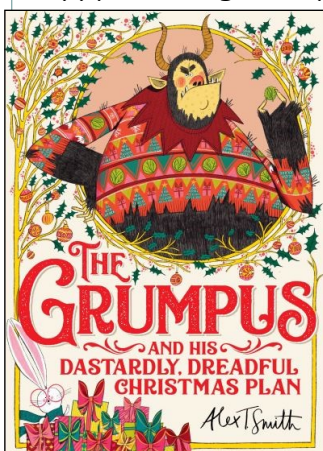




# Reading Newsletter Christmas Special.

Welcome to a Christmas edition of the Reading Newsletter—with a Santa's Sack full of Christmas reading recommendations to share with you. Will you be asking Santa for a special book this year? On my Christmas list is the new Aveline Jones story by Phil Hickes- **The Vanishing of Aveline Jones**. I have enjoyed the previous two books so I am sure this one will be just as good. Happy Reading Everyone.

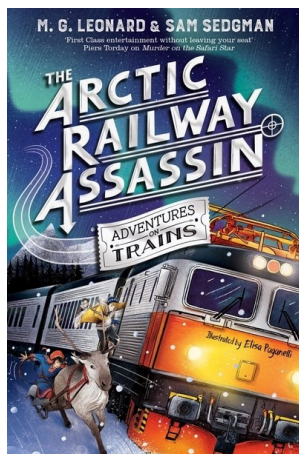


Have you heard of the Grampus? Have you heard about his dastardly, dreadful Christmas plan? And about the awful thing that happened at the North Pole on Christmas Eve? This heart-warming story follows the adventures of an unlikely hero as he journeys to the North Pole, unwittingly and somewhat reluctantly making lots of new friends along the way. If you love The Grinch, you will love The Grampus too!

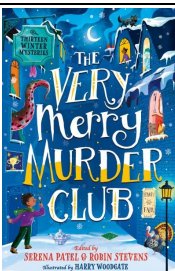
**The Grampus and his Dastardly Dreadful Christmas Plan by Alex Smith.**

**The Arctic Railway Assassin by M G Leonard and Sam Sedgman.**

Harrison Beck and Uncle Nat climb aboard the night train to Narvik, travelling to the Arctic Circle to see the northern lights for Christmas. Journeying into the never ending night of the arctic winter, our railway detectives must outsmart an assassin in their most chilling adventure yet, in which nothing is as it seems.



**50 Things to Try in Winter- Kim Hankinson**  
Set the mood for Christmas and the festive season by diving into the fun of winter. Puzzles, crafts and Winter activities.



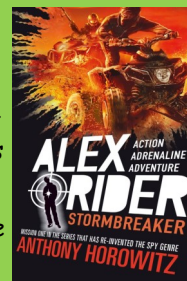
**A collection of stories -The Very Merry Murder Club** as they lead you on a snow-covered wintery journey of Christmassy crimes, festive foul play and murderously

Did you know that Tiny Tim was not the original name for the little boy in the famous Charles Dickens' story 'A Christmas Carol'? Originally he was going to be called 'Little Fred', possibly after one of Dickens's brothers., called Frederick. Dickens wrote A Christmas Carol in just six weeks!

## My Book Choices By Mr Parker

**What was your favourite book to read as a child?**

Growing up, I was not a big fan of reading at all and would rarely finish a book as I would easily get bored! I needed characters who were completely captivating and would make me feel like I was in the story. I can remember Newport Library visited me in my Year 6 class and asked me: "Do you like Spies? James Bond? Do you want the character to save the world? Then this is the book for you!" I remember the excitement and hearing the title- Stormbreaker! By Anthony Horowitz. It is the definition for a real page turner and something not too challenging to read. I HIGHLY recommend to anyone in Year 4 and up!



**What was the best book you ever had as a gift?**

Danger Gang. I received this as a Christmas present a couple of years ago from Mrs Yates and I have shared this with each of my classes since. The classes have always been engaged in the text, especially since such FREAKY things happen in the story... also happen to us in the class!

**Who is your favourite book character and why?**

My favourite book character is Tom Bombadil from Lord of the Rings. The description of 'the white chalky path turned into a little river of milk and go bubbling away down into the valley' has always stuck with me!

**What book would you like Santa to get for you this year?**

I have ordered 'Allies'. Allies is a work of historical fiction that takes place during World War II. The story pieces together the perspectives of several characters: a young soldier, a paratrooper, a spy and others—to tell the story of the D-Day invasion. The characters come from different parts of the



world, but they all play an important role in the invasion and must try their best to succeed. The characters are extremely realistic, and readers will see themselves reflected in them.



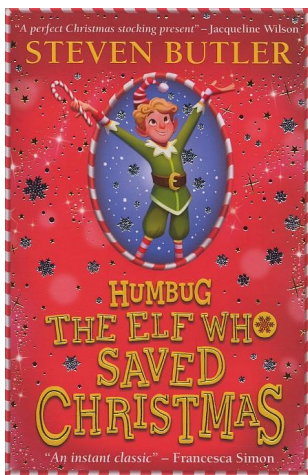
**Murder at Snowfall** by Fleur Hitchcock is a gripping winter mystery that will send a chill down your spine! It is one of those books you will struggle to put down as you get drawn further into this thrilling mystery! Highly recommended

If you enjoy this book, check out other fantastic reads by the same author. Murder in Midwinter and Murder at Twilight are in the same style. Her series of Clifftopper Books may remind you of the Famous Five!

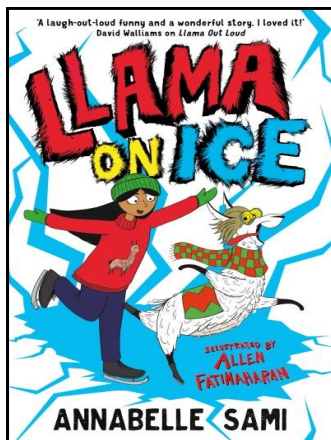


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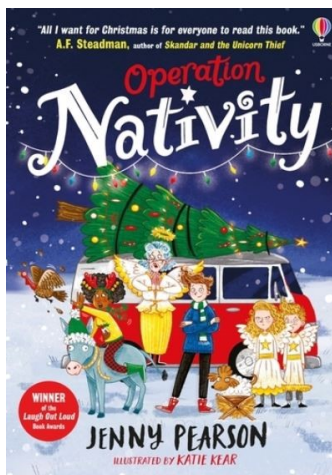


**Humbug- The Elf who saved Christmas** by Steven Butler is the funny tale of the elf family who run Santa's RPD unit—that is the Reindeer Poo Disposal Unit! A vital part of Santa's' Christmas operations!

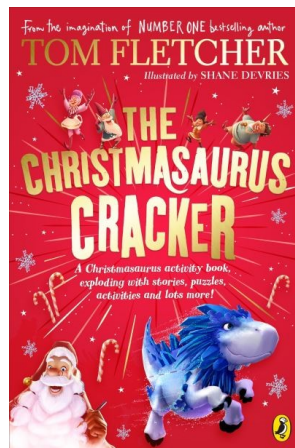


**Llama on Ice** by Annabelle Sami.

It's the Christmas holidays and Yasmin is feeling miserable. Agent Yasmin is horrified when she gets sent a solo mission - to give Tia, her biggest enemy, the best Christmas ever!



**Operation Nativity** by Jenny Pearson. Olly and Molly go outside to investigate a crash in the night not expecting to find the Angel Gabriel dazed and confused. Can they help and save Christmas? A book that will make you chuckle.

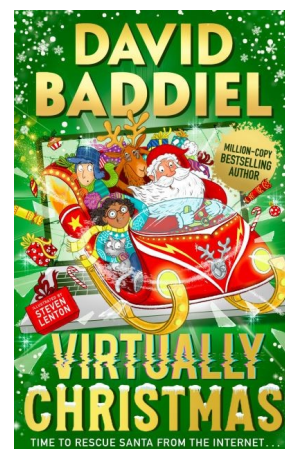


**The Christmasaurus Cracker** by Tom Fletcher

A fun filled collection of puzzles, games, festive activities and stories.

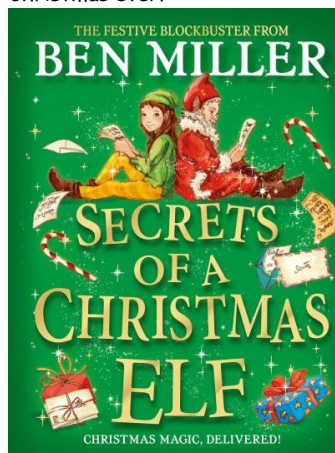


**The Christmas Carrolls** by Mel Taylor Bessent. Holly Carroll discovers that not everyone around her loves Christmas like she does. A heart-warming tale about the power of spreading Christmas cheer!



**Virtually Christmas** by David Baddiel.

An organisation run by robots and Zone Drones threatens to overtake Christmas and turn it into Winterzone! All the fun parts of Christmas have gone. Can best friends, Etta and Monty find the real Santa and save Christmas?



**The Secrets of a Christmas Elf** by Ben Miller

If you are a fan of Ben Miller books then I am sure you will love his latest festive offering. Last time he brought you the Diary of a Christmas Elf, this time it is all about how Tog and Holly, the elves, manage to rescue Santa, who has been kidnapped. Can they save him in time? A magical adventure story.

# CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE

## THE 12 CHALLENGES OF CHRISTMAS

- Read a Christmas themed book
- Have a whole family bedtime story
- Create a puppet show of a book
- Read a story by the Christmas tree
- Read a book that is older than you
- Build a den and share a story in it
- Read a story about an animal
- Read a book about kindness
- Share a story with someone over Zoom
- Draw a picture from your favourite book
- Share a poem with someone
- Read a book that makes you laugh

TIS THE SEASON TO GET READING!



Thank you for reading!!  
Mr Rotherham.

