

Reading Newsletter November 2025



Reading at St George's

Welcome to the first edition of the reading Newsletter for this school year.

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Reading at St George's

We truly believe in the power of reading at St George's. Reading opens up a new world in which to get lost.

I am keen to read as many stories as I can and so I am launching a story writing competition!

Bring in your entries of up to 500 words about any subject of your choice!

There will be a prize for the winning entries and I will come round to every class in school and read your amazing stories.



WELCOME TO OUR READING CAFE

Please come to our new Reading Cafe on
Monday 24th November in the school hall!
This is chance to sit with your child, have a
look at books and enjoy a cup of tea or
coffee and biscuits.

Please join us straight after
school!



The Latest from the National Literacy Trust

Everyone knows the benefits of reading: it expands your world, sharpens your mind. It might even make you more creative or successful.

But increasingly, fewer of us are making time to read. With so many forms of entertainment at our fingertips, reaching for a book can feel like a chore. Something we should do, but don't really want to do.

But we believe it's just a matter of shifting the focus. So for the National Year of Reading in 2026, we're bringing reading to where culture is.

We believe reading is a powerful plug-in to the things you already love – a great way to go deeper into your existing passions. Put simply we say: 'if you're into it, read into it'.

We're asking the nation to Go All in and see how reading in all its forms can unlock more of what you love – whether it's music, baking, family time, films, sci-fi or... anything.



**Whatever you're into.
Get ready to GO ALL IN.**

The National Literacy Trust is encouraging us to “Go all in” to reading.

Basically their message is that reading is changing for our young people and that we need to encourage them to ‘read what they are in to’.

So let them read magazines, internet pages and websites, even the subtitles on their favourite film. Reading is reading after all...

Watch this space for more on this exciting development!

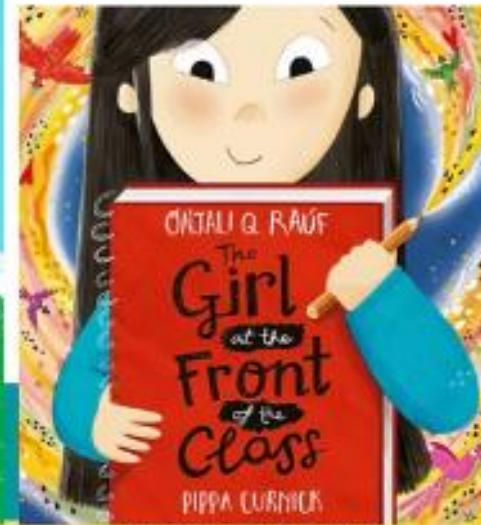
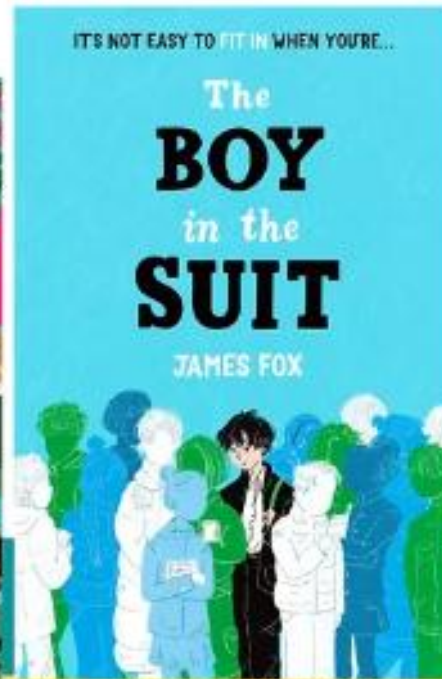
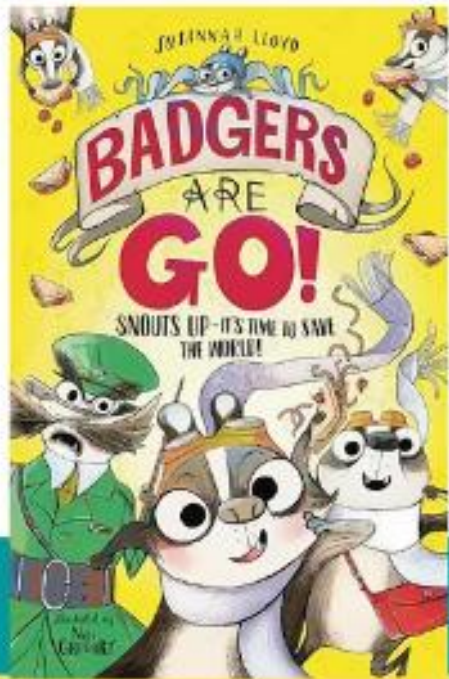


The Reader Teacher is a great website choc-a-block with all of the latest good reads for primary aged children.

I have included some recommended reads on the following pages.

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

Must Reads for 2025!!



#MonthlyMustReads

★ The Reader Teacher
Non-fiction Book of the Month ★

★ The Reader Teacher
Fiction Book of the Month ★

★ The Reader Teacher
Picture Book of the Month ★

Badgers Are Go!
by Susannah Lloyd
and illustrated by
Nici Gregory

**Eurek-HER! Stories
of Inspirational
Women in STEM**
by Frances Durkin and
illustrated by Nur Ventura

The Boy in the Suit
by James Fox

**The Girl at the
Front of the Class**
by Onjali Q. Rauf and
illustrated by Pippa Curnick

Turtle Moon
by Hannah Gold and
illustrated by Levi Pinfold

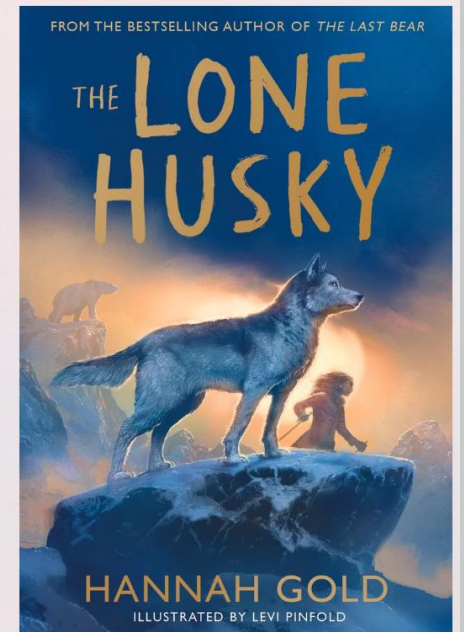
Author of the month!

Hannah lives in Lincolnshire with her tortoise and her husband and is passionate about writing stories which share her love of the planet. She is a proud ambassador for the Whale and Dolphin Conservation charity.

Her internationally bestselling debut, *THE LAST BEAR* won The Blue Peter Book Award & the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2022 and has been translated into 27 languages around the world.

THE LOST WHALE won the Edward Stanford Children's Travel Book of the Year. *FINDING BEAR* - a sequel to *THE LAST BEAR* - was a top five children's hardback bestseller and *TURTLE MOON*, is shortlisted for the FCBG Book Awards & The Week Junior Awards.

Hannah Gold



Book Reviews

If you have recently read a book and want to recommend it to others read on...

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