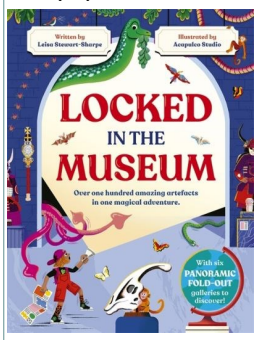
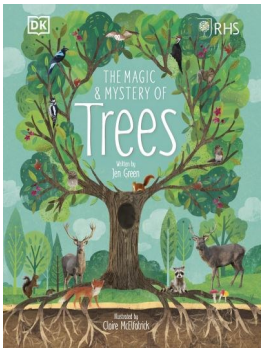
Spring 2026

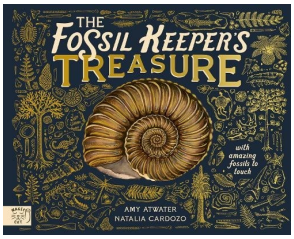
Reading Newsletter.

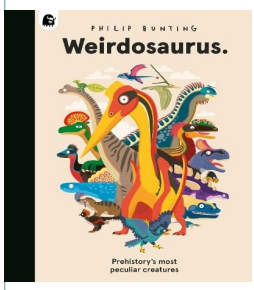
Book Week was such a celebration of our love of reading at NJS. Children were able to share favourite books and authors and in school we talked about how reading can be a hobby to be enjoyed by all of us. Reading is a Pleasure. Reading is fun! There is a non-fiction theme to this newsletter, with some really great books to help you 'Go all in' to a subject that interests you!



Locked in the Museum by Louise Stewart Sharp is a great idea for a book! Imagine the amazing things you could explore and discover in this book. For one night only, the world's oldest, rarest and most fascinating items can all be found under one roof! What will you learn, and who from the past will you meet, while locked in the museum? **The Magic and Mystery of Trees by Jen Green** is a beautifully illustrated book. Come into the forest and discover the secret world of trees. Do you know they send underground messages? Have you heard how they take care of their families? A tree is much more than it seems. **The Fossil Keeper's Treasure** by **Amy Atwater.** Fascinated by fossils? Then this book is for you! learn how fossils are as precious as gold - because of what they tell us about the past. Uncovering key dinosaur, plant and human fossils, with embossed fossils to touch on every page, this interactive book is a keepsake for the whole family to treasure.







For anyone who wants to 'Go all in' and learn more about dinosaurs, this book– **Weirdosaurus** by **Philip Bunting** could be what you are looking for. This book is bursting with the strangest, silliest and downright weirdest dinosaurs that ever stomped the Earth. From frilly heads to feathery tails, toothy grins to enormous claws, every creature inside is wonderfully odd in its own way.

Whatever you are into, don't forget the amazing collection of non-fiction books we have in our school library. Birds, Cars, the Romans, Flags or Football– there is a book to interest you!

Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026

GO ALL IN.

My Book Choices
by Miss Whitehouse

What was your favourite book when you were a child?

Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian which I read while attending NJS.

The story is about a little boy called William Beech, who has had a troubled childhood. He is evacuated from London during World War 2, and sent to a little quiet village in the countryside, to live with a widower called Tom Oakley. At first William is shy, quiet and withdrawn, over time Tom shows Will kindness, patience, care and Will begins to thrive.

Who was your favourite character and why?

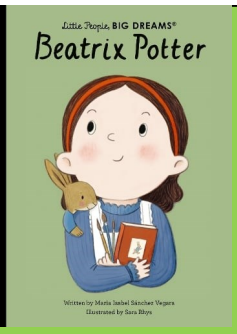
Tom is my favourite character because he creates a safe space for Will help find himself with all the troubles he's had. But I also think Tom needed Will as much as Will needed him and that softens Tom.

If you could only keep a copy of one children's book which one would it be? A copy of Goodnight Mr Tom.

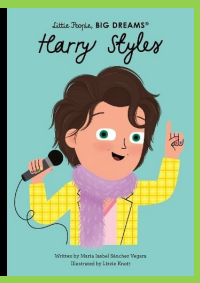
Is there a book you wanted to read but never got around to reading?

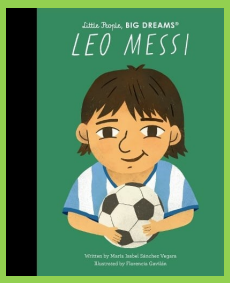
Keeping in theme with World War 2, it would probably be the Diary of a young girl by Anne Frank.

Are you a keen **Gardener?** These two books would be a perfect way to help you get growing!



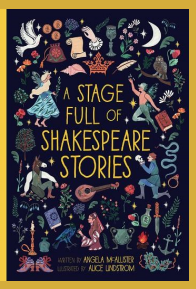
Little People, Big Dreams are a very popular set of books covering the lives of some amazing and inspirational people. This new title is about **Beatrix Potter**. She is the author of Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddleduck





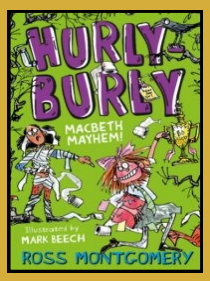
stories. Here are two new titles in the series– **Harry Styles** and **Leo Messi**.

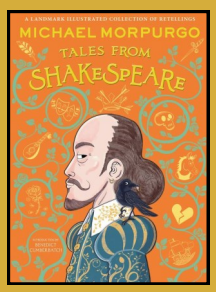
Three books for Shakespeare Week!



A Stage full of Shakespeare Stories by Angela McAllister

Michael Morpurgo's Tales from Shakespeare





Hurly Burley– Macbeth Mayhem by Ross Montgomery.

There are some great copies of Shakespeare plays in our library, why not check them out?

Can you fill in the missing word from the title of these Shakespeare Plays?

A Midsummer Night's _____

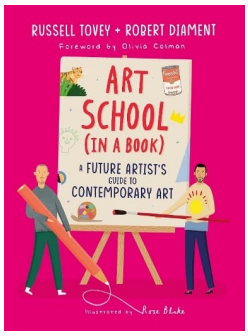
_____ and Juliet

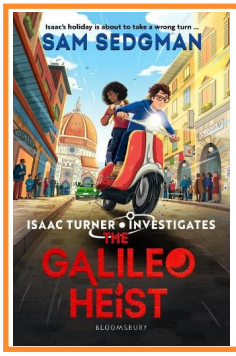
Twelfth _____

Which play does this line come from?

"Double, double toil and trouble. Fire burn, and cauldron bubble"

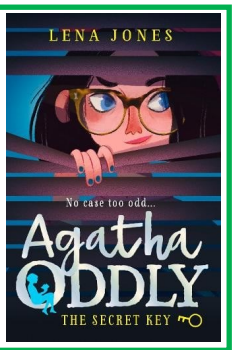
This is one that I know Mrs Jukes would just love! **Art School by Russell Tovey and Robert Diament** will help you learn to appreciate some wonderful contemporary art and artists. Let Russell and Robert guide you and you will also discover the artist within you, with tips on new ways of seeing and reacting to the world around you and guidance on how you can develop your own creativity. If you love art– this is the perfect book for you.

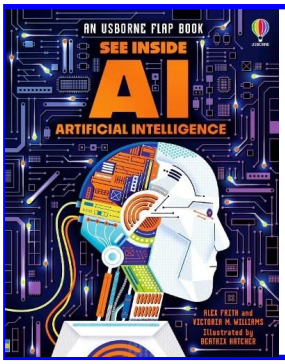




The Galileo Heist by Sam Sedgman is the third adventure in the Isaac Turner Investigates series sees Isaac's summer in Italy go horribly wrong when he becomes embroiled in a heist to clear his grandfather's name. Can Isaac shine a light on the truth in time? An ingenious mystery full of fascinating facts. Sedgman has cracked the code for an absolute triumph of a book. This is a brilliant series of books and well worth checking out!

Meet Agatha Oddly – a bold, determined heroine, and the star of **Agatha Oddly and the Secret Key by Lena Jones.** Agatha Oddly has been a detective for as long as she can remember – she's just been waiting for her first big case. And nothing gets bigger than saving the City of London from some strange goings-on. "Charming Mystery set in Modern London" A perfect story any budding detectives out there. Agatha could be your next inspiration.





See Inside AI by Alex Frith

Plug in to the often mind-blowing world of artificial intelligence. How can a machine write a story? Are computers now cleverer than people? Could a robot do your shopping? Discover all the things that artificial intelligence can already do (and the things it can't). Packed full of flaps to lift and investigate - Explore the opportunities and risks that AI could bring!

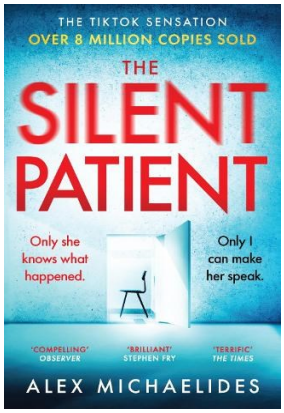
Answers—Dream / Romeo / Night / Macbeth

The NJS Big Person Book Club!

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides is this half term's recommendation for grown ups.

Recommendd by Mrs Ollerenshaw. She said it was a great read, a real page turner!

It is an intense psychological thriller that keeps readers at the edge of their seats from beginning to end.

This is his debut novel.

A mind-blowing, to-die for twist for an ending!