

Bookend Bookworms

AUTUMN EDITION



Welcome!

Here is the first newsletter of the year. This newsletter is designed for both parents and children and we hope you enjoy sharing it. Our aim is to keep you up to date with what is happening with regard to reading at our school. You will find lots of information here about what we are doing to promote reading for pleasure, as well as a round-up of favourite books and new releases.

Meet our
new
Librarians

We were inundated with applications to be a Bookend Cottage Librarian again this year. We managed to whittle them down to just four and we are delighted to present our new Librarians to you for this academic year! Amber, Holly, Alice and Erin. Their applications were of a high standard and made for interesting reading.



Please buy us a book!

Through fundraising and the incredible generosity of the Carr Community, our Bookend Cottage library continues to grow but we still need your help to further develop our collection of fantastic books. If you would like to donate a book please scan the QR Code or visit our wishlist at <https://amzn.eu/9JJuOKR> to see the great reads we would love.



Badge Buddies!

Blue Peter Badge winners!

Earlier this year, Blue Peter introduced an exciting new book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda!

We're delighted to announce that five of our Carr Stars have already earned the special badge by sharing their love of books and answering a few questions on the Blue Peter website. Should any fellow bookworms wish to apply for a badge they can do so at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Top Tips for Reading with your child at home!

Sharing a book with a child is fun! It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together – and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers.

If you're not feeling confident about reading aloud or sharing books, don't worry – there's no right or wrong way to enjoy a story together. But if you'd like some tips, here are a few pointers to help you out.

- Find a comfortable space and make it fun – it could be in their bedroom, on a comfy cushion or even in a den using a torch!
- Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves.
- Turn off the TV, radio and computer; it's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions.
- Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Most importantly, have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices...

Encouraging a love of reading

Reading is so important as it unlocks so many doors for them in life! As children get older, with lots of other activities competing for their time, how can you encourage them to make time for reading?

- Visit the local library together. It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops – children love meeting their favourite authors.
- Encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories, and get them all talking about what they're reading.
- Give books as presents – Christmas is around the corner! See our recommended reads at the end of this newsletter for you ideas.
- Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is, just let your children see you reading!

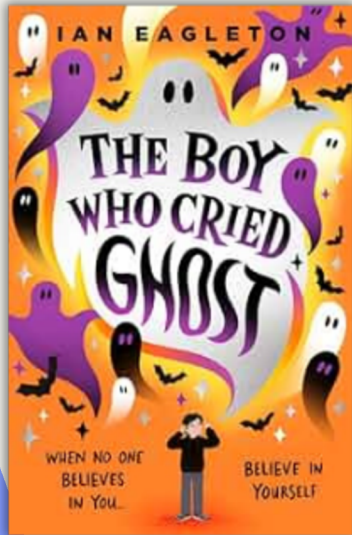
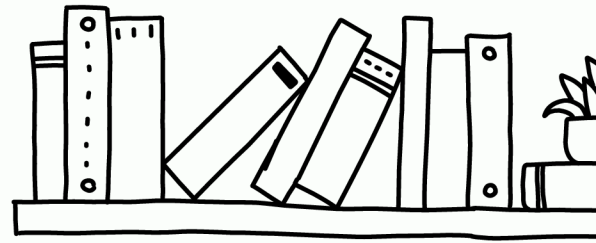
Poetry Slam!

National Poetry Day is a celebration of the profound art of poetry, an art form that has the power to inspire, console, and captivate. To mark this year's event, we held a 'Poetry Slam' in which each class chose and performed a poem of their choice relating to the theme of 'the world around us'.

Each recital was filmed and later broadcast on the giant screen in a whole-school assembly, much to the delight of our Carr Star Poets!



NEW RELEASES



‘The Boy Who Cried Ghost’ by Ian Eagleton

Richard feels unsafe all the time. He has intrusive thoughts; that he is a bad person, that terrible things will happen to the people he loves.

Everything scares him, so when he moves house, the thing in the wardrobe is no exception. It just adds itself to a long list of things to be afraid of. But as long as Richard keeps checking that the lock, the rope and the duct tape are keeping it securely in place, he can cope with the fear. But he has to keep checking. And checking.

This insightful, haunting, coming-of-age story is a celebration of friendship, diversity and inclusion that gives readers a glimpse into the mind of someone living with OCD.



‘The Haunting of Fortune Farm’ by Sophie Kirtley

Edie and her little brother Pip are spending half term with their grandmother at Fortune Farm, a remote farmhouse nestled in Silent Valley, at the foot of the wild, Irish mountains. As soon as Edie arrives, she cannot shake the feeling that she’s being watched: she hears whispers on the wind, footsteps around the farmhouse and keeps catching glimpses of a mysterious figure in red.

Packed full of mystery, ghosts and family secrets, this chilling chapter book also sensitively explores feelings of grief and guilt. Guaranteed to send shivers down your spine, it’s the perfect tale to read on dark, stormy nights... if you’re brave enough!



‘The Wild Robot’ by Peter Brown

The heartwarming and action-packed illustrated novel exploring what happens when nature and technology collide.

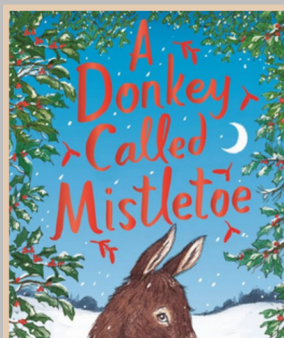
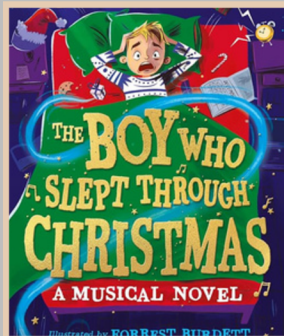
When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is - but she knows she needs to survive.

After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until, one day, her mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

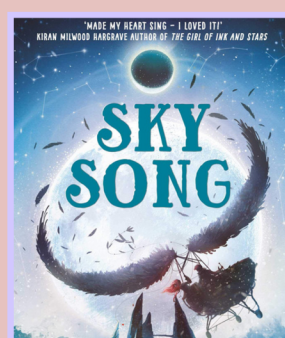
Recommended festive reads

Cosy up with some of our festive favourites this yuletide!

Year 3 & 4



Year 5 & 6



Meet The Librarians

My favourite book is Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.

My favourite character is Lottie Brooks from The extremely embarrassing life of Lottie Brooks as she is kind of like me.

The best thing about reading is how indulged I feel when I read a book and how I sometimes cry or laugh when I read an emotional book.

My favourite book is Agent Weasel.

My favourite character is Mr Penguin.

The best thing about reading is that you can always imagine cool things about the book and you can always enjoy reading a book.

My favourite author is JK Rowling.

My favourite books are Skandar And The Unicorn Thief and the Harry Potter series.

My favourite book character must be Daisy Wells from Murder Most Unladylike - she is a very inspirational character.

The best thing about reading is getting lost in a good book, reading and enjoying it.

My favourite book is Lottie Brooks because they are really good and also funny.

My favourite book character is Hermione Granger because she is really smart and just amazing.

The best thing about reading for me is getting to a really good part in a book and it changes the whole story!

My favourite author is Adam Kay because he writes fascinating and gruesome books and he is really funny.

The most recent book I have read was Kay's Anatomy by Adam Kay.

The best thing about being a librarian is reading to the little year 3s and being given a responsibility to fulfil the role to the best of my ability.



Amber

The most recent book I've read is Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. I enjoyed it because there are so many twists in the book.

The best thing about being a librarian is that you get to help so many people and encourage them to read a book.



Alice

My favorite author is Katherine Rundel - my favourite books by her are Impossible Creatures, The Good Thieves, Rooftoppers and The Explorer.

The most recent book I have read and enjoyed is The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie - it is one of the Year 6 Roots To Reading books.

The Best thing about being a librarian is getting to know the people who come to Bookend Cottage and recommending books to them.



Erin

My favourite authors are Katie Kirby and JK Rowling because Lottie Brooks and Harry Potter because I just love them. But it's hard to choose.

Murder Most Unladylike (Book 1) is the most recent book I've read - it was amazing and there were lots of twist and turns.

The best thing about being a librarian is the experience and lots of people being there just having fun.



Holly



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