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# Reading Newsletter

Spring 2026

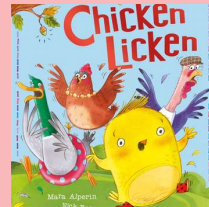


## Welcome to the Reading Newsletter

Welcome to our Spring Term Reading Newsletter! Celebrating the National Year of Reading, we have gone all out with books and reading this term! We have enjoyed multiple author visits, Year 6 went on a visit to meet a world renowned author and we had a fantastic World Book Day 2026!

## Class Reads

So you can talk about them at home, here you will find some of the key texts we are enjoying in our classes right now.



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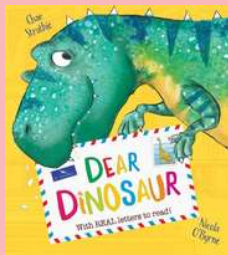
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## Reading Events - Y6 Meet MG Leonard

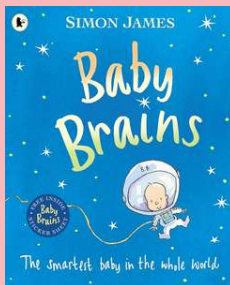
Year 6 were lucky enough to visit Adcote School to meet children's author, MG Leonard, the writer of the Beetle Boy and Adventures on Trains series. She gave a talk about her latest book "The Impossible Gladiator" and her inspirations as a writer. See below for just a few of her amazing books!



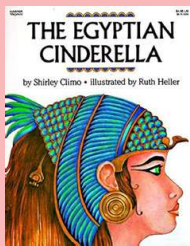
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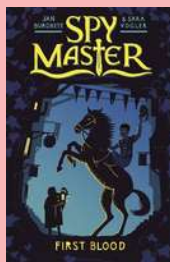
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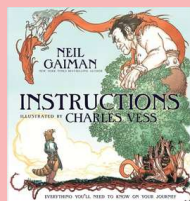
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Year 5



Year 6

## Recommended Reads

Here are some of M.G. Leonard's fantastic books which the children will love! Each title is available in the school library and all good book shops!



### "Beetle Boy"

Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle – and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle?



### "The Highland Falcon Thief"

Harrison Beck and his Uncle Nat are enjoying the final journey of the Highland Falcon, Britain's most famous steam train. But when a precious jewel goes missing, Harrison and his new friend Lenny find themselves at the centre of the investigation.



### "Twitch"

Twitch has three pet chickens, four pigeons, swallows nesting in his bedroom and a passion for birdwatching. On the first day of the summer, he arrives at his secret hide to find police everywhere: a convicted robber has broken out of prison and is hiding in Aves Wood. Can Twitch use his talents for birdwatching to hunt find the prisoner and the missing loot?

## Supporting Reading at Home

The 'Supporting Your Child at Home' section of our website, under the English Curriculum tab is a wealth of reading and phonics resources which you might find useful, whatever the age of your child.

### Supporting Your Child at Home

Please find below some useful resources and instructional videos to help you support your child's learning at home.

#### Phonics - How to say each phoneme

Click on the videos below for demonstrations of how to say each of the phonemes we learn in school and to see the actions and images associated with each sound.





# Reading Events - Catherine Wilkins Visit



To celebrate the National Year of Reading 2026, this year we are hosting a series of author visits to help inspire the children and this term KS2 welcomed Catherine Wilkins, author of Cafe Chaos, My Best Friend and Other Enemies and many other brilliant children's books. The children loved hearing about Catherine's writing process and inspirations and her new book, My Family is Not a Piece of Cake, the latest installment in the Cafe Chaos series.





# Reading Events - World Book Day 2026

We had a fantastic World Book Day 2026, celebrating books and all things reading! We kicked things off with a yummy 'Breakfast with a Book' in the two halls and then we enjoyed a talk from Michael McCarthy, a blind children's author who explained how he writes his books. Through the course of the rest of the day, each class created their own stories, which they performed for each other before bedtime.

