

Highwood Primary School Library Newsletter Easter 2025

Fiction

2-5 years

Bluey: Easter by

Bluey.



It's Easter and Bingo is worried the Easter bunny has forgotten about her and Bluey like last year. But when they wake up to a series of clues, Bluey and Bingo are led on an exciting Easter egg treasure hunt around the house!

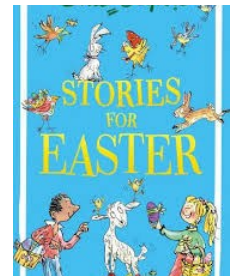
I wonder what they will find!

EYFS and Key Stage 1

Non-Fiction

6-8 years

Stories For Easter by Enid Blyton.



Go on Easter adventures to imagine the biggest chocolate egg ever, discover a lamb who took a ride in a pram and help a rabbit on a very windy day. All these and more in this springtime collection of short stories from Enid Blyton.

Picture Book

4-7 years

Peep Inside Springtime



There's so much happening in springtime! As the days get warmer, leaves grow and flowers pop up, and all the animals get busy. Peep under blossom, behind the meadow flowers and into the pond to find nests full of chicks, baby bunnies, wiggly tadpoles, and other animals bustling round in spring. This bright interactive book will absorb little children while discovering what goes on in this lovely season.

Storytime

These interactive story sessions are perfect for pre-school children to enjoy with their parent/carer

Join in with a mix of picture book stories & rhymes

Discover lots of new stories as well as old favourites like The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Gruffalo. Then choose your own books to borrow and share at home

Sessions are free (donations welcomed) and you don't have to book in advance

Type of event

Children's stories and rhymes

When

Every Tuesday at 11:00 - 11:30

Venue

North Watford Library

St Albans Road

Watford

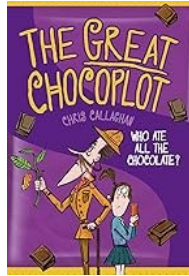
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Key Stage 2

Fiction 7-9 years

The Great Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan.



Jelly and her family live in Chompton-on-de-Lyte, where everyone loves a Chocablocka bar or two - so when the end of chocolate is announced, she can't believe it.

Determined to investigate, Jelly and her gran follow a trail of clues to a posh chocolate shop and its owner, the pompous Garibaldi Choccolati. Gari's suspiciously smug, despite his failing business and yucky chocolate.

Graphic Novels

The Awakening Storm: City of Dragons by Jaimal Yogis.

Grace and her friends must protect a newly hatched dragon from mysterious evildoers.

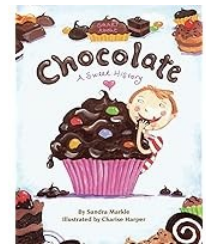
When Grace moves to Hong Kong with her mum and new stepdad, her biggest concern is making friends at her fancy new boarding school.

But when a mysterious old woman gifts her a dragon egg during a field trip, Grace discovers that the wonderful stories of dragons she heard when she was a young girl might actually be real - especially when the egg hatches overnight.



Non-Fiction

Smart About Chocolate: *Smart About History by* *Sandra Markle.*

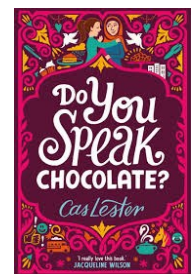


Our unique, kid-friendly

Smart About series continues with something for your sweet tooth! Smart About Chocolate is "chock-full" of fun facts about the history of chocolate, from the Mayans to Milton Hershey! Kids will learn how chocolate comes from beans of the rain forest's cacao trees and how candymakers in England and Switzerland first produced the chocolate we know and love today. Includes recipes and recommendations of classic books about chocolate.

Fiction 9-11 years

Do You Speak Chocolate? By Cas Lester.



'I just knew we were going to be friends.

Don't ask me to explain why.

I can't. But i just knew.'

Jaz has found the best way to make friends with new girl Nadima, who doesn't speak any English - by offering her a chocolate bar. Nadima grins and offers back some Turkish Delight, the ice is broken, and a special friendship begins ...

Jaz is outgoing, rebellious, gumptious and a little bit bolshy - but it doesn't stop her from finding it hard that she doesn't have a best friend at school any more. Not since Lily went off with Kara ... She's not one to get down about things, though - and things start to look up when Nadima comes into their classroom.

Author



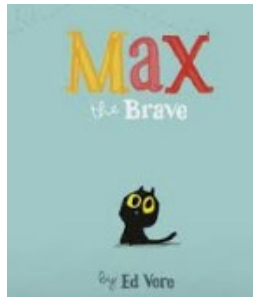
Ed Vere

Ed Vere is an award winning and New York Times bestselling writer & illustrator of picture books. He is a patron at CLPE and is the artist in residence at the Born Free Foundation.

His latest book 'the artist' is a joyful book about a young artist... for all young artists. Aiming to give creative confidence to young artists everywhere... celebrating what it means to be an artist. Knowing that mistakes are a part of making art... and that the world is a joyful, beautiful place, full of wonders. It has been chosen as one of Amazon's best children's books of 2023.

'How to be a Lion' is the winner of Oscar's Book Prize 2019. It was also selected as one of Amazon.com's best books of 2018 as well as being an NPR great choice for 2018. It is an EB White Read Aloud Honor Book.

'Max the Brave' is a New York Times bestseller and was named one of The Sunday Times's '100 Modern Children's Classics'. It is published in over 15 languages and was followed by 'Max at Night' and 'Max & Bird'.



Information and images taken from Amazon, The Book Trust, Britannica Kids, Poetry4Kids and Google search.

We hope you find the Newsletter informative. Keep Reading and sharing brilliant literature.

Mrs Keith, Reading Subject Lead.

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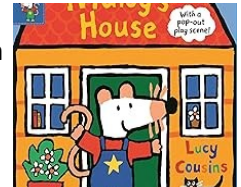


Elizabeth "Lucy" Cousins (born 1964)^[1] is a British author and illustrator of children's books.

She is best known for her books featuring Maisy Mouse, referred to as the *Maisy Series* published from the 1990s onwards, from which the TV series *Maisy* was created in

1999. A new animated adaptation *My Friend*

Maisy is currently in the works and will be released in 2025.



Poet

Joseph Coelho



Joseph Coelho is a London-born poet and children's author. His poems have been published in several anthologies including Green Glass

Beads. Joseph has been a guest poet on CBeebies 'Rhyme Rocket' where he was beamed up from 'The Rhyme Rock' to perform his Bug Poem and has featured alongside Michael Rosen and Valerie Bloom on Radio 4's Poetry Playtime. His debut children's collection, *Werewolf Club Rules*, was the winner of the 2015 CLPE CLIPPA Poetry Award. He has a collection for older readers, *Overheard In A Tower Block*. He features in 'Teach Poetry' a 10 part BBC online series that aims to make the writing of poetry fun and accessible to all. In addition to poetry, Joseph also writes picture books like the heart-rending *If All The World Were...*

Hertfordshire Libraries

Remember to sign up to your local library in North Watford, Watford or Bushey. It is free to join and to can enjoy new books, e-books and audiobooks as well as some great reading events.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/libraries-and-archives.aspx>

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