

St Bridget's Reading Newsletter

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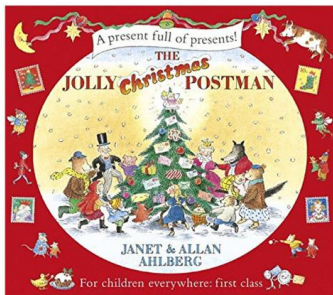
This is our Christmas themed newsletter. A book is always a special gift to give or receive at any time of the year and I have some amazing recommendations for you to enjoy this Christmas.

This term has been full of the joy of reading in school: all children enjoy daily story time; lunchtime library club is underway led by year 6 pupils; the junior children enjoyed an author visit by Natasha Hastings and exciting new books were bought for each class with money raised by the book fair.

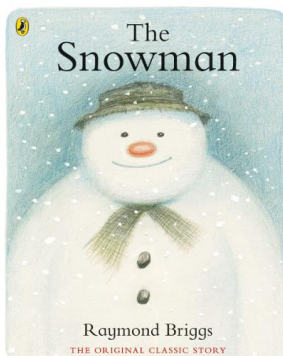
Christmas Classics:



Share the story where the iconic Grinch character was born! The Grinch hates Christmas, but his plan to steal Christmas has a surprise ending of love, acceptance and joy!



Read the letters that the Jolly Postman delivers to fairy-tale characters such as the Big Bad Wolf, Little Red Riding Hood and the Three Bears. This charming interactive book is a true classic for young children.



Can you believe this book from the late Raymond Briggs is over 40 years old?

This wordless classic allows children to find and tell their own story in the beautiful illustrations.

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What was your favourite book as a child?

I had lots but one that stands out is 'The Brownie Handbook'.

What book are you reading right now?

Still Life by Sarah Winman.

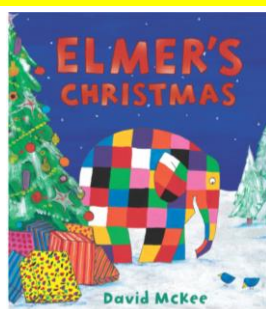
What was the best book you ever received as a Christmas present?

'The English Patient' by Michael Ondaatje was my favourite but I used to love receiving an annual as a Christmas present.

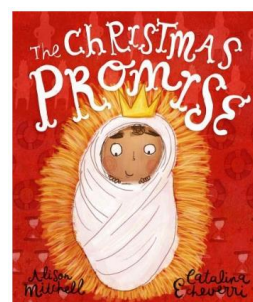
Modern Christmas books for young children (or big kids at heart!)



Fans of 'The Day the Crayons Quit' will love reading the interactive book. The crayons share a special festive message.

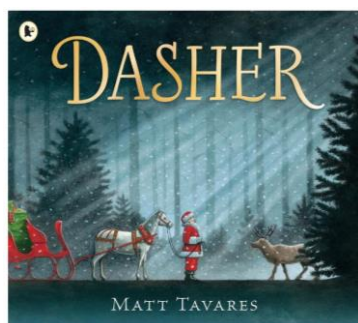


Read how Elmer (everyone's favourite multi-coloured elephant) gets ready to celebrate Christmas.

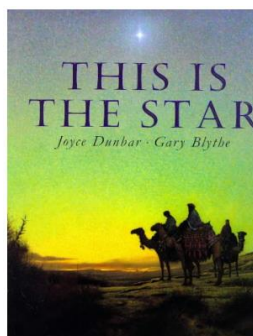


A simple retelling of the Bible story especially for young readers. Enjoy this beautiful picture book.

Books for Key Stage 1 children



This enchanting book tell us of the adventurous doe who changes Christmas forever with a very special wish.



The story of the first Christmas comes to life in the stunning illustrations in this book.



The tradition of Norway's gift to the British people is told in Donaldson's signature rhyming verse,

"ONE CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH SOCKS."
SAID DUMBLEDORE.
"ANOTHER CHRISTMAS HAS COME AND
GONE AND I DIDN'T GET A SINGLE PAIR.
PEOPLE WILL INSIST ON GIVING ME BOOKS."

J.K. ROWLING, HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE



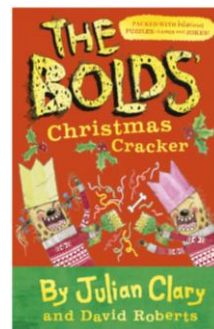
Books for Lower Juniors



Another heart-warming future classic which is full to the brim of Christmas magic.

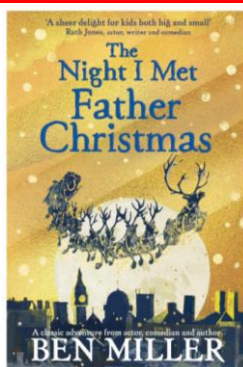


This truly stunning story is accompanied by mesmerising pictures for all the family to enjoy.

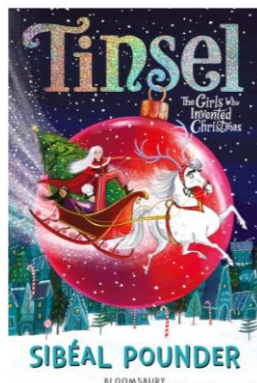


Fans of the Bolds will love this entertaining puzzle and joke book. Something to keep the kids quiet and away from screens!

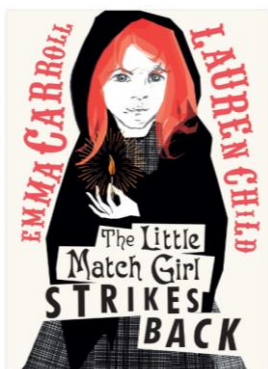
Books for Upper Juniors



Did you ever want proof that Father Christmas is real? (I mean....of course he is!) This book maintains the magic for everyone in the family.



What if somewhere along the way we've got the story of Santa a bit wrong? This story elevates Mrs Claus from the background of every Christmas story.



This is a feminist retelling of the famous story by two incredible authors. Set in Victorian London, Bridie becomes an icon of courage and resilience,

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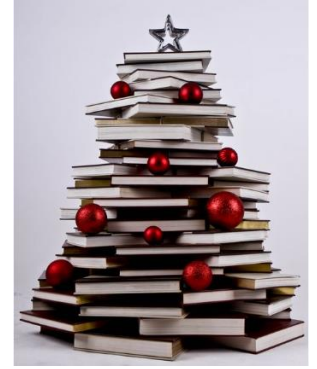
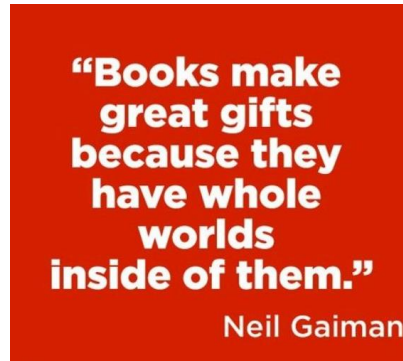
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

What book are you reading right now?

'The Virgin Mary's Got Nits' A Christmas Anthology by Gervase Phinn

What was the best book you ever received as a Christmas present?

The complete anthology of Sherlock Holmes - I've always loved books about a bit of crime and good detection.



Spring Term at St Bridget's

Reading will continue apace when the children return after Christmas. Social justice becomes the curriculum theme to explore and our class text choices shine a spotlight on gender inequality and inspirational females:

Year R	A Superhero Like You - a celebration of ambitions for everyone
Year 1	Study of Mae Jemison reading 'Look Up!'
Year 2	Study of Coco Chanel reading the Little People Big Dreams series.
Year 3	Challenge gender stereotypes in 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'
Year 4	Challenge gender stereotypes in 'Gender Swapped Fairy Tales'
Year 5	Study of Malala Yousafzai reading 'I Am Malala'
Year 6	Challenge gender equality reading 'A Long Walk to Water'

We all wish you a happy and peaceful (and book-filled) Christmas. Here's a little challenge to ensure you keep up your diet of daily reading during the holiday.

Mrs McDowall

Christmas Holiday Reading Challenge

How many of these can you manage?

Read next to the Christmas Tree.	Read the story of the birth of Jesus.	Read a magazine.	Design a Christmas bookmark.
Draw your favourite book character.	Read wearing a Christmas hat.	Find some facts about how Christmas is celebrated in other countries.	Find a website about your favourite author/character.
Read a story about Christmas.	Read with a family member.	Listen to an audio book.	Read a non-fiction book.

