

# Reading Newsletter December 2022

What an exciting term! We were blown away by your support for the Book Fair we held this half term and it has been fantastic to see the children enjoying our library space at break and lunch times!

A huge well done to all children who have filled up their Reading for Pleasure pages of the HSO for this half term. There's still time to update these pages before the term ends if you haven't already done so 😊.

Well done to this term's raffle winners:

Reception: Elvis, Jake and Sebastian

Year 1: Harry, Olivia and Matilda

Year 2: Harvi, Calix and Christian

Year 3: Callum P, Jake and Lucy

Year 4: William G, Hannah and Jack

Year 5: Elsie, Amber and Katy Q

Year 6: Sophia, Charlie, Jack C and Tabitha



Each winner has received a **£5 book token** to spend in Waterstones. Huge congratulations also to the **363 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.

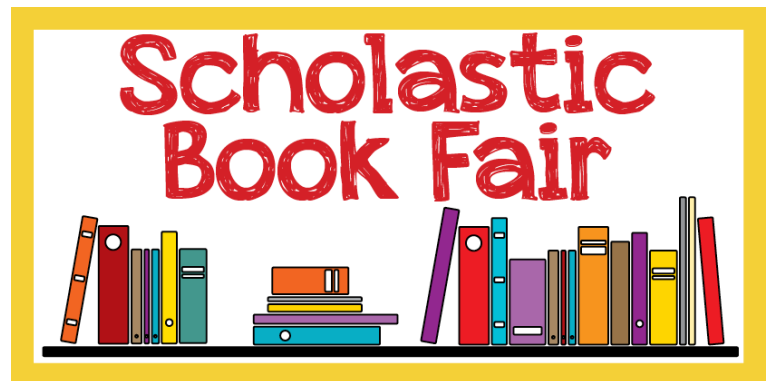
The winning class in KS1 was RD with 22 certificates.

The winning class in KS2 was 3D with 23 certificates!

Can we make this total even higher in 2023? 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.

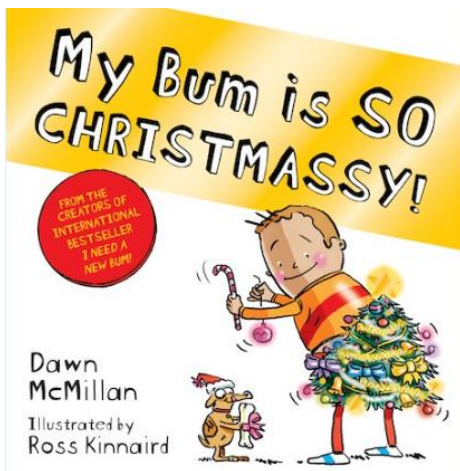
## Book Fair News

**We would like to say a huge thank you for all your fantastic support at our recent Book Fair.**



**The school has received just over £700 to spend on books from the Travelling Book's extensive commission catalogue. Your support at this event, enables us to now plan for even more new and exciting releases that the children shall be able to enjoy, both in school and loaned for use at home through our wonderful library facility.**

## December Books of the Month

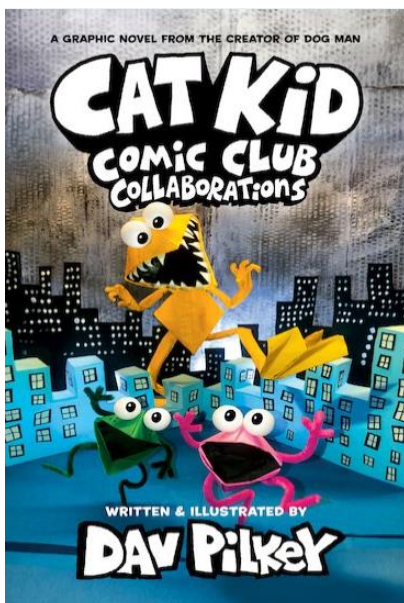
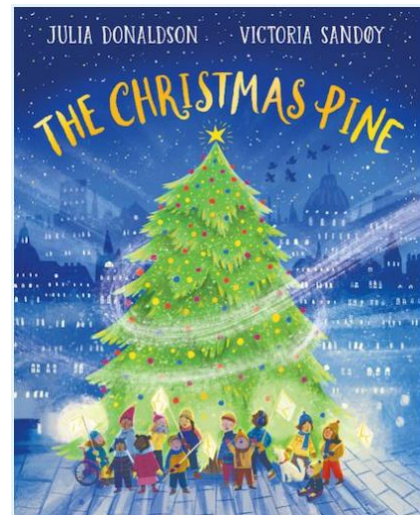


***My Bum is SO Christmassy!* By Dawn McMillan and Ross Kinnaird**

“Our Book of the Month for Age 3+ is *My Bum is so Christmassy*, a laugh-out-loud picture book from Dawn Macmillan, creator of *I Need a New Bum!*. Ho, ho ho! It’s Christmas eve and one thing is certain: this little boy is feeling SO CHRISTMASSY! But, with his whole family already sporting the most festive and fun Christmas jumpers, how can he make sure his bum looks just as Christmassy as he feels?!

***The Christmas Pine* by Julia Donaldson and Victoria Sandoy**

“Our Book of the Month for Age 5+ is *The Christmas Pine*, from award-winning author Julia Donaldson – creator of beloved stories such as *The Gruffalo*, *Superworm*, and *Zog*. Deep in a snowy wood stands a little pine tree with a special destiny: when it grows up, it’s going to be the famous Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square! This book includes a paragraph explaining the true story behind the tree that *The Christmas Pine* is based on, celebrating a special tradition that stretches back over 70 years. The tree, gifted from Norway, is a symbol of peace and friendship and this book encapsulates this perfectly.



***Cat Kid 4: Collaborations* by Dav Pilkey**

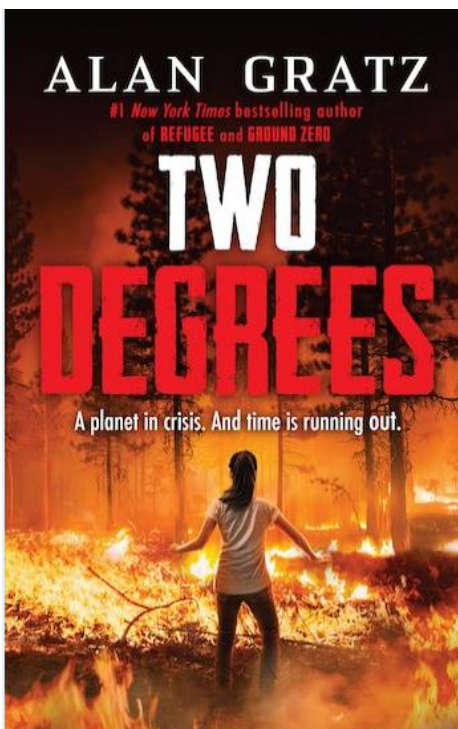
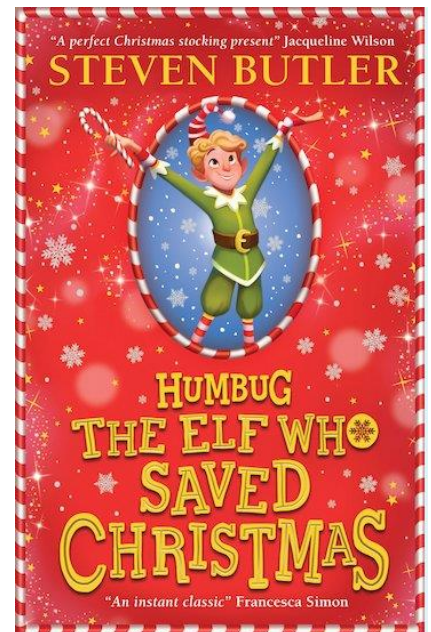
“The Cat Kid Comic Club learns to collaborate in this creative, funny, and insightful graphic novel by Dav Pilkey. Excitement and imagination run wild as Naomi, Melvin, Poppy, Gilbert, Curly, and their siblings get back to making comics with originality and laughter. In this innovative graphic novel series, Dav Pilkey employs a variety of techniques – including origami, acrylic paints, coloured pencils, photography, collage, gouache, watercolours, and more – to capture the spirit of collaboration.



## ***Humbug: The Elf That Saved Christmas* by Steven Butler**

“Christmas Elves, but not as we know them... The Humbugs aren’t the kind of family you see on sparkly wrapping paper, or in snowy storybooks about Santa’s grotto. You won’t see them on the front of Christmas cards, and they definitely won’t be knitted on your grandma’s favourite festive jumper. But when a mince-pie-related-mishap combined with an unfortunate letter-losing-incident sees them exiled from their home, the Humbugs – together with their clumsy Reindeer, Blister, and wheelie-bin sleigh – go on a great and daring adventure.

This incredible story is a funny, high-energy, sparkling love letter to the key workers of the world: those who toil behind the scenes and make even the most magical of enterprises tick along. Perfect for fans of Tom Fletcher and Ben Miller.” Recommended for 9-10.



## ***Two Degrees* by Alan Gratz**

“Alan Gratz tackles the urgent topic of climate change, with this breathtaking, action-packed story that will be the must-read adventure this winter. Fire. Flood. Ice. Three natural disasters. Three kids who must fight to survive and change things for the better. Akira, Owen, and Natalie are all swept up in the global effects of climate change, each struggling to survive. But the three kids are more deeply connected than they could ever imagine – in ways that will change them and change the world.

From the bestselling author of *Refugee*, *Allies* and *Ground Zero*, *Two Degrees* sheds a light on the increasingly urgent threat of climate change in an engaging way. *Two Degrees* is an incredible story for young people who are passionate about the climate crisis, and love reading exhilarating adventure stories.” Recommend 11+



## ***Author Visit***

Next half-term, Year 5&6 will have a special reading assembly with children’s author Tom Palmer. He is a huge football fan and his books are based around sports.

During his visit, KS2 children will have the chance to meet Tom and have him sign a copy of one of the books below. More information about this will be available after Christmas.

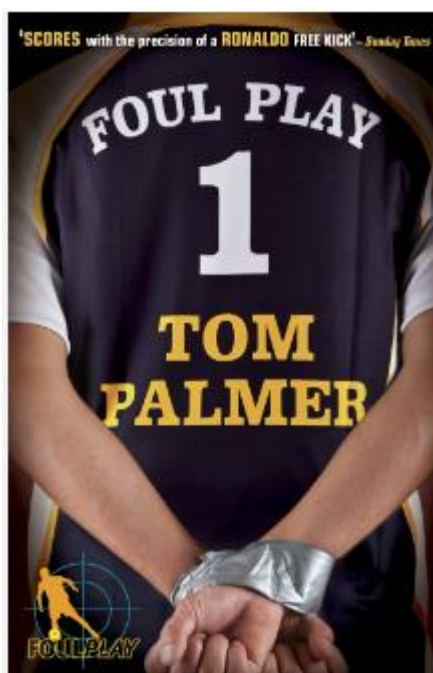


### Recommended 8+

The newly formed Melchester Women's team are going from strength to strength in their first full season of professional football, led by the tenacious Rocky Race. But behind the scenes, the morale of the club is low.

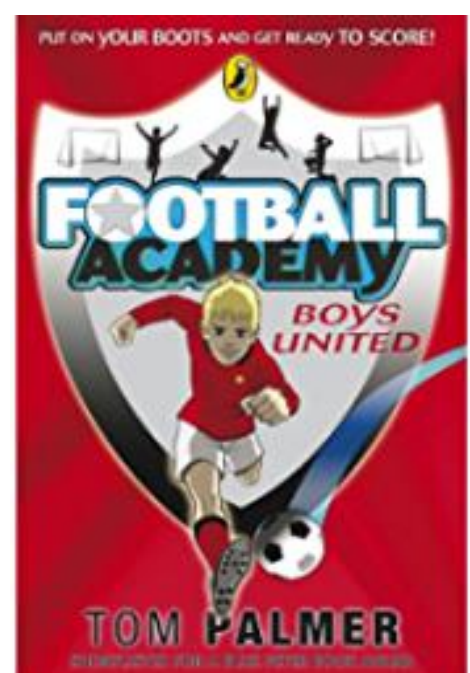
After a shocking incident in a men's European game, and the recent Race family tragedy, Rocky, her brother Roy, and the whole club is struggling to deal with the aftermath. What's more, she's fighting with Ffion her friend and there's even talk of sending her out on loan!

Can she maintain her match-winning performances? How is she supposed to deal with everything that's happened? And just where does her footballing future lie?



### Recommended age 9-13

Danny is obsessed with two things: football - especially City Football Club - and investigating crimes. So when England and City footballing hero Sam Roberts is reported missing the day after Danny saw him being taken, blindfolded, into the bowels of the City FC stadium late at night, he's determined to get to the bottom of it. But is Danny getting into something he can't handle?



### Recommended age 7-9

**Jake loves football and dreams of becoming a professional footballer. He's worried about his height though - what if he's too small for football? But on the day of his trial Jake is quick on the ball and scores - he's made it! Jake can't wait to pull on his shirt and join the team. But someone at the club wants to make his life difficult. Can Jake face up to the bullies and become man of the match again?**