

# Lozells Bulletin - Reading Newsletter Spring 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Spring Reading Newsletter! We are delighted to share the second edition, filled with updates, tips, and book recommendations to inspire a love of reading in every child.

As you may know, **2026 has been named the National Year of Reading.** The government has launched a new initiative to raise the profile of reading, with the motto "*Go All In.*" There will be many exciting incentives and activities throughout the year— so keep an eye out for what's to come!

This term, we'll be exploring some wonderful new texts across the school. We are also looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.**

Thank you for your continued support.

**Let's continue to build strong, enthusiastic readers together!**

# Reading dates for Spring



## SPRING TERM

### January

- New Year, New Reads
- World Religion Day — Share stories from world faiths or characters exploring belief.

### February

- Storytelling Week

### March

- World Book Day (*5 March 2026*)
- International Women's Day (*8 March*) — Explore books by and about inspirational women



# At Lozells, we are reading...



## Nursery

Dear Zoo

It's mine

Jasper's beanstalk

The very hungry caterpillar

## Reception

The tiger who came to tea

The lion inside

We're going on a bear hunt

## Year 1

The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Look up!

Here we are

Chocolate cake

## Year 2

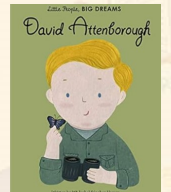
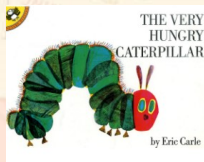
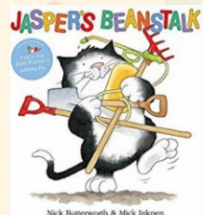
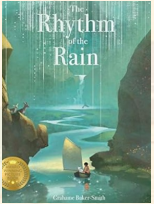
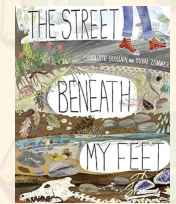
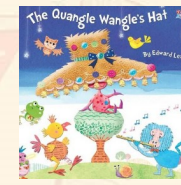
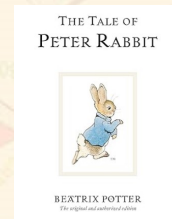
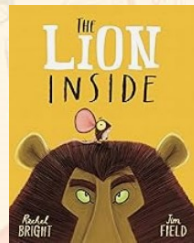
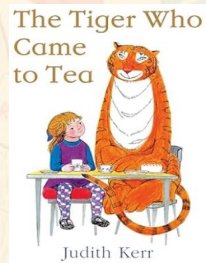
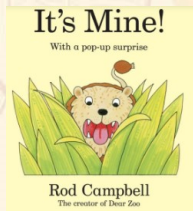
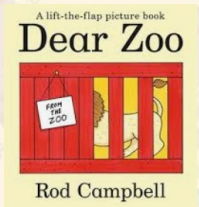
The Quangle Wangle's hat

Coming to England

The Street beneath my feet

Rhythm of the rain

Little people Big dreams, David Attenborough



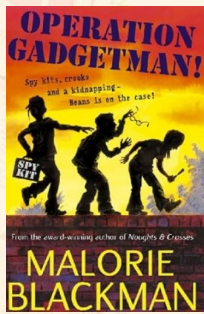
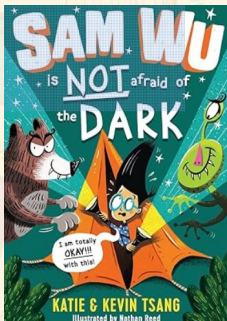


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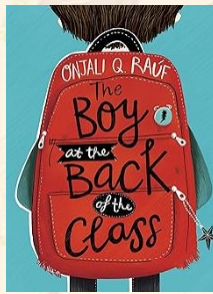
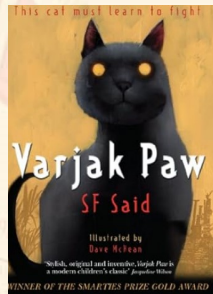
## Year 3

Sam Wu is not afraid of the dark  
Operation Gadget man



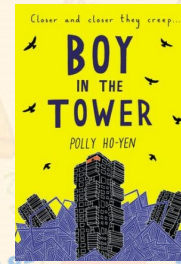
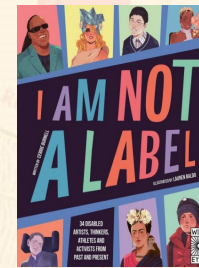
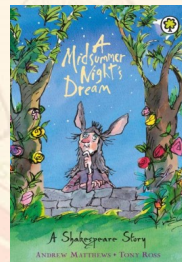
## Year 4

Varjak Paw  
The boy at the back of the class



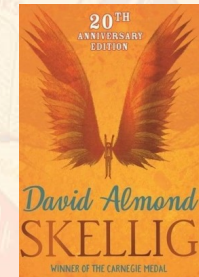
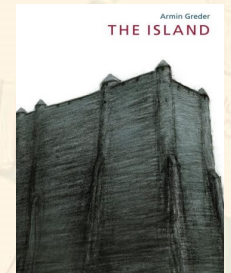
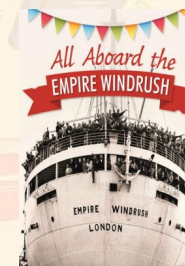
## Year 5

A midsummer night's dream  
I am not a label  
Boy in the tower



## Year 6

All aboard the Empire Windrush  
The Island  
Skellig  
Skellig and a carol from Flanders





# Ten to Try! Top books for... Preschool (ages 3-4)



**Dotty Doughnut**  
Momoko Abe



**One in a Million**  
Smriti Halls & Nila Aye



**Bea's Bad Day**  
Tom Percival



**The Twirly Wiggly Dance**  
Farrah Riaz & Navya Raju



**A Hat Full of Sea**  
Maudie Smith & Jen Khatun



**Animal Crackers**  
Ruby Wright



**Building a Home**  
Polly Faber & Klas Fahlén



**Peace at Last**  
Jill Murphy



**Poo in the Zoo**  
Steve Smallman & Ada Grey



**Ready for Spaghetti**  
Michael Rosen & Polly Dunbar



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# Ten to Try! Top books for... Reception (ages 4-5)



**Picapaco**  
Mocquiere & Moja Novak



**Martha Maps It Out**  
Leigh Hodgkinson



**Meet the Mubbles**  
Liz Pichon



**A First Book of Dinosaurs**  
Simon Mole & Matt Hunt



**Elmer**  
David McKee



**Farah Loves Mangos**  
Sarthak Sinha



**Super Duper You**  
Sophy Henn



**Donut Touch!**  
Seb Davy & Alex Willmore



**The Amazing Mrs Pepperpot**  
Aif Proysen & Hilda Offen



**Priya Mistry and the Paw Prints Puzzle**  
Babita Sharma & Ali Pye



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# Ten to Try! Top books for... Year 1 (ages 5-6)



**Gruff Justice**  
Ross Montgomery & Marisa Morea



**Fantastic Mr Fox**  
Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake



**The Dinosaur Next Door**  
David Litchfield



**The Great Henna Party**  
Humera Malik & Sonali Zohra



**The Pandas Who Promised**  
Rachel Bright & Jim Field



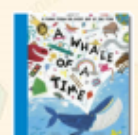
**I Can Only Draw Worms**  
Will Mabbitt



**Big Book of Boats**  
Luogo comune



**Funnybones**  
Janet & Allan Ahlberg



**A Whale of a Time**  
Lou Peacock & Matt Hunt



**Me and My Hair**  
Kimberley Kinloch, Jessica Gibson & Sandra Becker Borree



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# Ten to Try! Top books for... Year 2 (ages 6-7)



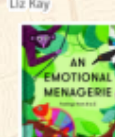
**What's the Actually Factually Difference?**  
Jane Wilsher & Liz Kay



**Marge in Charge**  
Isla Fisher & Eglantine Ceulemans



**Pippi Longstocking**  
Astrid Lindgren & Lauren Child



**An Emotional Menagerie**  
The School of Life



**The Duck Never Blinks**  
Alex Latimer



**Nellie Choc-Ice, Penguin Explorer**  
Jeremy Strong & Jamie Smith



**Magic Faces: Heroes of the Pirate Ship**  
Esti Merish & Abeha Tariq



**The Emerald Forest**  
Catherine Ward & Karin Littlewood



**Rajiv's Starry Feelings**  
Niall Moorjani & Nanette Regan



**If I Were Prime Minister**  
Trygve Skaug & Ella Okstad



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Books for Topics  
**Ten to Try!**  
 Top books for...  
**Year 3**  
 (ages 7-8)

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|   |  |   |
| <b>The Iron Man</b><br>Ted Hughes & Chris Mourd | <b>The Great Crisp Robbery</b><br>Pamela Butchart & Thomas Fleetham    | <b>Out of This World</b><br>Michael Rosen & Ed Vere             |
|   |  |   |
| <b>A Mermaid's Diary</b><br>Chris Riddell       | <b>The Street Beneath My Feet</b><br>Charlotte Gullilan & Yuval Zommer |   |
|   |  |   |
| <b>Supa Nova</b><br>Chante Timothy              | <b>An Otter Called Pebble</b><br>Helen Peters & Ellie Snowden          | <b>Nikhil and Jay: Off to India</b><br>Chitra Soundar & Soofiya |
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| <b>Adoette</b><br>Lydia Monks                   | <b>Kate on the Case</b><br>Hannah Peck                                 |   |



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Books for Topics  
**Ten to Try!**  
 Top books for...  
**Year 4**  
 (ages 8-9)

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| <b>The Wonder Brothers</b><br>Frank Cottrell Boyce & Steven Lenton | <b>Cobweb</b><br>Michael Morpurgo & Michael Foreman               | <b>The Snowman Code</b><br>Simon Stephenson & Raggle Brown |
|  |   |  |
| <b>Open Wide!</b><br>Letizia Diamante & Ed J. Brown                | <b>The Piano at the Station</b><br>Helen Rutter & Elisa Paganelli |  |
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| <b>The Queen's Nose</b><br>Dick King Smith                         | <b>Auntie Medusa and Me</b><br>Marie Basting                      | <b>The Beanstalk Murder</b><br>P.G. Bell                   |
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| <b>Bunny vs Monkey</b><br>Jamie Smart                              | <b>Clarice Bean: Smile</b><br>Lauren Child                        |  |



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Books for Topics  
**Ten to Try!**  
 Top books for...  
**Year 5**  
 (ages 9-10)

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| <b>Little Light</b><br>Coral Rumble                              | <b>Anna at War</b><br>Helen Peters  | <b>Me and My Brian</b><br>Helen Rutter & Claudia Petrazzi               |
|  |   |   |
| <b>Hamza's Wild World</b><br>Hamza Yassin & Louise Forshaw       | <b>The House with Chicken Legs</b><br>Sophie Anderson, Melissa Castrillon & Elisa Paganelli |   |
|  |   |   |
| <b>Pinch Perkins and the Midsummer Curse</b><br>Cathy Fitzgerald | <b>Land of the Last Wildcat</b><br>Lui Sit & David Dean                                     | <b>Dexter Procter the 10-Year-Old Doctor</b><br>Adam Kay & Henry Parker |
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| <b>El Deafo</b><br>Cece Bell                                     | <b>Real-Life Mysteries</b><br>Susan Martineau   |   |



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Books for Topics  
**Ten to Try!**  
 Top books for...  
**Year 6**  
 (ages 10-11)

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| <b>I Am Wolf</b><br>Alastair Chisholm   | <b>Pig Heart Boy</b><br>Malorie Blackman                               | <b>The Explorer</b><br>Katherine Rundell |
|   |  |  |
| <b>When Stars Are Scattered</b><br>Victoria Jamieson, Omar Mohamed & Iman Gaddy | <b>Tom's Midnight Garden</b><br>Philippa Pearce                        |  |
|   |  |  |
| <b>People Like Stars</b><br>Patrice Lawrence                                    | <b>The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks</b><br>Katie Kirby | <b>Rebel Heart</b><br>Ally Sherrick      |
|   |  |  |
| <b>Insectarium</b><br>Dave Goulson & Emily Carter                               | <b>Zak Monroe is (not) My Friend</b><br>Simon Packham                  |  |



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## Miss Rogers recommends...



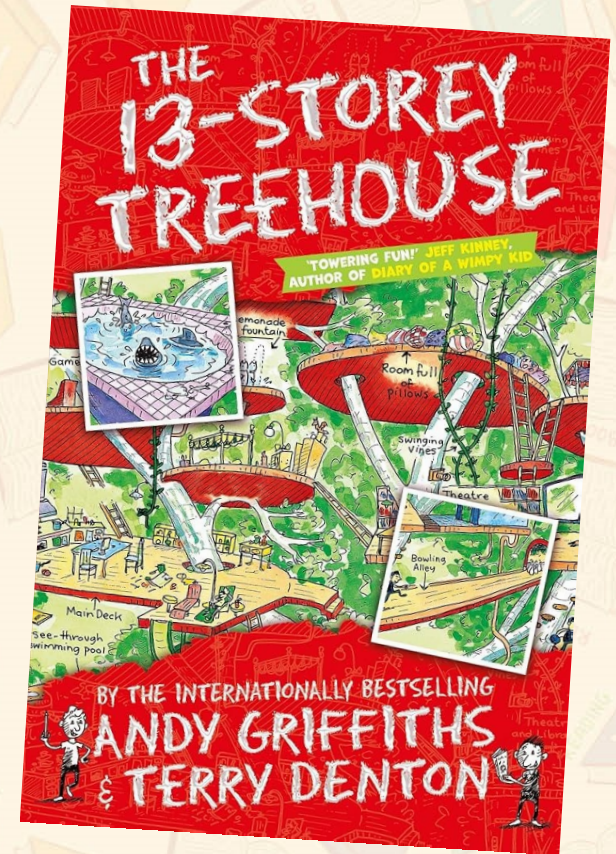
My Favourite Book: *The 13-Storey Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

If you think your bedroom is cool, wait until you read about Andy and Terry's 13-storey treehouse! This isn't just any treehouse— it's the ultimate, bonkers, unbelievable headquarters of fun. We're talking about a **bowling alley, a see-through swimming pool, a shark tank, a lemonade fountain** and even a machine that turns your ideas into real drawings!

The story follows Andy and Terry, two best friends who are *supposed* to be writing a book, but keep getting distracted by flying cats, giant bananas, sea monsters, and other extremely crazy events. Their adventures are hilarious and the amazing illustrations make everything even funnier.

What makes this book brilliant for KS2 readers is how **easy to read and fast-paced** it is. You never get bored, because something unexpected happens on almost every page. If you love comics, jokes and stories that make you laugh, then this book is perfect for you.

By the end, you'll probably want to live in a treehouse yourself!



# 20 is plenty!

Children who read for  
20 minutes a day...



Will have a world of  
imagination & creativity  
opened to them



Will have better  
general knowledge



Will be exposed to 1.8  
million words a year



Will improve critical  
thinking skills




Will improve their  
communication skills



Will have a broad  
vocabulary



Will have reduced  
stress levels



Will learn how to  
develop empathy



Will improve their test  
results



# National Year of Reading 2026 at Lozells School



In 2026, Lozells School will be proudly taking part in the **National Year of Reading**, a nationwide celebration designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading in children.

Throughout the year, pupils at Lozells will enjoy a wide range of **reading incentives, challenges and special events** to encourage reading for pleasure both in school and at home. These activities will reward effort, build confidence, and help children discover the joy of books and storytelling.

We value the important role families play in supporting reading. By sharing books, talking about stories and encouraging regular reading at home, parents and carers can help make the National Year of Reading 2026 a great success for our Lozells community.



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# Our Lozells Librarians

Elaheh, Ebrahim, Harris, Jumana, Sophia, Aisha,  
Nayla, Mariyah, Taymia, Sara, Dania and Rumaysa.



# LOZELLS READERS

	Number of words read
2F	70,303
2T	74,835
3T	486,974
3F	244,737
4F	521,992
4T	2,304,805
5T	8,049,194
5F	5,903,517
6T	5,692,962
6F	2,604,088



# 5T

A HUGE well done to 5T. An amazing amount of words for read so far this year. Keep it up!



# Children's Book Project

## YEAR 4'S BOOK AND A BISCUIT

YEAR 4 HAD A WONDERFUL TIME WELCOMING PARENTS IN FOR OUR BOOK AND BISCUIT EVENT. THANKS TO THE AMAZING CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT, EVERY CHILD CHOSE A BOOK TO TAKE HOME AND ENJOY AS PART OF THEIR READING FOR PLEASURE. FAMILIES THEN SETTLED IN TOGETHER TO SHARE STORIES, SMILES, AND (OF COURSE) A BISCUIT OR TWO! IT WAS A LOVELY, RELAXED MORNING CELEBRATING THE JOY OF READING.



We hope you enjoyed our Book and Biscuit events, and that the children are enjoying the books that they chose.



## How can you support at home?

If your child is in Years 2 to 6, the second book they take home is an AR book. This is linked according to **their reading level**. Once they complete this book, your child is then able to take a short quiz on the computer or iPad. Time is available every day for children to complete Accelerated Reader quiz, however, this is another way you can support your child from home. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.)

Please click the image below to access the AR link.



Your child should have their AR login, if they do not please speak to their class teacher.