

Gosforth East Middle School News



Spring Term 2

2026





Welcome to our Spring Term 2 Newsletter, brought to you by Press Club!



What we Love about GEMS

“My favourite thing about GEMS is the people here and I just like school in general!” Brian Y5

“I like OPAL and the freedom to do stuff at breaktimes. At the moment, I’m enjoying using the long jump. Jay Y5

“ I love how you move around each lesson.” Rosey year 6

“ I love how the lessons are more fun, exciting and interesting than ones in first school!” Jay year 5

“I love how you get more opportunities and options for clubs than in my previous school.” Alexa year 5

“I love how you have break time for 15 minutes and not 5 or 10 minutes

So you have more time to go to the library or play or chat to friends.” Raam year 7

“I love how you have lots of different options at lunch time like pizza, pasta, sandwiches, jacket potatoes and loads more!” Moustafa year 5

By Alexa



Meet our New Press Club Members

Hi my name is Ayanna and I stopped doing my swimming lessons because I wanted to join this club and I know how to swim so it was fine. I have just started and I already like it I think it is awesome for someone that likes writing like me but so far I am writing a article about how I have quit my swimming lessons for Press Club which I'm loving right now!

Hi guys, I am Eloisa Royce and I am in 6 LW. Before I was in press club I was in watercolour on a Tuesday. But unfortunately I was in the first half and now it's the second half's turn. And I am very excited to start press club the second half of this wonderful school year.

Hi !!!! My name is Rosey MS. I have joined Press Club because I was in this club last year and really enjoyed it so I decided to come back .

Since I am in the second group I used to do a Hockey Club it was really fun and I learned a lot more skills and even took part in a coemption but we lost I was a defender but wasn't the best.

I am very excited to come back to this club because I really enjoy typing all of my ideas.

Hello! The name is Jay. I will be creating some articles for press club for the rest of the year. I hope you enjoy some of the articles that you read that are by me. See you in my next article for the GEMS



Hii I'm Ayomi I went to press club last year it was sooooo fun I had to come back.im really excited to be back and cant wait to start.



Hello I am Alexa and I have just joined press club. I cant wait to start writing for the newsletter. I have never done this before because it is my first year at GEMS. So far it has been great! I am so excited to be in this club! I have lots of other clubs at this school to like book club, choir and basketball club.



Mr Stout is Sadly Retiring

Mr Stout has decided that he is going to retire at the end of April. But not for a bad reason just he wants to finish his career as a lovely teacher. So everyone, it is a sad time but enjoy the moments with him as head and work hard, and be nice to him so we can get him through the final mark of his current 42 year long career!

What people think about Mr Stout leaving school:

Eloisa R : *“ I think Mr Stout leaving this school is sad because he was a very nice headteacher and still is. And I will be very sad to see him leave.”*

Kellan M : *“ My opinion of Mr Stout leaving is that I am very shocked (as I am sure most people in this school will feel) as I respected Mr Stout very much and I am very sad to see him go.*

Miss McFall : *“I am absolutely devastated that Mr Stout is going to leave our school but it is an exciting time for him!”*

Alexa D : *“When I heard the news in assembly my head was in my hands since I was devastated”*

Moustafa: *“We can all agree that Mr Stout is probably the best Headteacher there has ever been!”*

Mr Hodgson: *“I am heartbroken that Mr Stout is leaving but I am so glad that he is healthy and well so he can enjoy his retirement with his lovely wife and family.”*



Jay: *It's not very nice news at all because he is a good teacher, he's nice.*

Ayomi: *I'm sad that he is leaving, though change happens I guess and he is going to have a positive change in his life!*



Rosey: *My sister has a very good memory. It's when Mr Stout had to carry her off the boat when she fainted on the boat in Arran. I think it's really funny. It's quite sad that he is leaving because he's a really good headteacher. I can't imagine anyone else in his position.*

Elo: *I can't imagine a new headteacher. We have too many good memories with Mr Stout. Like the time my dad went to the Arran trip meeting for my brother, Mr Stout said to make sure your kids don't take too many sweets or biscuits because once someone took kilos of sweets and when it was near midnight someone came to tell Mr Stout that they had been sick. He ran through but SLIPPED on the sick!*

By Elo R Y6

FROZEN JR

Our very own amazing production!



It was on the week of the 16th of March. On Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March we invited some of our old first schools to come see the production! We saw some incredible costumes and sets were designed and made by Miss Bhatt! We were so excited to see it, we have some amazing actors in our school and hopefully will be seeing some of you on the TV or on the West End or Broadway in the future or very soon! By Alexa D





Ran by the unreal Mr Hodgson and the original Mr Williams, this show was shooting sky high because of them!" Moustafa



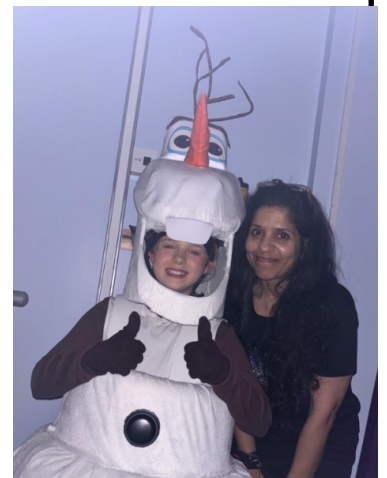
FROZEN: BEHIND THE SCENES



We had too much fun behind the scenes! When our amazing performers were on stage, we mimed along and danced with each other. We also applauded and whooped with the audience. We had a sweet stash to keep us going but had to make sure we didn't rustle loudly!

Our most important responsibilities were to help Sven and Olaf get dressed. We used fans to keep them cool between scenes and helped them to feel as comfortable as possible.

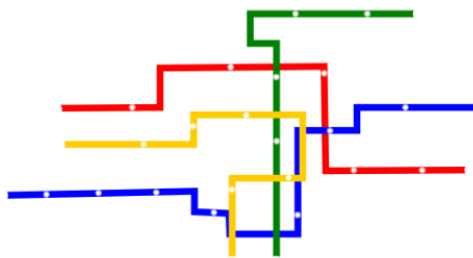
We had a plan stuck on the wall which reminded us when to change sets. By night four we knew it like the backs of our hands.



The Year 5 Cinema Trip

On the 26th of March, year 5 went on a cinema trip! The movie was called 'Kangaroo' and it was a blast! By Moustafa

On the day, 5SR and 5CF went on the metro to go to the cinema and the metro stopped at South Gosforth and we were waiting on the train for about 15 minutes. The other classes were already in the cinema when we got there. When we walked in, everyone stood up and started clapping. By Alexa



It was a good movie about kangaroos. It was called Kangaroo, funny enough it is about Kangaroos. The guy kills a Joeys mum, but the joey survived. Because of a prophecy, the man has to look after the joey until it is grown up. Because he has a background in accidentally killing animals, he kills a dolphin earlier in the movie, it proves a hard challenge, however he meets someone who can help him.



Charlie has had a background of looking after kangaroos. Eventually the man learns to love them because of Charlie and her story.

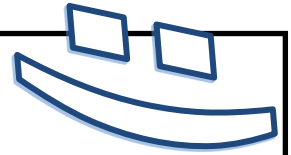
A hilarious story, however a deep meaning inside, producing a great movie.



By Jay S, 5CF



PARENTS EVENING



Year 5 PARENTS EVENING TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH AND THERE WERE LOTS OF QUESTIONS FILLING PEOPLE'S HEAD BEFOREHAND.... HAVE I DONE WELL? AM I GOING TO BE PROUD OR AM I GOING TO GET TOLD OFF? YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN THINKING THESE QUESTIONS BUT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WERE, I GOT YOU. By Raam

MOCK SATS 2026!

On the 9th of March 2026 the year six's prepared for SATs with mocks! It was a long week of mock tests so we are glad it's over... *for now.*

By Ayomi

SATS INCOMING

Sats are coming in MAY so here's some information about it if you don't know much.

Its ONLY FOR YEAR SIXSES so don't think your going do it I'll save you the pain. But don't worry to those who are in year 6, there are some privileges as you get breakfast there and you get to bring sweets.

Really, don't worry... all SATS aren't that hard but if you worry they might get hard if you get scared. But all of this is worth it at the end you get ice cream and a non-uniform day **plus** a bouncy house and a massive water fight and this is all during school !!!!



By Rosey

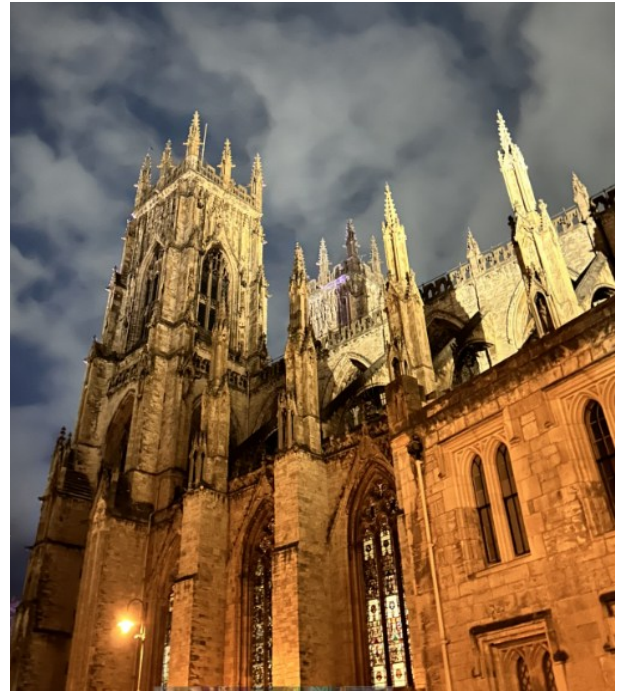
Key Groups

The Quackdoodles Key Group were awarded £1000 to run a gig at Newcastle College on 22nd May. There will be 4 bands, merch to buy with all money raised going to Mental Health Matters.

Another Key Group went to York to research a mental health walk that they want to recreate in Newcastle.

They stayed in York over night, did an escape room, Harry Potter mini golf and of course... went shopping!

By Miss Bannon



Lauren C, Martha H, Lacey and Emelia L, Caitlyn H

Walker Dome Trip

We visited Walker Dome on 6th March for a morning of football to celebrate women's football on International Women's Day! The morning was good and fun. It was very friendly but it was still competitive. The sports ambassadors, Poppy, Chloe and Ruby enjoyed refereeing the year 4 and 5 matches.



Coming soon...

There is a basketball tournament on Tuesday 31st March 2026. I am part of team 2 and there is going to be lots of different schools there, we have been training since October 2025! We all can't wait to go and hopefully we will get to go to the Championships.

Read the next news letter to find out how we did!

By Alexa D

YEAR 5 ALLOTMENT TRIP

The week on the 16th March the year 5 food tech classes went to an allotment in West Jesmond. There we learnt about what type of foods and plants grow in winter and spring, where different vegetables and fruits grow and even what manure is made from (some of the boys were horrified)! There was some beautiful wildlife and plants. At the start, we took a look at all of the seeds of the different plants and foods in the allotment from little cosmos to big broad beans.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GO INTO THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

By Alexa D

American Flag Football

Flag Football is really just American just with tags the aim of the game is to run through your

opponents and pass the ball to your team mates to score a try.

Here are some of the many stars who participated in a GEM's Flag Football event to tell you all about it...

We played the tournament at home. We didn't start off very strong as we lost the first match but then got a lot better over the next five matches and got through to the next round which will take place in the next half term.

Eloisa R

"We lost the first game against Dame Allen's but got our redemption when we beat them 31 to 20 in the final!" Bobby D

By winning the tournament, we are the current Newcastle and North Tyne-side Champions!! The next tournament is a more regional tournament. Mr Maloney is really pleased with the development with of the team, especially as they only just picked up the sport a couple of weeks ago.

By Kellan

WOW!! What a Star!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gosforth East Middle School has in its midst a very talented dancer, Sophia Bull, who is in Year 6.

Sophia recently competed in a dance competition in the famous Tower Ballroom in Blackpool. She competed in the following disciplines and achieved great success: Ballroom 3rd place; Latin 7th place; 6 Dance 6th place; Smooth 2nd place; Classical 6 Dance 3rd; Classical Sequence 1st; Ballroom 5th and Sequence 2nd.



Sophia brought her medals and trophies into school and talked about them in assembly to Year 6.



Sophia said, "It was amazing because I have never been to The Tower Ballroom before. We were there for three days and competed every day, so it was quite tiring. The busiest night was the Friday because there were 19 dances and it was

just the first round. I felt very nervous when I was competing but loved every minute.



My mum and her sister, my auntie, took me to the competition and it was great because they had competed there too when they were younger. My dream is to become a professional dancer when I am older and have my own dance school."



World Book Day





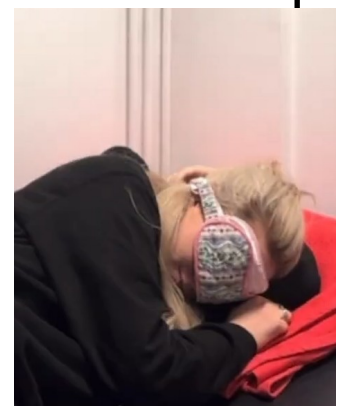
Ruby (above) was so in character, she even had a Japanese inspired lunch!!



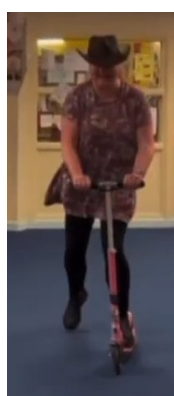
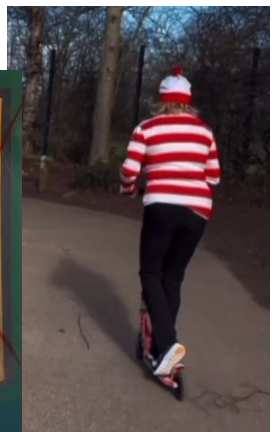
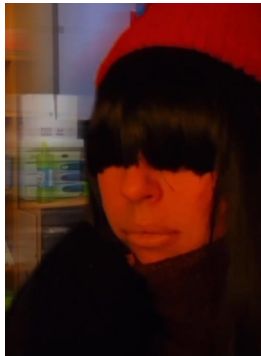
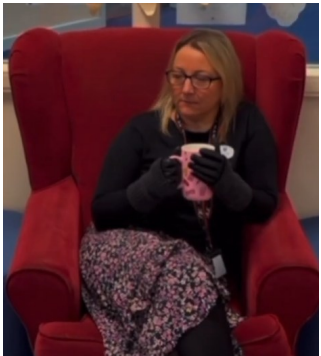
Book Character Traitors

Teachers dressed up as book characters and recorded a 13 minute episode for us all to watch during assembly on World Book Day. Then they performed a final round table live on stage. It was amazing. Miss McFall looked so much like Claudia Winkleman. It looked really cool because instead of normal people it was book characters. I liked how they made it immersive so we could be in the game as well. We were allowed to vote at the last round table, which was live on stage. If we caught a traitor, we were going to win 5 minutes extra time at break!

The majority voted for Mr Jordan (Mr Jordan) but I voted for Peter Rabbit (Miss Collister). However, the traitor was Kissing Kate Barlow (Miss Thompson). Chloe C Y7



Stills from the Episode



"That was the best assembly in my whole life!"

Fran Y5

"It was the best thing I have ever watched. It better than the normal Traitors in my opinion"



Attention

Author Incoming

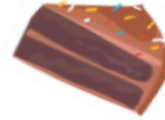
We are **SO LUCKY** because we have **ANOTHER** author coming to our school !!

First, we had Rob Walton in Spring Term 1...

I am glad to announce that Lily from year 8 is organising an author visit with the fabulous Elle McNicoll.



BOOK CAFE



To raise money for this amazing opportunity, we held a

- **KS3 Cake Café: Tuesday 31st March**
- **KS2 Cake Café: Wednesday 1st April**

For just £2, you could get a cup of juice and a piece of cake. As well, you could buy donate a cake. However, watch you needed to watch out for allergens in **BOLD**.

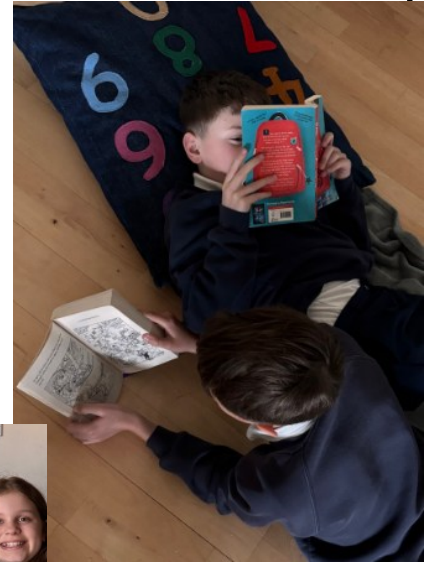
We received so many cakes, thank you to those who donated cakes! Book Club members went to ASDA to choose lots more cakes for the fundraiser as we anticipated hundreds of visitors to the Book Café.

By Jay



BOOK CAFE

Fundraiser for Author Visit



Our technicians (right) played lovely, calming background music to set the scene. It sounded like a Parisian Café!

Spring Book Fair



The book fair arrived on the Wednesday following World Book Week. It was open every lunchtime! We sold LOTS of books and finger pointers too. They irritate Jay S from 5CF if you poke him with one. So make a good effort not to! By Jay



We raised £771 for Scholastic, and earned £309 Scholastic book vouchers!



OPAL

Skateboards and scooters are the best outdoor equipment! We love going on them. If we had outdoor beanbags, they would be so much fun to chill on in the warmer months. We always welcome donations for OPAL because there are SO many of us who want to play outside! By Daisy, Sophia and Scarlett



Royal Ballet and Opera: Create and Sing

We visited the Civic Centre and four people from the Royal Opera House were there. They were: The pianist, Opera singers Phil and Camille and the director was Rosie. The music service also helped. We sang in English but the songs are in French. The story was called *Carmen*. It was about a lady who is brave and strong.

Then she falls in love with a soldier called Don' Jose but then later on Carmen gets bored with Don' Jose. She falls in love with a famous bull fighter called Esca' Millio.

Then one day she was waiting outside of the ring and Don' Jose meets her there. They fight and Carmen died. Don' Jose realises what he has done and regrets it. When we were up to the Esca' Millio part, Phil (one of the opera singers who came) put sunglasses on and used his jacket as Esca' Millio's cape. It was really funny.



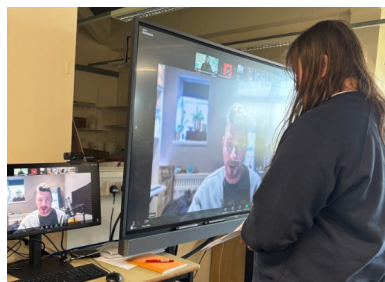
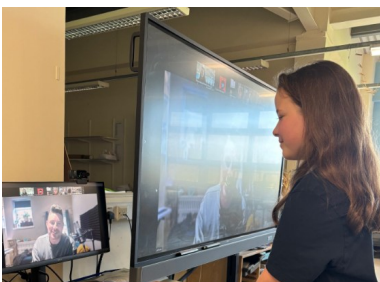
By Emily VW Y5



Author Event: Jules Howard



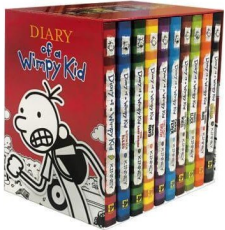
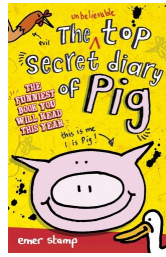
We attended a live event with Jules Howard, author of *Choose Your Own Evolution*. His book has been shortlisted in the Spark Awards Non-Fiction category.



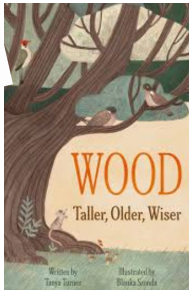
Jules was so energetic and enthusiastic. He made the event interactive, so we could join in and make decisions to see which path of evolution we would follow together. We ended up as a Plough-Nosed Chimaera, which exists now in 2026. This meant we survived! When we asked him questions, he gave us thoughtful, interesting and very detailed answers.

RECOMMENDED READS

"I like this book because it is very funny and use western language" Ayanna

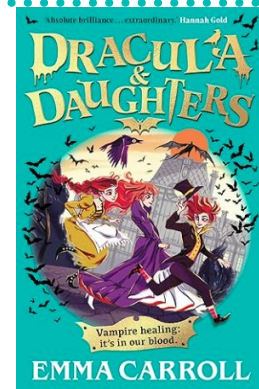
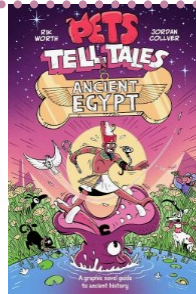


Jay– Diary of a Wimpy Kid "It's just funny"



"Wood is Good! I like how they did so much to protect Robert." Scarlett McR

"It's funny, eye-catching and hooks you in!" Sufyan D



"Dracula and Daughters by Emma Carroll, who is my favourite author. I recommend this book because it is mysterious and a bit gruesome. My favourite character is Buffy because she likes animals." Alexa D Y5

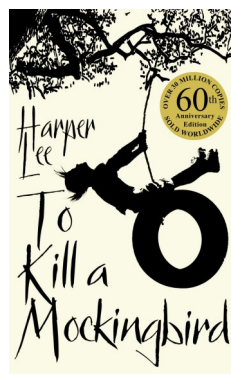


Staff RECOMMENDED READS Y9+

**RICHARD
OSMAN**

*The Thursday
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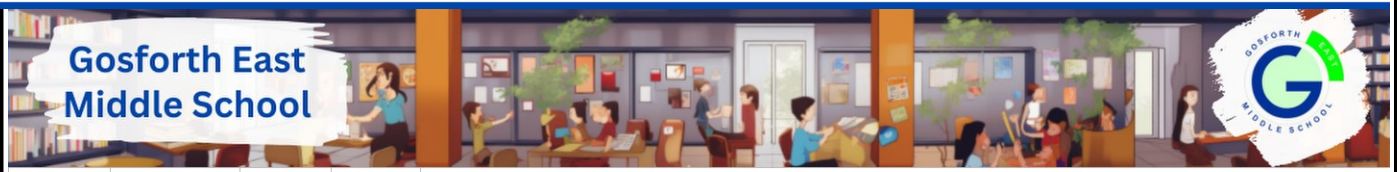
Miss Bannon- "The Thursday Murder Club. Cosy murder, good plots"



Miss Thompson- "To Kill a Mocking Bird because there are good characters who stand up for what's right"



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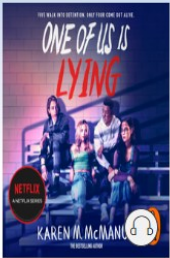
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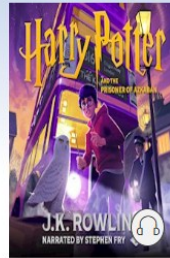
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by Karen M. McManus
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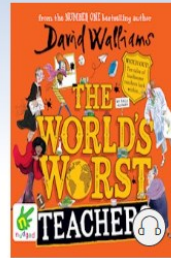
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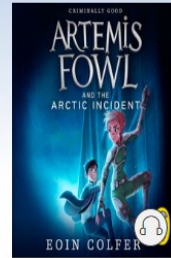
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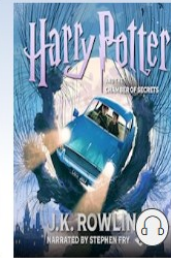
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by J.K. Rowling
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The World's Worst Teachers
by David Walliams
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Artemis Fowl and the Arctic Incident
by Eoin Colfer
★★★★★



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
by J.K. Rowling
★★★★★



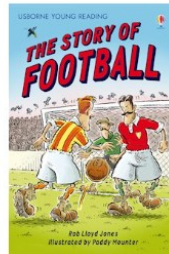
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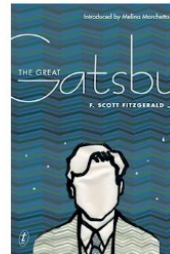
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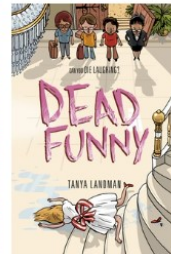
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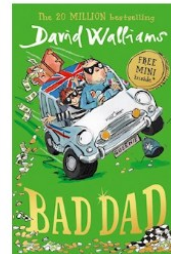
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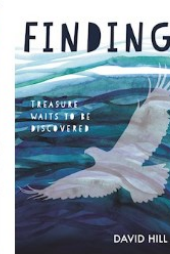
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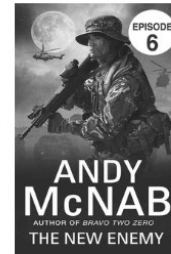
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by Lana Popovic
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by David Hill
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by Andy McNab
★★★★☆



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by William Sutcliffe
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Vampire Academy: Spirit Bound
by Richelle Mead
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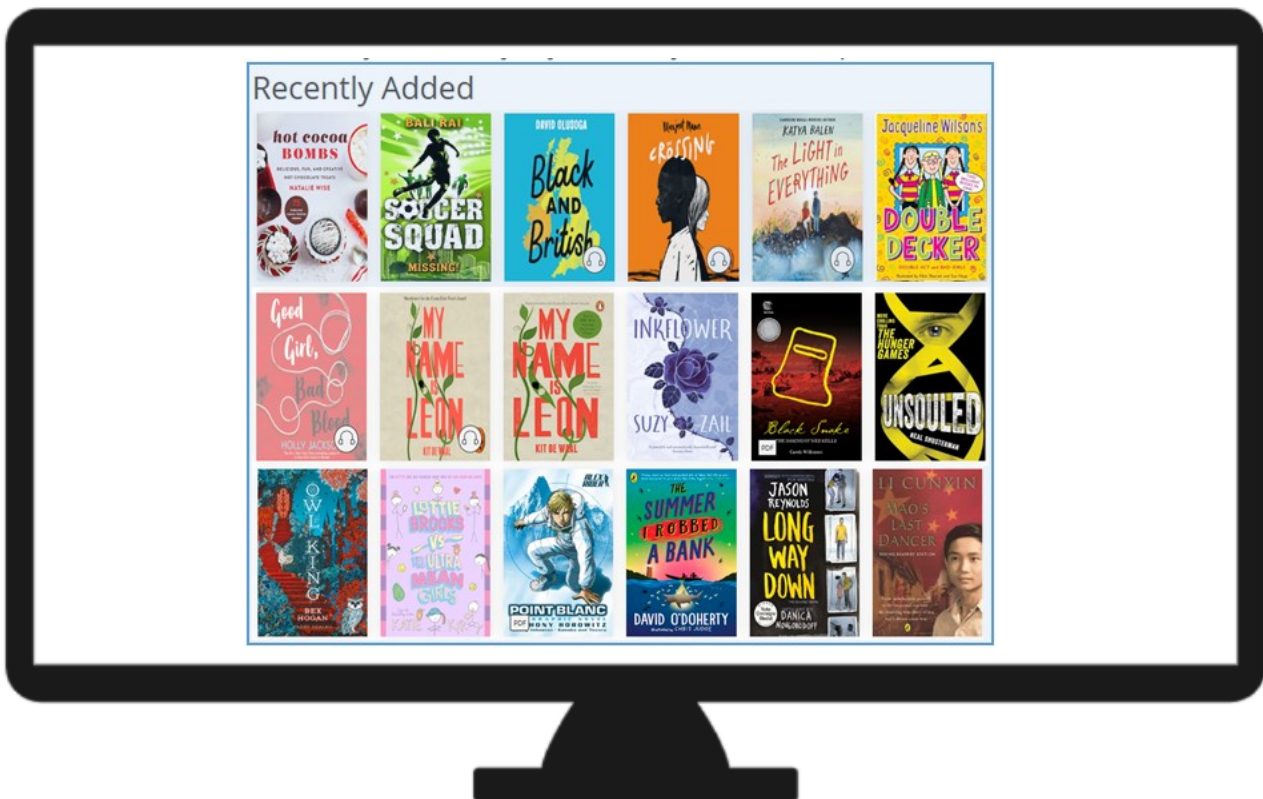


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World Book Day

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden →, ↓, and ↘.

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AUTHORS
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