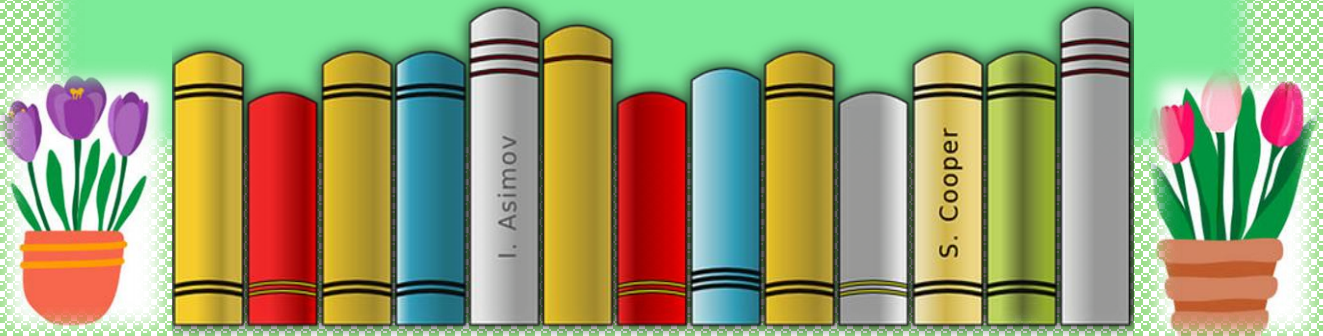


# The Bookshelf

March 2026



## St Lawrence's Reading Newsletter!

### Hello Spring!

**This term has been full of excitement and enthusiasm for reading across the school. We had great fun celebrating World Book Day, with our creative “potato character” competition bringing favourite book characters to life in wonderfully imaginative ways! The children were also inspired by visits from talented authors and even a poet!**

**Their visits were inspirational with each one sharing their stories, ideas, and love of words, sparking creativity and curiosity in every year group. It has been fantastic to see children so engaged with books, developing their reading skills and discovering new stories they love.**

**‘ Today a  
reader,  
tomorrow a  
leader. ’**

*Margaret Fuller*



# Exciting Reading Events This Term!



**Davina  
Tijani!**

Years 3 and 4 loved meeting Davina Tijani this term! It was brilliant to hear about her journey into writing and her inspiration! The questions asked so many children and she was very impressed! We have loved discovering her Yomi series of books.



Why not try one of Davina Tijani's books this Easter?

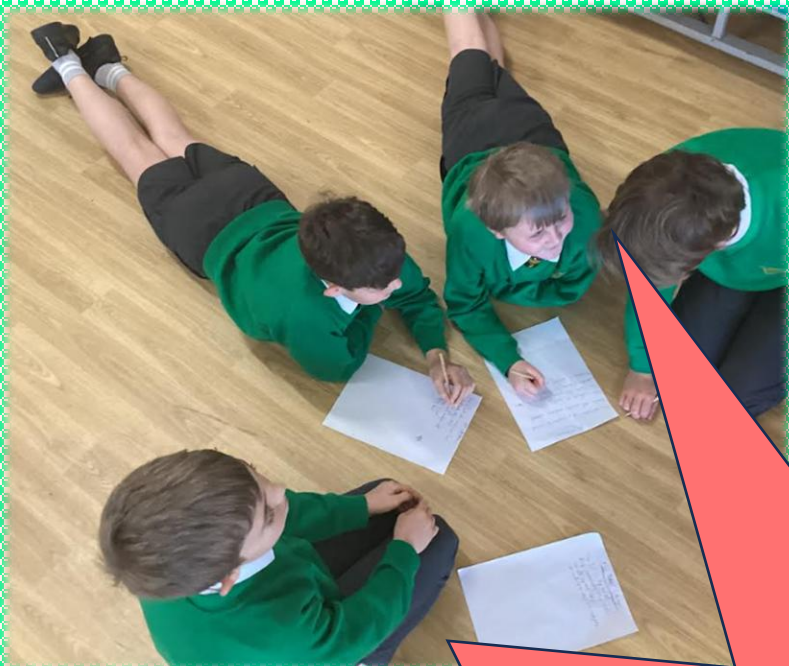


**We discovered that Davina is inspired by mythology! Could you write a story about a mythological creature?**



# Exciting Reading Events This Term Continued...

## Emilie Lauren Jones!



**We loved welcoming poet Emilie Lauren Jones to our school to kick off World Book Day Week! She worked with all children from Little Lawrences to Year 6, sharing her love of poetry and inspiring everyone to write their own poems!**



# Some poems from our workshops with Emilie Lauren Jones!

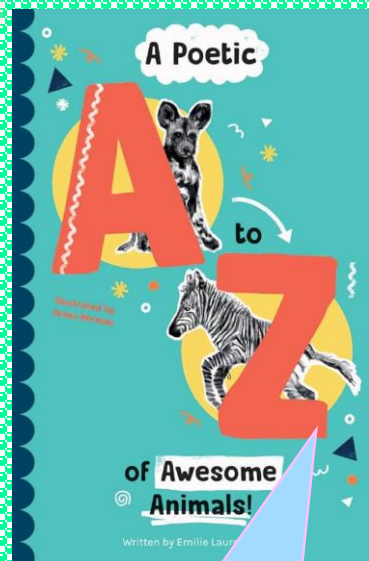
## The library

I suppose you wonder what books do,  
Maybe they get the flu.  
But actually if you look closely,  
They become alive slowly.

Puss in boots gallops around,  
Whilst the three little pigs get chased by a hound.  
Hansel and Gretel got in big trouble,  
Little Red Riding Hood saw granny double.  
Peppa pig had some ham,  
Aladdin made a gene give him some clams.

All of these characters big and small,  
They hated each other and all had a brawl.  
Whilst in the corner a little boy sits,  
The books suddenly stop with all the little bits,  
Until the next time when magic hits.

By Bryn in Year 6



Why not read  
some of  
Emilie's  
poetry?



A poem by  
Reception

Reception's magical kingdom  
Flying fairies making soil,  
Fluffy Yetties feel like spaghetti,  
More fairies making magic,  
Rapunzel throwing her hair around in her tower,  
Rainbow unicorns making flower balls,  
An angry monster destroying cars,  
Red and blue toadstools in a triangle  $\Delta$   
Roaring lions in a jungle  
And dinosaurs that sleep at night and wake in the morning,  
Blue sunflowers making honey,  
Grizzly and the lemmings fighting for chocolate.  
Let's hope they don't get squashed under a walking rainbow!

# Exciting Reading Events This Term Continued...

## REEVE & MCINTYRE



Our KS1 and Reception classes had a fabulous time with Sarah McIntyre and Philip Reeve authors and illustrators of 'Adventure Mice'.



Our afternoon with Reeve and McIntyre was so much fun creating a game and taking part in a draw-along!



# World Book Day 2026!

What an amazing day of dressing up, sharing stories and even a potato competition! Here is just a few snapshots of WBD!

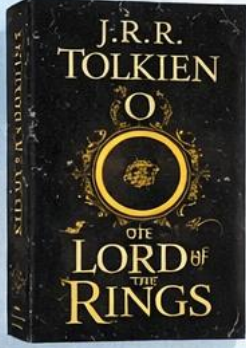




# Reading Spotlight: Mr Snook



## Favourite Book



Favourite Book

"My favourite book is *The Lord Of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien. It is a classic fantasy filled with war, bravery, friendship, and magic."

I enjoy historical fiction and Warhammer books. At the moment I am particularly interested in alternate history stories based on World War II.



## What he likes to read

- Historical fiction
- Gothic-style stories

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## Reading as a child

I read a wide range of books growing up, like *My Family and Other Animals*, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, *Discworld* series and *Young Bond*.



I recommend the *Alex Rider* series by Anthony Horowitz.

Kids will love how gadgetry, technology and action combine.



# Help your child with reading

## I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

## Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

## Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

## Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.

## Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

## Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

## Go Online

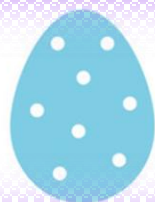
Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

## Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

## Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...  
anything that is close to hand!





# Easter Reading Challenge!

Get Reading this Easter Holiday!



Read 5 books!



Try a new story!



Read in a fun place!

How many books can you read?



# Stratford Literary Festival

HOME

EVENTS

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FESTIVAL INFO

7<sup>th</sup>  
MAY 2026

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10<sup>th</sup>  
MAY 2026

Box Office  
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**BOOK ONLINE**

## Stratford Literary Festival!

**This is an amazing event with great activities led by incredible children's authors! Book early to avoid disappointment!**

<https://www.stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk/>



**Have a library card but can't make it to the library? Borrow Box is an app where audio and e-books can be accessed easily!**

## Easter Events at Southam Library!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/easter-holiday-activities-reading-around-the-world-tickets-1985816013152>



Warwickshire County Council



# National Year of Reading 2026!

**2026 is the National Year of Reading and we have been celebrating by holding a weekly Reading Assembly! It has been so much fun to have different adults reading to us each week. St Lawrence staff have been brilliant volunteers for this and we even have some children volunteering to read to the whole school too! If you would like to join us, see the information below.**

National Year of Reading 2026

## St Lawrence C of E Primary School Volunteers Wanted Wednesday Assemblies at 9:25 am

We're celebrating the National Year of Reading with weekly whole-school assemblies and we'd love your help! We're inviting parents, carers, grandparents, and community members to come in and read a children's story or short extract aloud to our pupils. Whether it's a classic tale, a funny poem, or a powerful picture book, your voice can make a difference.

### Reading Matters!



Stories prompt children to ask questions, expand their imaginations and see their place within a much bigger global story. Be a part of our children's reading journey.

### Get Involved

If you'd like to volunteer, please email the school office or pop in!  
[office@stlawrenceprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stlawrenceprimaryschool.co.uk)

Let's make reading a shared joy — one story at a time.

The more that you



**READ**

the more things  
you will know.

The more you

**LEARN**



the more places  
you'll go!

Dr. Seuss

