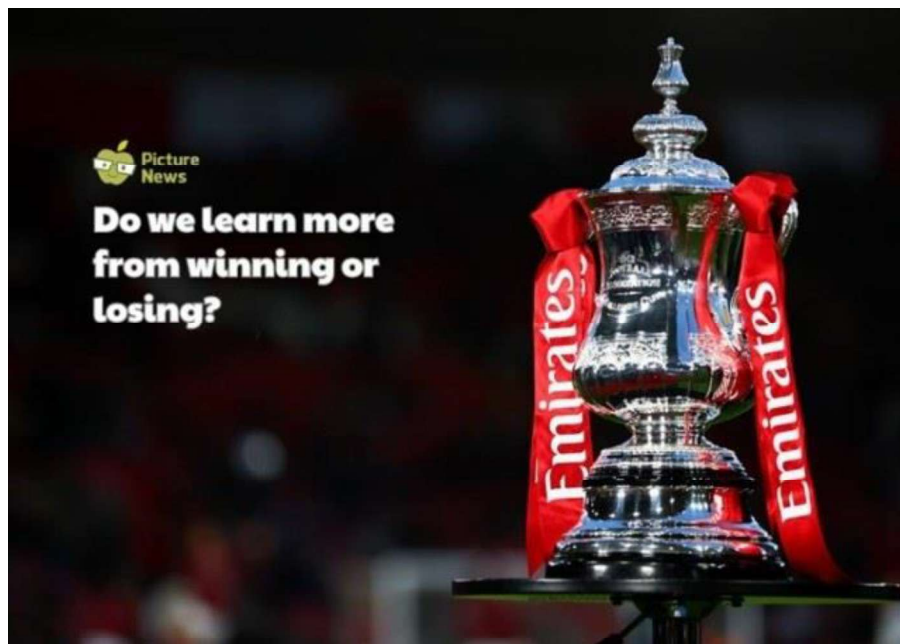
Please remember meals must be ordered and paid for in advance or we will be unable to provide a meal for your child.

SPRING SERVERY			
FREE AND DELIVERABLE DAILY			
	WEEK 1 WC: 15th Jan, 28th Jan 12th Feb, 19th Mar, 26th Mar	WEEK 2 WC: 12th Jan, 2nd Feb 22nd Feb, 12th Mar	WEEK 3 WC: 19th Jan, 9th Feb 2nd Mar, 12th Mar
MONDAY	<p>Deep Pan Doughnuts Pizza & Garlic Slice (S) Sausage & Potato Curry with Steamed Rice (VQ) (GF) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Spiced Onions, Cucumber Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Ice Cream & Fruit (S) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Deep Pan Doughnuts Pizza (S) Quorn Dippers (VQ) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Spiced Onions, Cucumber, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Lemon Cuddie (VQ) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Deep Pan Doughnuts Pizza with Garlic Slice (S) Veggie Ball Curry with Steamed Rice (VQ) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Spiced Onions, Cucumber Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Chocolate Cuddie (VQ) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Onion Baked Sausages & Creamy Mashed Potatoes Roast Baked Sausages & Creamy Mashed Potatoes (S) (VQ) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Spiced Onions, Cucumber Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Peach & Fennel Fruit Cuddie with Custard (S) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (GF) Stir Fry Sweet Potato & Cauliflower Curry (VQ) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Spiced Onions, Cucumber, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Mushy Pea Cuddie (S) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>All Day Breakfast English Veggie Breakfast (S) (VQ) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Fresh Onions, Spiced Onions, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Hot Jelly (VQ) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Roast Quorn Filling (S) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Spiced Onions, Cucumber, Peas, Onions Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Raspberries Jelly (VQ) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding Pumpkin Baked Sausage Stuffed Yorkshire Pudding (S) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Carriage Peas, Onions Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Jelly w/ Fruit (S) (VQ) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Roast Quorn Filling (S) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Spiced Onions, Cucumber, Peas, Onions Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Fresh Fruit Salad (VQ) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
THURSDAY	<p>Mild Cheddar Muesli (GF) Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (S) (VQ) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Spiced Onions, Cucumber Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Chocolate & Orange Cuddie (VQ) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Onion Baked Sausages & Steamed Rice (GF) Macaroni Cheese (S) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Spiced Onions, Cucumber Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Ginger Cake & Custard (S) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Bolognese Pasta Bake Cheese & Tomato Pasta Muffin (S) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Spiced Onions, Cucumber Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Banana Apple Cake & Custard (S) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
FRIDAY	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Fishless Fingers (VQ) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Onions, Peas, Spiced Onions, Mashed Potatoes Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Banana Cuddie (S) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Sausage & Sweet Potato Fries Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Onions, Peas, Spiced Onions, Mashed Potatoes Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Muesli Muesli (VQ) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers Quorn Loaf (S) Jacket Potatoes & Filling (S) (VQ) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Filling (S) (VQ)</p> <p>Onions, Peas, Spiced Onions, Mashed Potatoes Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Fresh Steamed Beans Ginger Cake (VQ) Dairy Free Muesli, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>

Picture News

Each week the children discuss the latest topical areas that are in the news.

Here is this week's debate.



Park Junior School Lottery

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Friends of Park Junior School have been running a school lottery for the last six years and any profits have allowed them to fund additional items for the children. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who have continued to support the school and if you are interested in joining please go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk³ to register and play. Ticket sales are averaging 35 a week. We would very much like to improve this. More tickets sold means more profits to the school. The draw takes place on Saturdays. All of our profit goes to OUR school! A GUARANTEED prize to someone on our supporter list every week!

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