

The Bookshelf

July 2025



St Lawrence's Reading Newsletter!



Hello Summer!



Welcome to our last edition of 'The Bookshelf' this year! What an amazing year it has been at St Lawrence's, with so many brilliant opportunities for our children to LOVE reading! Looking back, there have been authors, World Book Day, exciting English lessons and much love of reading all through the school. In this edition of our reading newsletter, find out more about all the things that have been happening this term, as well as some exciting opportunities for you at home this summer!

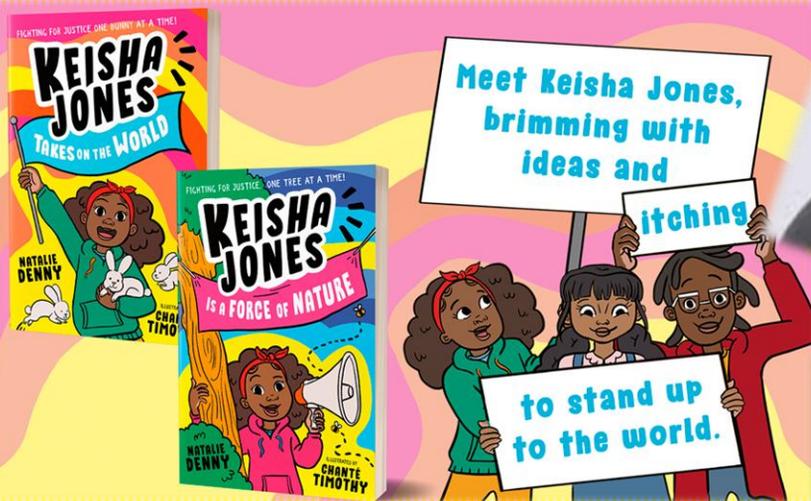


Author Events Summer Term!

We have been so lucky to be able to take part in live events with these authors. Why not try one of their books!



Year 3 and 4 loved meeting Natalie Denny—an awesome author and activist who's proud to be d/Deaf! She created the exciting ***Keisha Jones*** book series. Natalie filled these stories with fun adventures, strong characters, and big messages about being brave and standing up for what's right.

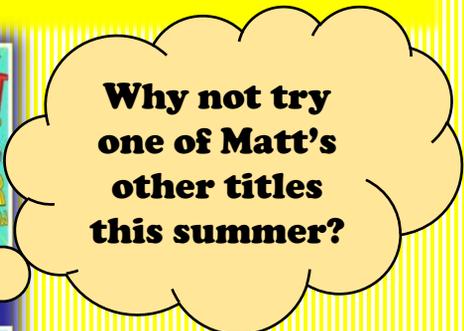
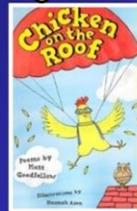
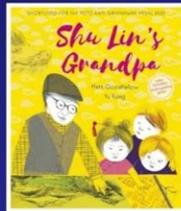
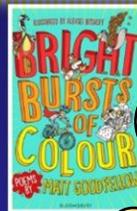
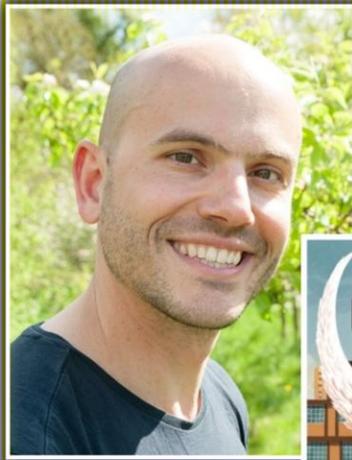


Thank you Book Trust for this event!

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Author Events Continued...

Years 5 and 6 took a well-earned break from rehearsing their show to meet with Matt Goodfellow. Matt visited us in person last year, but this year, thanks to the brilliant National Literacy Trust charity we had another chance to meet him! This year, Matt's focus was on his new book *'The First Year'*. This is the sequel to *'The Final Year'* which all loved so much. These are great summer reads for Year 5 and Year 6 as they transition to their own final and first years.



Thank you to the National Literacy Trust for this event!



Change your story

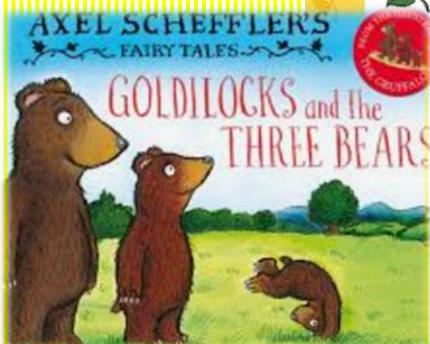
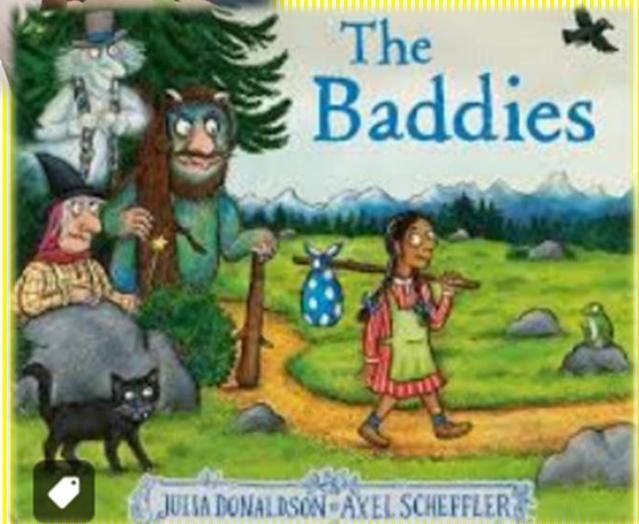
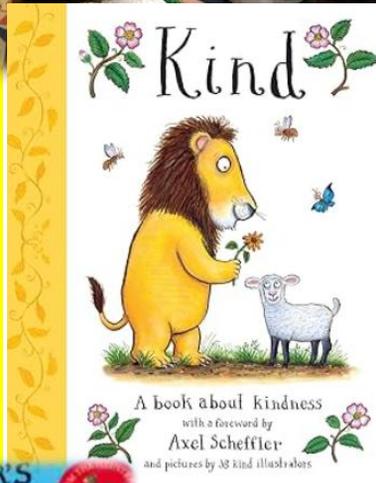


Author Events Continued...

Year 1 and 2 were lucky enough to attend a virtual author event with the incredible Axel Scheffler and Alison Green. The children were all very excited to see Axel in particular, illustrator of 'The Gruffalo' and many, many fantastic books. Alison introduced us to her beautiful book 'Welcome'. This is a collection of lovely messages about kindness and welcoming others. Everyone loved it!



Why not try one of these brilliant books too!



Every Teacher is a Reader

An interview with Miss Foster by Year 1.

What's your favourite story?

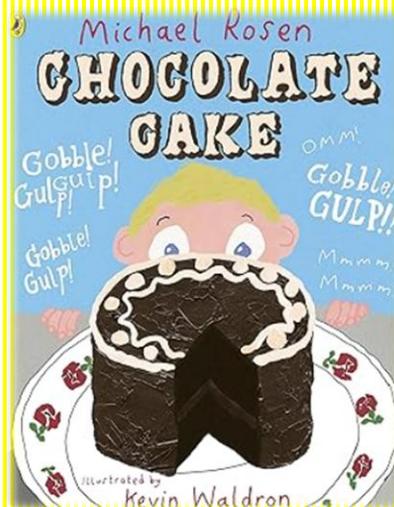
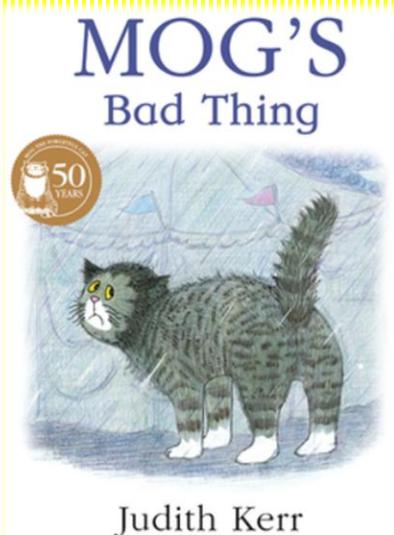
"There are so many stories that I love! I don't know what to choose. I think my favourite stories are possibly the Mog stories by Judith Kerr. She also wrote 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' which is amazing!"

Why?

"I love the character Mog. She reminds me of my own cats with how cheeky and mischievous she is! I especially love the story 'Mog's Bad Think', it is so funny!"

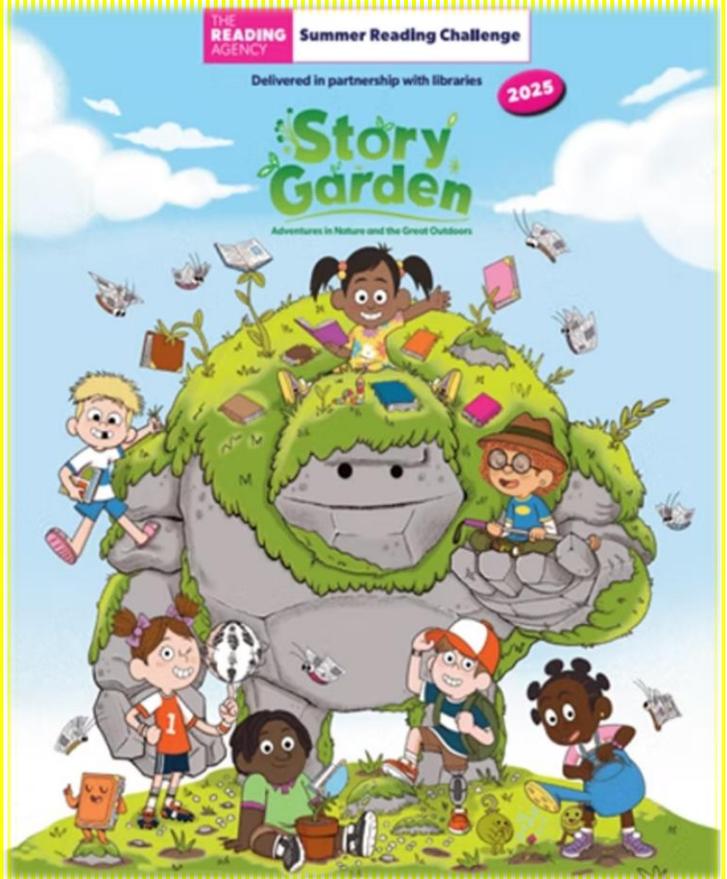
Who is your favourite author?

"I love Michael Rosen! He is an author and a poet. His poems are very funny and I could read 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' over and over again!"





We were really excited to welcome Michael, from Southam Library into school. Michael shared so many stories, really bringing books to life for the whole school. It was great fun! He helped us to promote the Summer Reading Challenge this year. He will be returning in September for a Friday assembly to help us recognise all those who take part. Hopefully he will be able to award medals and certificates too! It would be wonderful to see the children getting involved in this during the holidays.



What's on?

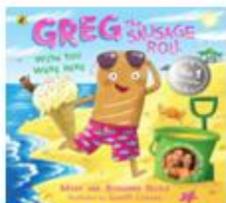
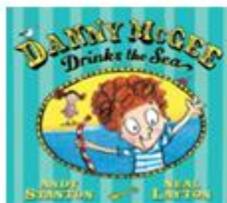
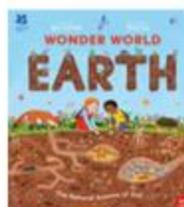
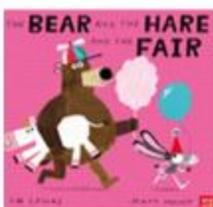
Visit your local library to take part in some of the brilliant children's activities and workshops they offer over the summer! You can also sign up for the Summer reading Challenge here too!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/southam-library-information-centre-71494300233>

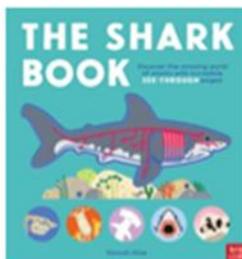
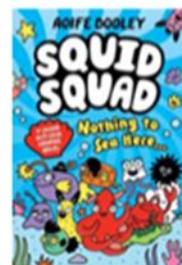


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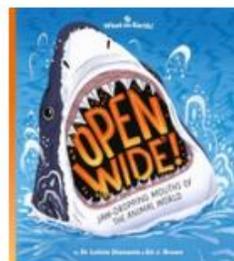
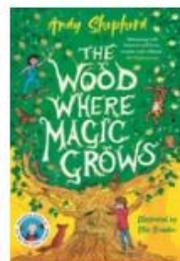
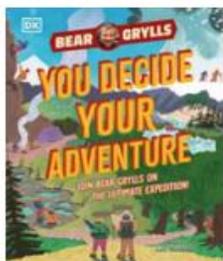
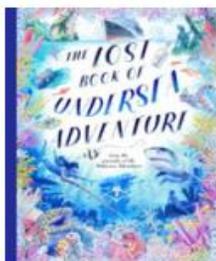
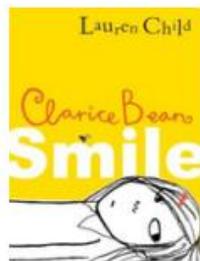
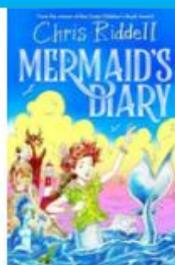
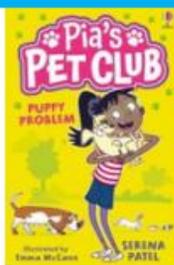
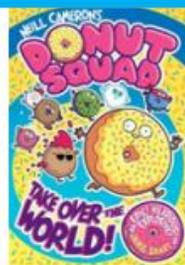
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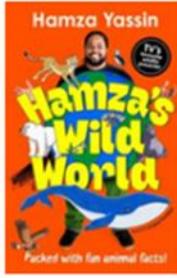
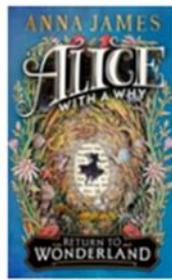
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Supporting your child at home...

Reading at home is so important. Children are never too old to read aloud to you, or to be read to! We have also sent home this amazing Reading Carnival for you to download and use at home over the summer.



Did you know...?

The amazing team at *World Book Day* don't just plan for one day of the year, they support children's reading all year round! Follow the link below to access loads of ideas for reading fun and competitions over the summer holidays!

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<https://www.worldbookday.com/2025/07/schools-out-so-lets-read-your-way-this-summer/>

READ YOUR WAY this summer



Reading Gallery

Just a snap shot of some of the wonderful reading opportunities children have taken part of in school!



