

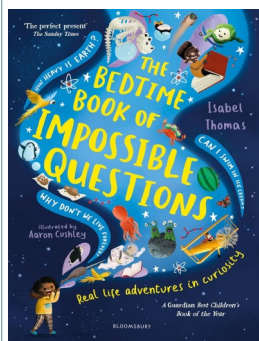


Summer 2026

Reading Newsletter.

National Year of Reading – Summer Special Edition

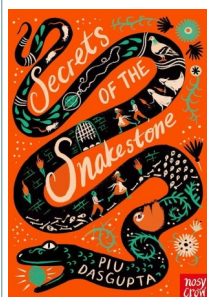
2026 continues to be a brilliant year for books at NJS! This summer edition brings you some brand new releases, author highlights, a fun quiz, and a Summer Reading Adventure Challenge. Let's make this the summer we read everywhere!



The Bedtime Book of Impossible Questions by Isabel Thomas Why does rain smell rainy? How do cats squeeze into the smallest of boxes? Why do we need two ears? If you often think of puzzling questions like these, then this could be the book for you! A book to stimulate those scientific thinkers and those with curious minds!

and a bear meet, become friends and have the adventure of their lives! Set in Sri Lanka, like her other fantastic books, The Girl who Stole an Elephant and The boy who met a Whale. Highly recommended series of books.

The Boy Who Saved a Bear by Nizrana Farook is a short, fast paced page turner, where a boy

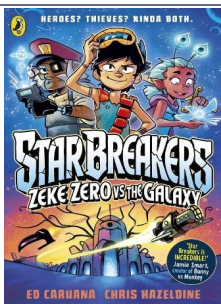


Secrets of the Snakestone by Piu DasGupta is a book full of excitement, danger, a complex plot and evocative descriptions that will keep a range of readers captivated from the first page to the last. It is a brilliant mystery and keeps the reader guessing to the end. Fast paced and action packed.

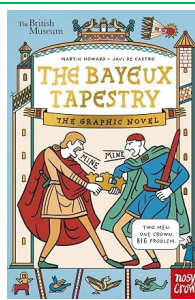


Harry Kane—England star scorer and captain is also the star of this Little People Big Dreams book. Always a great way to learn about someone's life. Love this series of books!

Star Breakers. Zeke Zero vs the Galaxy by Ed Caruana is a sci-fi adventure about a crew of treasure-hungry Star Breakers on an accidental quest to save the universe.



Learn all about the **Bayeux Tapestry** as it visits the UK for the first time. The amazing story of William the Conqueror's defeat of King Harold at the Battle of Hastings. For history fans!



My Book Choices by Mrs Humphries

It is great to include responses from Mrs Humphries, who, having taught at NJS for 17 years, is now retiring. Plenty of free time now to enjoy a good book!

My favourite books when I was a child were the Famous Five books by Enid Blyton.

I enjoyed them because the children went on adventures and solved mysteries. They were very independent and seemed to solve the mysteries without any adult help! My favourite Famous Five book was Five On A Treasure Island where they discovered a shipwreck and had to outwit villains to find the hidden gold.

My favourite book character in Famous Five was Julian. He was the oldest and was the leader of the group. He showed a very caring, responsible and kind side, being very protective of Anne and George.

If I could only keep one book it would be a cooking book that used to be my mum's called Exciting Cooking. It is a very old book (printed in 1959) and the pages have turned brown over the years. It has been very well-used by me and my mum. I have lots of special memories of baking with my mum when I was a child.

Over the summer I am looking forward to reading the Promise Falls Trilogy by Linwood Barclay. I have read quite a few of his books and I know once I start reading his books I won't be able to put them down! He ends every chapter with a cliffhanger so you have to keep reading. His books are crime thrillers, very fast-paced with lots of twists and turns.

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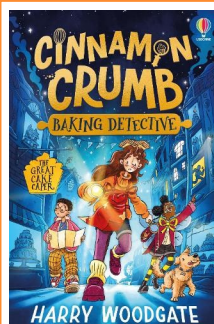
Summer Book Quiz -

Can you solve the missing words from the book titles?

1. The _____ robot on the island.
2. _____ Room- Game Zero.
3. The Hunt for the _____ Scarab.
4. The girl who stole an _____.
5. The Midnight _____.
6. The boy at the back of the _____.
7. The 52 Storey _____.
8. Tom's Midnight _____.
9. Pig _____ Boy.
10. Please, Mr _____

Local Author Feature - Lynne Sherry

Do you remember author Lynne Sherry visiting us during Book Week? Well, she is back with further adventures of her dog Skye. **Skye's Wild Camping Adventure!** Filled with charming characters, gentle humour, and beautiful outdoor settings, Skye's Camping Adventure is a delightful picture book that encourages curiosity, courage, and the joy of sharing adventures with loved ones.



A Baking Detective! Here is an exciting twist on the crime solving stories. **Cinnamon Crumb- Baking Detective** by Harry Woodgate. When rival bakers Victoria Sponge and Madeleine Macaroon cook up wicked ways to win the Great Cake Carnival, it's time for local girl Cinnamon Crumb to turn detective. So come and grab a taste of Harry Woodgate's yummy new book and roll up your sleeves for a delicious baking adventure.

Summer Reading Challenge!

As you complete each challenge you can colour the picture in!

Newport Library will be holding its usual Summer Reading Challenge. Details can be found here.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Read to the Beat is based on books about music, musicians and sounds! Have Summer Reading Fun.

The LITERACY SHED

BIG HOLIDAY READ!

Sit in the shade on a sunny day and read a book.

Read a book in your PJs.

Visit the library and choose a book to read.

Read a book by an author you haven't read before.

Read a book that is older than you.

Read a book newly published this year.

Read a page from a book to an animal.

Re-read your favourite book.

Build a den and read a book inside.

Read a book which features a mode of transport.

Read a picture book.

Read a book with an animal in it.

Read a book which has been turned into a film.

Ask someone you love to recommend a book.

Read a book by torchlight in the dark.

Read a book with a different setting to where you live.

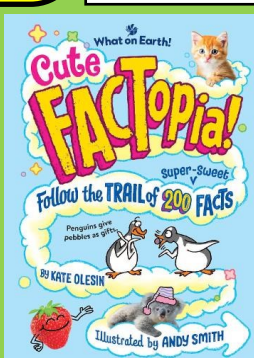
Read a book by an author from another country.

HOW MANY CHALLENGES CAN YOU DO?

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Factopia— A

bumper edition full of the cutest facts ever! Meet a pygmy hippo called Moo Deng whose ears wiggle when she sleeps and encounter the world's tiniest teddy bear. You'll learn that elephants dance in the rain and babies hiccup inside the womb!



The NJS Big Person Book Club!

Anything by **Harlan Coban** is a real page turner. If you love to watch the Netflix series then why not give one of his thrillers a go a summer read! His latest offering is written in partnership with actress Reese Witherspoon— **Gone Before Goodbye**. Set amidst the opulent but shadowy world of the global ultra elite, this gripping suspense thriller finds an ex-army combat surgeon agreeing to deliver unusual medical assistance to one of the world's most mysterious men. Savvy, smart and totally suspenseful -- a thriller combo to relish. Great Summer Read

