

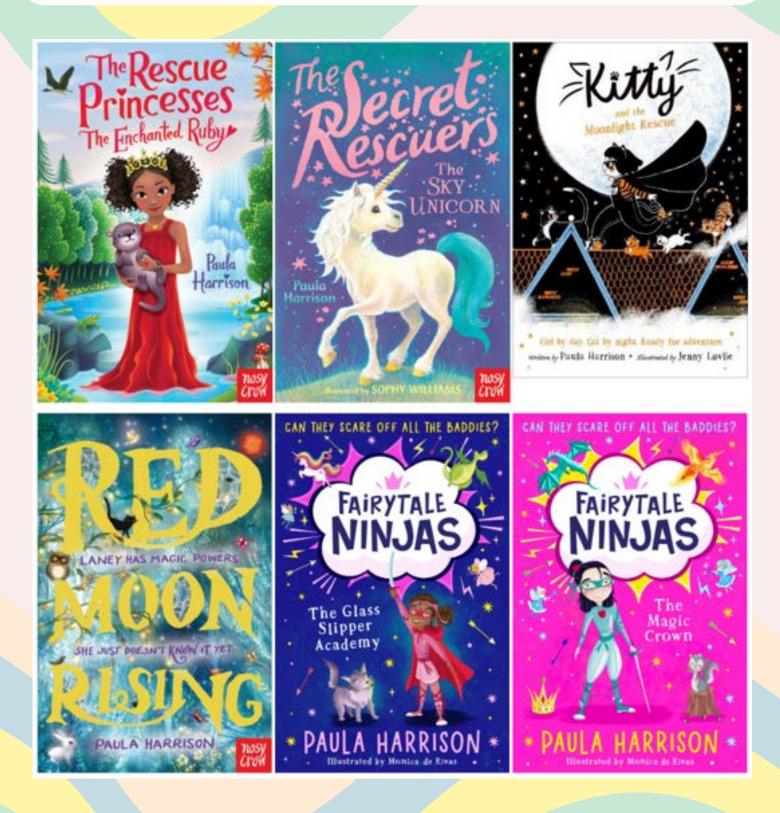
This termly newsletter is designed for both parents and children and we hope you enjoy sharing it. Our aim is to keep you up to date with what is happening with regard to reading at our school. You will find lots of information here about what we are doing to promote reading for pleasure, as well as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



I write books for older readers including Robyn Silver and the Red Moon Rising series, and books for younger readers such as The Rescue Princesses, Kitty's Midnight Adventures and The Secret Rescuers.

I was born in Bletchley (home of the wartime code-breakers!) and I grew up in Bedfordshire which is in England. I always said I wanted to be a writer, but I didn't actually get round to it for quite a long time.

I trained to be a primary school teacher and spent many years teaching. Those years taught me what children like in stories and how they respond to humour and suspense. Reading to an audience of children is just amazing We are especially excited about Paula Harrison because we will be welcoming her into Brampton school in April for a visit with our Year 2 classes. If your child is in year 2, and you have purchased a book by Paula Harrison, then don't forget to bring it in to get signed!



## AUTHOR VISIT

Year I were buzzing with excitement this term as we welcomed best-selling children's author, Pippa Goodhart, into our classrooms.

Pippa Goodhart spoke to the children about being an author and read a few books to them. At the end of her sessions, she signed the children's own books, which they loved!

We can honestly say that her 'You Choose' books are a firm favourite in our book corners!



# WORLD BOOK DAY AT BVPS!

The children at BVPS had lots of fun this world book day, dressing up as book characters, meeting up with buddy classes, guessing the book on the door and learning about two popular authors; Dav Pilkey (KS2) and Nadia Shireen (KSI). See what some of the children had to say about the day below.

Me and my Year 2 buddy discussed our favourite books and I really enjoyed that. I loved designing my own comic strip and, best of all, I won the new Dog Man and the Scarlet Shedder book. I'll bring it back to the library once I've finished it.

James - 5 Maple

I loved making bookmarks with my buddies and seeing everyone's costumes. Myles – I Willow

I loved going around to look at the doors because it was very exciting to get to guess the books! Freya – 3 Willow

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It was really fun because the activity was Dog Man and he is one of my favourites! I like the comedy and action in his books. Johnny – 4 Beech

Our buddies read with us, that was my favourite part. My mum reads to me at home so it was nice to have someone else read to me too.

Josiah - 2 Beech

I really enjoyed seeing everyone dressed up and making our door into Crater Lake was really fun as well.

Alice - 6 Willow

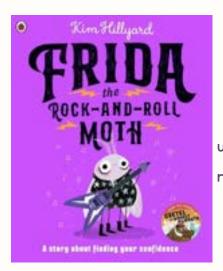
# WORLD BOOK DAY DOORS

As the children enjoyed this so much last year, classes yet again decorated their doors like book covers. Each class chose one of their favourite books and designed the artwork together to put up. On World Book Day, the children went around school discussing the doors and guessing what each one could be. Can you guess the books that some of our doors were based on?



## NEW RELEASES TO LOOK OUT FOR NEXT TERM...

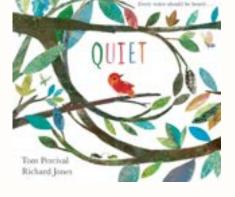
#### Foundation and Key Stage One...

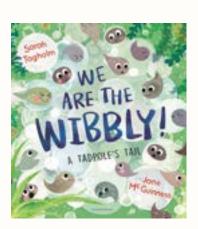


A beautiful and empowering story about believing in yourself, starring unforgettable rock'n roll loving moth Frida



A touching tale of courage and how sometimes the smallest voice can deliver the biggest message.



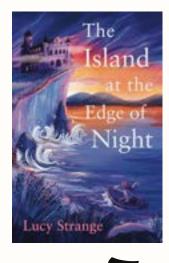


This heartwarming, hilarious story speaks perfectly to the anxiety that children can feel about keeping up with those around them



Dyed red after being dunked in tomato juice, Dog Man faces both exile and an army of AI robots!





Key Stage Two...

More heart-pounding adventures lie in wait for Skandar Smith in the third instalment of Steadman's blockbuster children's fantasy saga,.





Abandoned at a boarding school on a bleak and remote Scottish island, Faye discovers that she and the other pupils have been sent there for doing something wicked. But what is it that Faye has done?

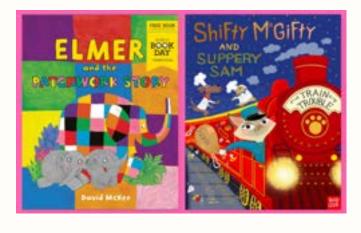
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#### CAMBRIDGE LITERARY FESTIVAL



This is a fun festival for a family of passionate readers! It will run from the 17th to the 21st of April, with the children's festival taking place on the final two days. Elmer's 35th Birthday, Steve Lenton & Tracey Corderoy, Joseph Coelho, Kiran Millwood Hargrave, and Tom de Freston have already been confirmed as guests with more to follow in the coming weeks.





#### MEET A.F. STEADMAN!

Meet internationally bestselling author A.F. Steadman, writer of the incredibly popular Skandar series, for a special book signing at Waterstones in Cambridge to celebrate the publication of the third book in the series: Skandar and the Chaos Trials. Join the Skandar fandom and get ready to be obsessed!

> **DATE FOR THE DIARY:** 16:30 on Friday 26th April at Waterstones, Cambridge

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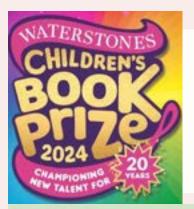
#### NICHE COMICS BOOKSHOP

(H7 High street, Huntingdon) Chloe Savage - award winning artist and children's book writer Thursday 4th April II am in the bookshop Make a jellyfish and stories A fun event for your under 8's during the Easter holiday To book: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nichecomicsbookshop/craft-and-story-time-withchloe-savage/e-mdvkrj

Paula Harrison – children's author of Kitty and Fairytale Ninja books Wednesday 24th April 4pm in the bookshop To book: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nichecomicsbookshop/t-avoldvd

James Nicol – children's author of The Apprentice Witch, The Spellmakers and The Cloud Thief Friday 31st May at 1:30 pm in the bookshop To book: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nichecomicsbookshop/t-gaenara? fbclid=IwAR2Qaa2afcwHlfInWDbSIxTnjIDfYF9jiD7kK9h8AbEmtJ0c25zK8cln2Yo

All events £2 per person. Bring your books for signing or purchase at the shop.



## WATERSTONES CHILDREN'S BOOK PRIZE SHORTLIST 2024

It is the award's twentieth anniversary this year! The shortlist has been chosen by knowledgeable and passionate booksellers from the very beginning, and the previous winners have gone on to lead very successful careers as children's authors. This year's selection champions the finest new talent in children's writing and illustration today. The overall winner and three category winners will be announced on Thursday 21 March. Check out some of the shortlisted books below.

