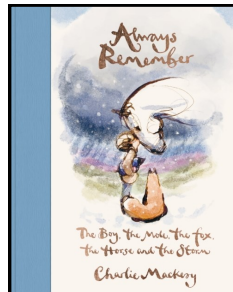




Reading Newsletter.

Dear Father Christmas, I have been good all year, honest! So I would love a copy of **Always Remember: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, the Horse and the Storm!** The sequel to that wonderful book by **Charlie Mackesy** involving the same characters. The illustrations by the author are just as captivating and the words just as moving as the original. I'm sure I will enjoy it just as much!

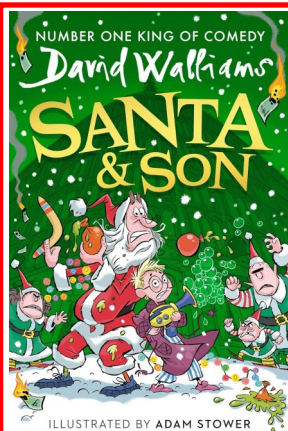


I hope you enjoy this Christmas edition of our Reading Newsletter, full of books with a festive feel. I'm looking forward to **2026** already as it has been announced by the Government as the **National Year of Reading!** We love reading at NJS and we will be marking this throughout the year ahead.

Charlie and the Christmas Factory. A fun collection of short stories involving some of Roald Dahl's most loved characters. Why is Matilda worried about being on the naughty list?

What happens when years after the creation of his original marvellous medicine George's granddaughter Gigi decides to make her own potion?

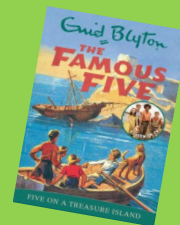
How does Charlie plan to celebrate Christmas at the chocolate factory? All these stories and many more for you to enjoy in this bumper book. Well known authors, like Greg James, add their own twist to these classic characters, all with a Christmas flavour of course!



It's the night of Christmas Eve. In the most famous toy shop in the world, a robbery is underway. The shop's Santa and his son are locked inside with the baddies. Can our heroes stop them using just the toys in the shop as weapons? Pogo sticks! Bouncy balls! Remote-controlled helicopters! Bubble guns! Slime! Slinkies! Stink bombs! **Santa & Son** is a hilarious action adventure, and sure to become a Christmas classic. **David Walliams** has released this book just in time to tickle your Christmas Chuckle muscles. His first Christmas themed story will keep you smiling through the holidays!

My Book Choices by Mrs Porteous

My favourite books to read as a child were The Famous Five collection by Enid Blyton. My favourite being Five on a Treasure Island.



My favourite book character is Miss Honey from Roald Dahl's Matilda. I always wanted to be like her when I was younger, which was why I became a



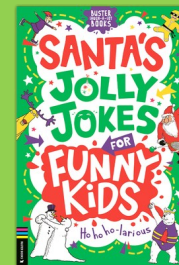
teacher. I love how she is so kind to everyone despite what she is going through. I think we all need a Miss Honey in our lives.

The best book I have had for Christmas was the Beatrix Potter- The Complete Tales. I just love the illustrations and the smell of a new unopened book.!

This year I have a huge list of books I would like Santa to bring me; I'm into crime thrillers at the moment and would love to receive any of Colleen Hoover's books. Also I would love to receive The Seaside Sleepover by Jaqueline Wilson.



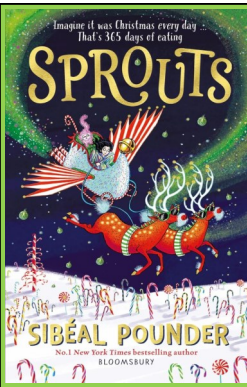
Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas? Santa Jaws. What do you call an elf who has just won the lottery? Welfy. How does Rudolph know when Christmas is coming? He looks at his Calen-deer. All these and many more bad ones to make you groan in **Santa's Jolly Jokes for Funny Kids**. I think they are perfect for a Christmas Cracker.. What is the sneakiest snack in the bakery? A mince spie!



Can you tell who the Christmas stockings belong to just by looking at the clues? What book do these characters appear in?



1. The Cat in the Hat
2. Harry Potter
3. Peter Pan
4. Winnie-the-Pooh



Sprouts by Sibeal Pounder is a super-fun choice of Christmas story for KS2 readers who love a madcap adventure. With its fast-paced plot, quirky characters and imaginative premise, Sprouts is sure to be a

Christmas hit if humour and light-hearted action are what you are looking for. If you've ever wondered what it would be like to have Christmas 365 days a year, enter the world of Carols and Krampuses with Gryla, a witch who has been given great responsibility, and find out.

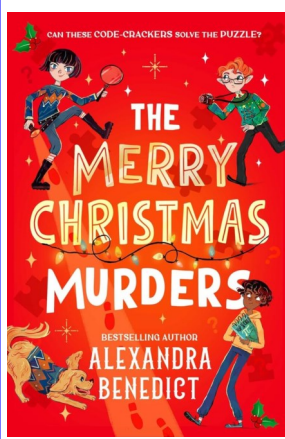
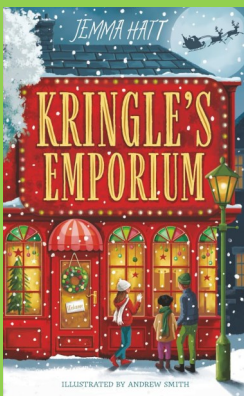
The Snowman Code by Simon Stephenson is the story of Blessing, aged ten-and-a-half, and Albert Framlington, aged six hundred - an eccentric snowman who has seen many winters in many cities, and who is duty-bound by the Snowman Code to help any child in need. A beautifully-written, funny and moving tale of friendship and bravery.



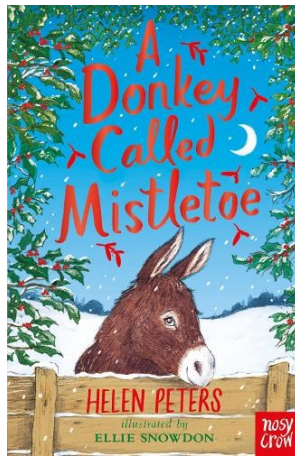
I Follow the Fox by Rob Biddulph is a wonderful picture book, beautifully illustrated. From bestselling author Rob Biddulph comes a magical tale about a boy, his teddy and a very special winter adventure. An emotive story, a seasonal wonder.



Kringle's Emporium by Jemma Hatt. Step into a world of hidden wonders in this strange shop of curiosities which is Kris Kringle's hiding place! Discover with Ben and Laney that magic and courage can be found in the most unusual places.



Every year, six local schools compete to win the Christmas Cup. Last year, the rival school to Brooke Parkin's school won for the most crackers pulled in a minute! This year, the cup will be judged and awarded to the school with the perfect mince pie. But when a series of murders seemed to be linked to the very mince pies; five neuro-divergent children must turn detective and combine their skill sets to find the killer. Can they prevent another death and save their out-of-school club from being shut down forever? A great Crime-busting caper.



A Donkey called Mistletoe is perfect early reader by **Helen Peters**. Helen Peters grew up on an old-fashioned farm in Sussex, surrounded by family, animals and mud. She spent most of her childhood reading stories and putting on plays in a tumbledown shed. This animal themed tale is matched by these two books; **A Puppy called Sparkle** and **A Reindeer called Joy**. Perfect for fans of Dick King-Smith



When Masen, Conor and Joss wake up in the caravan on Christmas morning, a chill of unease fills the air. Their presents sit untouched in the house across the way, but their parents are nowhere to be found. Outside, a blizzard rages.

Families don't just vanish on Christmas Day.

Something is very wrong - but what? An eerie mysterious Christmas thriller to keep you guessing. **Silent Night by Emma Read** is a perfect spooky story for those dark winter nights. Highly Recommended for older readers.



How many of these Christmas Characters can you name? Who is the author who created all these characters?



Wishing everyone at Newport Junior School a very Happy Christmas.

Miss Trunchbull / The BFG / Matilda / Charlie Bucket / Fantastic Mr Fox /

Willie Wonka / Mr Twit / Roald Dahl