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Newsletter - Friday May 9th 2025

Our Reading Ambassadors have been busy since the last issue. We have had the Scholastic Book Fair and The Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2025. The changes to how we record reading in school has been enthusiastically received and we are starting a daily Reading Hub to encourage pupils to read during playtime and lunchtime.

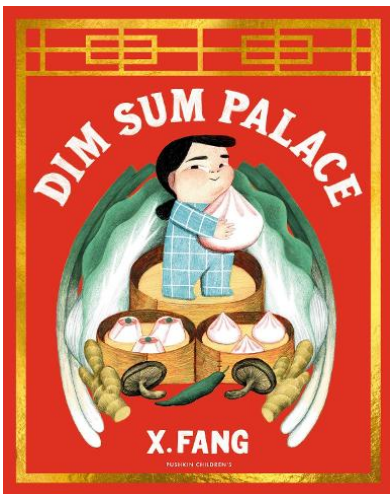
Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to all of you who came along to the Book Fair. We raised an amazing **£196** to spend on books for our school!

The Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2025

Each class had the opportunity to read the 4 nominated picture books. We then voted for our favourite. The Reading Ambassadors have counted the votes and our winner is...

Dim Sum Palace by X Fang

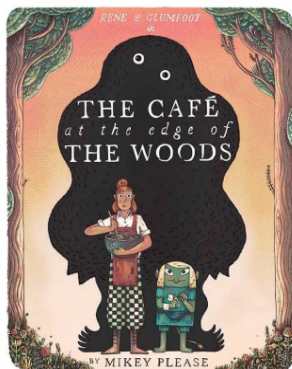


Liddy's much-awaited trip to Dim Sum Palace takes an unexpected turn that entails a bowl of dumpling filling in this delicious and adorable picture book homage to Maurice Sendak's *In The Night Kitchen*.

Liddy is too excited to sleep! Tomorrow she's going to the Dim Sum palace with her family, so when a tempting smell wafts into her bedroom, she has no choice but to follow it...

Inspired by childhood memories of epic dim sum feasts, X. Fang's glorious picture book is a delicious adventure with a loving helping of food, family and culture.

The **official winner** of the Waterstones Award was *The Café at the Edge of the Woods* by Mike Please.



Inspired by a game Mikey Please played with his wife and son during lockdown, *The Café at the Edge of the Woods* is a timeless comic tale about a café owner and her trusty waiter's attempts to serve a particularly picky customer. Told in witty rhyming text and adorned with evocative illustrations reminiscent of Jon Klassen and Maurice Sendak, children will adore this laugh-out-loud funny stew of the heartwarming and the grotesque, as a little imagination and creativity ensure that a visiting ogre gets just the monstrous meal he requested.



Robins Current Read **Zog by Julia Donaldson**

Zog has an injury every year in school and Princess Pearl helps him by putting a plaster on and putting a bandage on his wing. Zog captures Princess Pearl and Gadabout the Great appears to save her. She wants to be a doctor now and they decide to become the flying doctor crew!

What is your favourite part of the story?

HW - Zog crashes into the tree

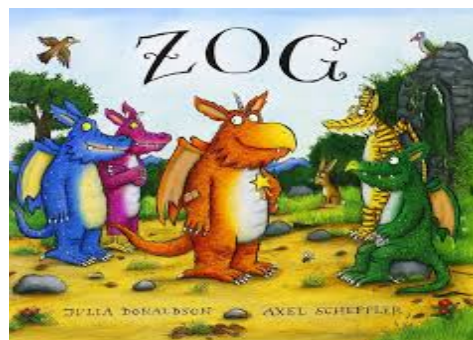
GS - When the knight and Zog fight

IW - I love when Zog gets his golden star

Would you recommend this book to others?

Yes, because it's a happy ending, they decided to work together to be the Flying Doctor Crew

No - I don't like the fighting!



Woodpeckers Current Read **Year 1 Cops and Robbers by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.**

The story has a number of characters, Snatcher, Jack, Grandma Swag and Officer Phew. The robbers have stolen all of the children's toys from Christmas.

What is your favourite part of the story?

- When Grandma Swag is hiding in the crowd

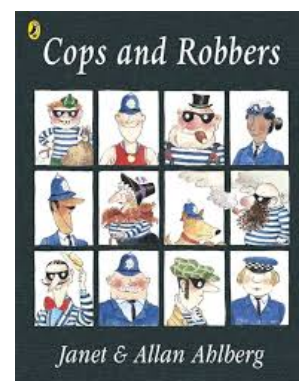
- When the robbers are trying to get out of jail

- When Officer Phew beats up the criminals

- When Grandma Swag runs away from Officer Phew

Would you recommend this book to others?

Yes because it's a really fun book that made us laugh.



Year 2 Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

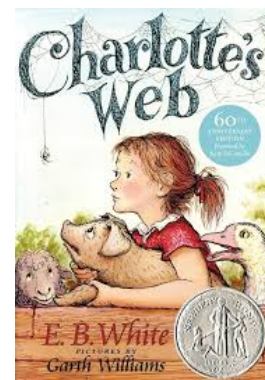
First, Fern saved Wilbur from being killed because he was a runt. Then Wilbur went to live on a farm. Whilst living on the farm, Wilbur met a spider called Charlotte but he soon found out he would be killed! Wilbur was distraught, jumping and leaping around whilst crying - he did not want to be killed. However, Charlotte promised that she would not let Wilbur die.

What is your favourite part of the story?

Wilbur tried to spin a web but couldn't! We also enjoyed finding out about Templeton the rat, who collects lots of treasures.

Would you recommend this book to others?

Yes because we've enjoyed reading a story based on animals and think that others might like this too. Some parts of the story are also really funny.



Owls Current Read

Malamander by Thomas Taylor

Violet and Herbie have gone on an adventure to find their parents. Instead, they found Sebastian Eel's house. When they were jumping on the roof, Violet got hit by a harpoon. The book that she was reading, called the Malamander, saved her life.

What is your favourite part of the story?

When it was talking about when the boothook man and the Malamander having a big fight. The book told us that Captain K was actually Captain Crackin.

When they found out Erwin (the cat) could talk.

When Violet stole the Malamander egg.

When Violet nearly got stabbed with the harpoon.

Would you recommend this book to others?

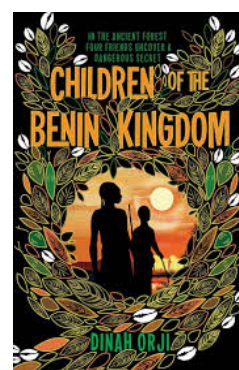
Yes, because if people like Harry Potter and mythical creatures, they will like this book. It is very entertaining. It has a scary mythical creature and it is a big adventure. If you like adventure and mythical stuff, you will like it.



Kingfishers Current Read

The Children of Benin Kingdom by Dinah Orji

Papa Eze found Ada in the rainforest when she was a newborn. He felt that he had a 'duty' to look after her and so brought her up in the village where he was from. Papa Eze is becoming ill due to a secret that he is keeping from Ada. We later find out that Ada is the daughter of the Queen of the Edo Kingdom and also has a twin brother. However, the



Queen is wanted as she brought a bad omen to the Edo people and so escaped from the Kingdom before giving birth. Will the Edo people find Ada and will Ada find her twin brother?

What is your favourite part of the story?

AW: When Papa Eze told Ada the secret that he had been keeping for so long. L and J had predicted the story correctly!

TYL: When the diviner told the Chief Warrior of the Edo people about Papa Eze's secret and the long lost children of the Benin Kingdom.

AG: I really liked the part at the beginning when Ada and Mbe went near to the rainforest to find the golden leaf tree because it showed Ada and Mbe's characteristics really well and had great description so we could imagine what the setting was like!

Would you recommend this book to others?

GT: I would recommend the book to readers who enjoy suspense as you do not know what other part of the secret will be revealed next.

We would definitely recommend the book to readers who enjoy a fictional text about history as it gives you details about the daily lives of the people who lived in the Kingdom of Benin.

Looking ahead: key messages and reminders

Reading Ambassador Prizes

Winners of the new Reading Ambassador Prizes will be selected at the end of the half term, on Thursday 22nd May during the weekly celebration assembly. There's still time to complete one of the records and bring it into school to get a raffle ticket and have a chance of winning a book and hot chocolate.

You can complete:

- Reading List (every 10 books)
- Skelton Recommendation Card
- Drawing a storyboard (retelling the story)
- Book Review
- Drawing the front cover
- Drawing a character from the book
- Google Doodle (pick a word or the title and illustrate it in that style)

Templates are available from class teachers or the school office.

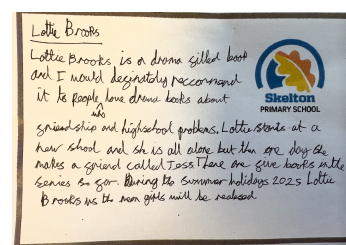
Reading Plus

Please continue to use Reading Plus at home. We have opportunities in class each week but you can also read it at home. Each week in assembly we will be announcing the top 3 year groups.

First Friends of Skelton PTA Annual Meeting

This will take place on the 6th June at 4:30pm in the school hall. All parents are invited. We will share more information soon.

Date	What did you read?	Review
Monday 22nd May 2023	Up Moon by Mary Higgins Clark	★★★★★
Tuesday 23rd May 2023	Loki	★★★★★
Wednesday 24th May 2023	Loki: A Bad Book Guide to the God of Mischief	★★★★★
Thursday 25th May 2023	Loki: The Marvel Guide to the God of Mischief	★★★★★
Friday 26th May 2023	The Marvel Guide to the God of Mischief	★★★★★
Saturday 27th May 2023	Being the Best Fairy	★★★★★
Sunday 28th May 2023	Being the Best Fairy	★★★★★
Monday 29th May 2023	Miscarriage	★★★★★
Tuesday 30th May 2023	Like a Bad Girl Guide to Being the Best	★★★★★
Wednesday 31st May 2023	Like a Bad Girl Guide to Being the Best	★★★★★
Thursday 1st June 2023	Like a Bad Girl Guide to Being the Best	★★★★★
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Dates for your diary

Please see all important dates below. Further dates, such as sporting fixtures and trips, are in the process of being confirmed. We will inform parents via the newsletter when further dates are added.

Summer Term

Date	Focus	Time and place
w/c 12th May	SATS Week	School - Y6 only
Friday 16th May	SATS Celebration	AM - Rainbows Ceramics & Pizza Hut, Y6 only PM - Foot Golf, Y5/6
Friday 23rd May	Football Match at Hopgrove (rescheduled from 7th March)	KS2 Girls
Friday 23rd May	Last day of school Non-Uniform day - charity fundraising	Charity to be decided by school council

w/c 26.05.25 May Half Term

Monday 2nd June 2025	Back to School	n/a
Friday 6th June 2025	First PTA Annual Meeting	School Hall
Tuesday 10th June 2025	Class Photographs	Reception to Kingfishers