

# Reading Newsletter



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! If you're still looking for that last minute gift, or need some new reading material to kickstart 2026, we have recommendations for all ages and stages of the reading journey. As the temperature drops and it gets frosty outside, what's better than cosying up with the perfect page turner. Thank you, once again, for your fantastic support during our book fair earlier this term. We raised **£552.57** of school rewards, which will help to keep our school libraries and classrooms up to date and tempting places to be. It really does make such a difference. Did you know that 2026 is the *National Year of Reading*? Have you seen the promotion video yet? It perfectly embodies the power and pure joy that reading can bring. (<https://www.goallin.org.uk/>). For now, wishing you a wonderful Christmas break and ... Happy reading!

Well done to this term's raffle winners:

Reception: Harry, Jonah and Erin

Year 1: Grace, Mikail and Rosie

Year 2: Tom, Peyton and George

Year 3: Maya, Maya and Kiaan

Year 4: Harry, Nevaan and Idrees

Year 5: Louis, Daniel and Hannah

Year 6: Bethan, Olivia, Elliot and Elin



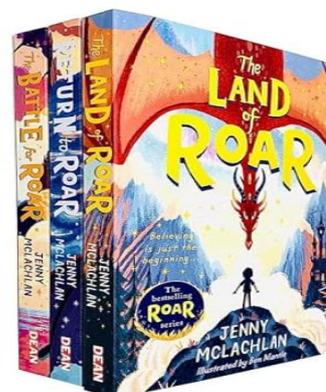
Each winner has received a **£5 Amazon voucher** to treat themselves. Huge congratulations also to the **382 children** across the school who, as part of our celebratory reading assembly, received a certificate in recognition of reading consistently on at least 5 occasions each week. **This is a fantastic start to the school year – BUT, we can definitely make this total even higher in 2026.** Don't forget, the more raffle tickets you earn, the more chances you have of winning! Start sharing the great books that you've read to inspire more readers among us.

## The Land of Roar Series by Jenny McLachlan

Everyone remembers their secret imaginary world ... but what if you discovered that yours was real? In this wonderful series, when Arthur and Rose were little, they were the heroes of Roar, a magical world they invented where the wildest creations of their imagination roamed. Now that they're eleven, Roar is just a distant memory. But it hasn't forgotten them.

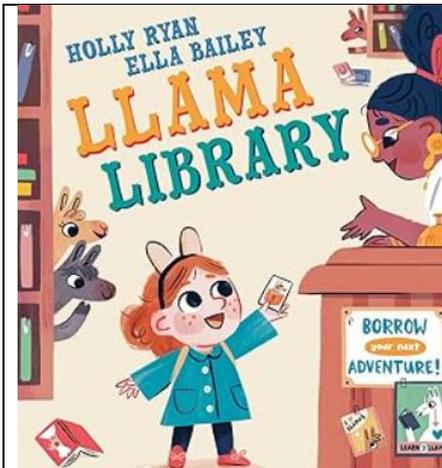
With 3 books available in the series so far, book 4 is due to be released in February 2026. **In VERY exciting news, the author of this enchanting action-packed series shall be visiting our school as the book is released!**

**UKS2, if you haven't discovered the series yet – why not get reading in readiness for this fantastic opportunity of ... .. the magic.**





# ALL I WANT FOR MY NEXT READ ...

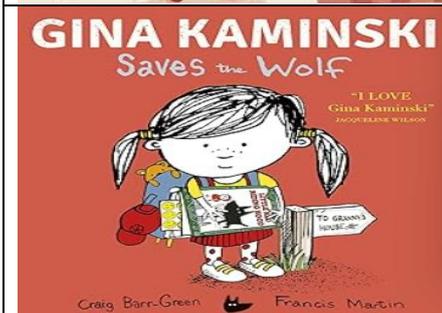


## Llama Library by Holly Ryan and Ella Bailey

This isn't a library for book borrowers – in this library you borrow a llama! The llama library has any subject you can imagine. All you need to do is go to the section and choose your llama, give the librarian your card to stamp and you can take it home. And that's where things might get a little ... messy!

A hilarious story of a library from another dimension is brought to life by the author. The magic of borrowing from your local library has never been this funny!

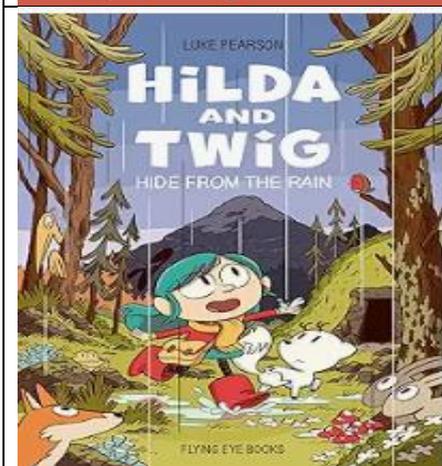
**Great fun and a must read in EYFS.**



## Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf by Craig Barr-Green

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf? Certainly not Gina as she takes the narrative lead and tells the story in her own distinctive way. With fantastic illustrations and an innovative use of pictorial emoji language, this is the ideal book to empower every child to be the hero in their own story.

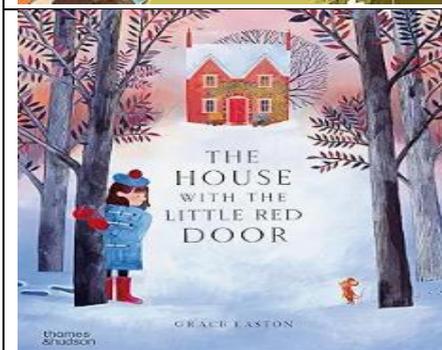
**A great story for fairytale fans in EYFS and KS1.**



## Hilda and Twig: Hide From The Rain by Luke Pearson

Hilda and Twig are back! The cutest deer fox is the star of this soggy adventure. When a storm strikes mid forest exploration, Hilda and Twig take shelter in a mysterious place. Twig's sixth sense tingles and twitches and he quickly realises his bestie is in danger. He has never seen himself as brave or courageous but driven by the urge to save his blue-haired friend, he finds both within himself.

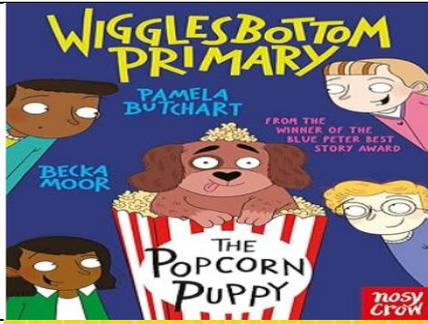
**Whilst pitched at KS1 (ages 5-7), this award-winning graphic novel appeals to a much wider age range, and is a wonderful tie into themes of what courage and bravery look like, plus self-belief. An excellent series for engaging children who don't yet read for pleasure.**



## The House with the Little Red Door by Grace Easton

The House with the Little Red Door is an enchanting tale of kindness, friendship and belonging. Mouse lives at the bottom of the garden belonging to Olivia's house. Olivia's door is red. Mouse lives in a gorgeous tree trunk home boasting a beautiful blue door. But both feel lonely. When a storm takes Mouse's home away, Olivia tries to find him a new home. What follows is an enchanting journey to a sweet finale.

**A perfect story for EYFS and KS1.**

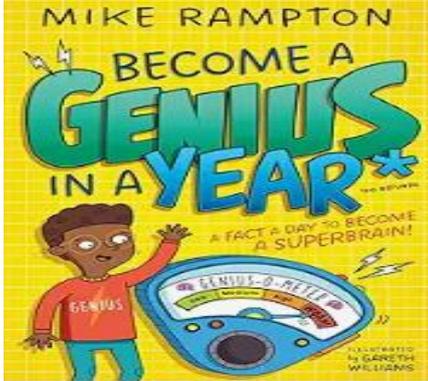


**Wigglebottom Primary: The Popcorn Puppy by Pamela Butchart**

If you haven't discovered this series yet, now is the time!

When Lauren brings her puppy to school, the class have a mission: hide the puppy from the teacher. The trouble is, it's movie afternoon and the delicious smell of popcorn is just too tempting for any puppy to resist!

**A perfect read for newly independent readers in KS1.**

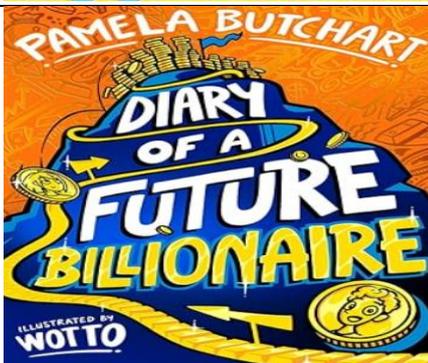


**Become a Genius in a Year by Mike Rampton**

Discover mind-boggling facts every day of the year in this hilarious new book and become the most amazing, awe-inspiring genius in the world in just one year\*! (\*No refunds given!).

From fun facts about dinosaurs to everything you need to know about spiders, plus silly Shakespearean names and a deep dive into poo and snot. This book has 'all' the answers.

**A page turning read that will hook in even the most reluctant readers in LKS2.**

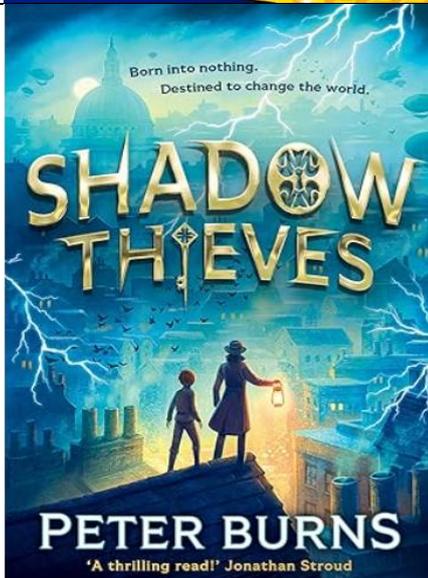


**Diary of a Future Billionaire by Pamela Butchart**

For all fans of Wimpy Kid and Tom Gates comes the hilarious journal of a boy determined to make his fortune. This is the start of a brand-new series from author Pamela Butchart, packed with real-world mayhem and a lot of laughs.

Just how far will one boy go to become a fully-fledged billionaire? This is voice-led fiction at its finest told in engaging diary format.

**A great choice for KS2: it will be a very popular.**



**Shadow Thieves by Peter Burns**

The middle-grade action-adventure thriller, new for 2025 and perfect for fans of Skandar and Percy Jackson. Get ready for this stunning debut that is likely to become every reader's new favourite series. 13-year-old Tom Morgan and his friends live on the streets of an alternate London, shining shoes and picking pockets – until one day Tom's friends are caught and sent to a brutal workhouse. Frantic and without a way to save them, Tom bumps into the mysterious Corsair, who offers him an opportunity to train at an elite international boarding school for thieves. Swept into this thrilling world of danger and intrigue, the harder it becomes for Tom to leave. But there are dark forces at work and real danger coming ...

**A propulsive pacing and action-packed plot for UKS2.**

