



Euxton Primrose Hill

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

4th March 2026



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“Together We Will Make A Difference.”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It has been wonderful to see some welcome sunshine this week, which gives us hope for the months ahead.

Dance Competition

Last Wednesday, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Thompson took 39 children to the Bolton Albert Hall to take part in the Chorley Sports Dance Competition. We were delighted that our children won the Judges' Choice Award.

Thank you to Mrs Walsh, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Dalton, Mrs Gasparinni and Mrs Mower for accompanying the children, we are all incredibly proud of them.

London Visit

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of taking members of our School and Sports Council to London. The children enjoyed a tour of the Houses of Parliament and spent time meeting our Chorley MP and Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle. They were an absolute credit to the school.

Thank you to Miss Pearson for organising the visit and to Mrs Chapman, Mrs Vost, Mrs Clifford and Mrs McGuire for your support on the day. We all had a fantastic time.

Mobile Phones

Last week, we shared the Government website on keeping children safe online. This week, we are sharing the NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety, which addresses one of the most common questions parents ask: When is my child ready for a phone, and how can our family manage the risks?

The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use.

Please [click here to be directed to the website.](#)

PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's PTA meeting, it was lovely to see so many of you there again. Not only does the PTA support the organisation of events and raise much-needed funds for the school, but it is also a great way to meet new friends within our school community. Please do look out for our upcoming events.

Enjoy the rest of the week and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Claire Jones
Headteacher

Attendance & Absence

We strongly encourage good attendance to support your child's learning and progress.

◆ If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9:00am on each day of absence.

☎ 01257 276688

✉ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

◆ Be specific:

It's important to give a clear reason – for example:

✓ "Tonsillitis" or "Sickness and temperature"

✗ Not just "unwell" or "poorly".

This helps us meet safeguarding and health requirements

Communicating with Us

If you need to get in touch, please email the school office in the first instance:

✉ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Your message will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

We aim to respond as soon as we can, but please allow up to 48 hours for a reply during term time.

For urgent matters during the school day, please phone the school office directly on: 01257 276688

⚠ If You're Concerned About Something...

We want to work in partnership with you.

If you're ever worried or unhappy about a situation, please follow this order of contact, via the school office:

- **Class Teacher** – your first point of contact
- **Phase Leader** – if further support is needed:
EYFS & Year 1 - Mr Danny Tooby
Year 2 – Miss Amie Dobbs
Years 3/4 – Mr Lloyd Davies
Years 5/6 – Miss Molly Burns
- **Assistant Headteacher** - Miss Amie Dobbs
- **Deputy Headteacher** – Mrs Emma Swinburn
- **Headteacher** – Mrs Claire Jones

We're here to help and will always do our best to resolve any concerns quickly and fairly.

📖 Jewellery & Appearance

To keep everyone safe and focused on learning:

◆ **No jewellery** – including earrings (studs/spacers), rings, bracelets, necklaces, loom bands, or wristbands

◆ **No earrings or spacers** – these are a safety risk, especially during play and PE

◆ **No nail varnish or make-up** – children should come to school with natural nails and faces

Thank you for your support!

Tel: 01257 276688 (8:15am-3:45pm)

Email: office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Out of school Club, please contact Sarah Collison 07548 944202 or s.collison@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk



SUMMER TERM DINNER CHOICES 2026

LUNCHES

Please can **ALL** parents/carers complete this form <https://forms.gle/DpxvXEgG8Wq8ZCjG6> to confirm your child's lunch arrangements in the Summer Term. There is a new menu for the Summer Term which will start week commencing **13th April 2026**. If your child has school dinners please could you discuss and choose the options with your child.

School dinner menu's operate on a three week rotation, so please ensure you complete **all three weeks**, for each child. Please complete the form by **12 noon Friday 6th March 2026**. Any dinner choices not completed by this deadline will be given to the class teacher to complete with your child in class and your child will stay on the same lunch option for the term. Please inform the office of **ANY** changes to your child's current lunch arrangements, ie: if your child would like to change from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa or if they would like the Friday Favourite option (payment is required in advance for this lunch option). Changes will only come into effect from the 13th April 2026. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

****PLEASE NOTE THAT PRICES FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES ARE INCREASING FROM £2.95 TO £3.05 FROM 13TH APRIL 2026****

FRIDAY FAVOURITES

If you would like your child to enjoy a Friday Favourite hot dinner in the Summer Term please make payment on ParentPay using the item '**26 FF Summer Term**'. The cost will be **£39.65** starting **Friday 17th April to Friday 17th July 2026**. The deadline for Friday Favourites is **12 noon Monday 9th March 2026**.

TOAST

If you would like your child to have toast in the Summer Term please make payment on ParentPay using the item '**26 Toast Summer Term**'. The total cost will be **£15.75** starting **Monday 13th April to Friday 17th July 2026**. The deadline for Toast payments is **12 noon on Friday 20th March 2026**.

Please note: Strictly, no late orders will be accepted.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENING BOOKINGS

Parent Consultation Evening bookings will be live on Arbor from **9am on Monday 2nd March 2026** and will close at **3:20pm on Friday 6th March 2026**.

Please ensure you log in during this time to secure your preferred appointment slot. See the link below for help with this.

[Booking Guardian Consultations \(Parent's Evenings\) on the Parent Portal or Parent App – Arbor Help Centre](#)

WORLD BOOK CELEBRATION DAY - FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2026

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school on **Friday 6th March 2026**. Our theme this year is **AMBITION!** We will have lots of exciting activities and opportunities running on the day and throughout the week to promote the fabulousness of reading. On the day, children are invited to come to school wearing a costume/outfit which represents their future ambitions, be it a chef or a coder, footballer or financier! If they have a linked book about their ambitions or about someone who embodies their ambitions, these can also be brought in on the day. Please note **costumes are optional**, any children not wishing to dress up may stay in uniform. We look forward to sharing all of our children's ambitions for the future and celebrating our love of reading!

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR VISIT - WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH TO TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2026

We have our annual book fair visit on **Wednesday 11th March to Tuesday 17th March 2026** – this will be based in the corridor outside the lower hall. For every book purchased a certain amount of money comes to the school, meaning we can order more books for our pupils.

We really do hope you can support us with this – thank you!



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PTA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for your support last term - together we raised **over £1000** which has helped to fund trips, music subscriptions for the playground sound systems and allowed us to gift a budget to each class to make new purchases to support our children. Without the support of you and the children this wouldn't be possible so thank you!

This term we've got our **non uniform day in exchange for chocolate** - this can be anything, but Easter themed is ideal as they will all become prizes at our annual **Bunnies Bingo event!** Tickets will be going on sale today and they are on a first come first served basis. Everyone attending needs to purchase a ticket so we can monitor capacity so please bear this in mind when booking for your family. We can't wait to see everyone for a night of fun and we've lined up an excellent bingo caller to host the evening! - (Information flyers attached).

We're still on the lookout for volunteers and extra support for the PTA - so much work goes on behind the scenes, and we know there's some amazing things you could contribute. We really need your support to keep running events and making the PTA a success. We'll be announcing our next social soon and we'd love to see some new faces even if it's just for a chat! Please reach out if you're interested.

Don't forget to join our new Facebook page "**Euxton Primrose Hill PTA**" to follow our updates.

Thank you again!

EASTER SPECIAL LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2026

We are having a Easter Special Lunch on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**, which is open to all children. The menu is attached. If your child is on packed lunches and would like this special lunch, please make a payment of £2.95 for the '**26 Easter SL**' payment item within ParentPay www.parentpay.com/ by **12 noon, Monday 9th March 2026**.

Please note: For children in EYFS, KS1 and children who are entitled to a free school lunch who usually bring a packed lunch but would like to have a 'special dinner' instead, you will need to inform the school office by the set deadline above as there is no payment item in ParentPay.

If your child is already on school lunches they will automatically receive this lunch.

Unfortunately, no late orders can be accepted.

DANCE COMPETITION

What an amazing achievement for the 39 children who travelled to the Bolton Albert Hall to take part in the Chorley Sports Dance Competition. Winning the Judges' Choice Award is such a special honour and truly reflects their hard work, dedication, and teamwork.

We are incredibly proud of them all !



EUXTON LIBRARY VISITS

Some of our classes will be visiting Euxton Library in March. Please see below for classes and their visit dates:-

EYFS - Thursday 5th and Thursday 12th March 2026 (either class on either day)

The Burrow - Wednesday 11th March 2026

Year 1 Ash - Thursday 19th March 2026

Year 1 Cedar - Thursday 26th March 2026

ARBOR SCHOOL APP

Please make sure you are signed up to the Arbor App, which will soon be our main way of communicating with parents and carers.

Thank you to the **99% of parents who have already logged in** - we really appreciate your support.

To access Arbor, visit <https://login.arbor.sc> and enter the email address held by the school. If needed, click "**Forgot your password?**" to set one.

If you have any problems logging in or don't receive an email, please contact the school office so we can help.

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Pupil Achievements and Celebrations

Super Pupils

YEAR 6

Everest - Euan W
K2 - Jade B

EYFS

Beech - Kit A
Oak - Keanu C

YEAR 5

Mont Blanc - Ella L
Olympus - Poppy T

YEAR 1

Ash - Maya A
Cedar - May W

YEAR 4

Ben Nevis - Charlotte C
Snowdon - Ella C

YEAR 2

Maple - Mabel W
Elm - Aedan M

YEAR 3

Pendle - Grace D
Rivington - Freddie H

House Point Winners

KS1
Blue

KS2
Blue

Birthday Books

Thank you to the following pupil for donating their favourite book to celebrate their birthday this term:
Noah L in Oak Class - 'A Superhero Like You'

WOW - Walk to School Challenge

This month our class winners for the WOW challenge are:
EYFS & KS1 - Cedar
KS2 - Olympus

Reminders And To Do



We are a nut free school. Please do not bring any snacks into school which contain nuts, including Nutella, Reese or Kinder Bueno products.

School Notices

Y2 Class Notices

Helmshore Mill

Payment due Friday 6th March. Please complete the form using this link:

<https://forms.gle/KJxtDQBbYAbQAHbt6>

Y3 Class Notices

Southport Eco Centre

Payment overdue.

Chester Dewa Museum

Payment due Friday 6th March. Please complete the form using this link:

<https://forms.gle/EJwRC3aGLBRebfp86>

Y5 Class Notices

Hothersall Lodge

3rd payment now overdue

Y6 Class Notices

Boreatton Park

Remaining balance is overdue.

Dates for the Diary 2025-2026



March 2026

- 5th EYFS Euxton Library Visit
- 5th School Council Meeting
- 5th World Book Day Special Lunch
- 6th World Book Celebration Day
- 9th Parent Consultation Evening - 3.15pm - 6.30pm
- 11th The Burrow Euxton Library Visit
- 11-17th Annual Book Fair Visit
- 12th EYFS Euxton Library Visit
- 12th Y2 Helmshore Mill Trip
- 16th Parent Consultation Evening - 3.15pm - 5.00pm
- 17th Choir Performance at Blackburn Cathedral 'Let's Go Sing' - Evening Performance
- 18th Primary School Nursing Monthly Drop In - 2.15-3.15pm **
- 19th Y1 Ash Euxton Library Visit
- 19th Tempest Photography - Class Photo's
- 20th PTA Non-Uniform Chocolate Donation
- 25th Easter Special Lunch
- 26th Y1 Cedar Euxton Library Visit *
- 26th PTA Bunnies Bingo!
- 26th Y3 Deva Roman Museum Trip
- 27th Easter Bonnet Parade
- 27th Final day of Spring Term - HAPPY EASTER!

April 2026

- 13th Summer Term Begins
- 16th Y4 Ben Nevis Cuerden Valley Trip
- 17th Y4 Snowdon Cuerden Valley Trip
- 17th Y6 Everest Leyland Trucks
- 17th School Council Meeting
- 21st Y3 Pendle Southport Eco Centre Visit
- 24th Y6 K2 Leyland Trucks
- 28th Y3 Rivington Southport Eco Centre Visit

May 2026

- 4th May Bank Holiday
- 7th School Council Meeting
- 21st PTA May Fair
- 22nd Final day of Summer Term
- 25-29th SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June 2026

- 1st INSET DAY
- 2nd INSET DAY
- 4th Travelling Science KS2 - AM only
- 22-24th Y5 Hothersall Lodge Residential
- 23rd Y1 Bring Yer Wellies Ash Class
- 24th Y1 Bring Yer Wellies Cedar Class
- 26-29th Y6 Boreatton Park Residential

July 2026

- 2nd Y4 Ben Nevis Evacuation Sleepover Night
- 3rd Y4 Ben Nevis Tea Dance
- 9th Y4 Snowdon Evacuation Sleepover Night
- 9th Y2 Bees Visit in school
- 10th Y4 Snowdon Tea Dance
- 17th Final day of Summer Term - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Primrose Hill Clubs 2025-2026

Primrose Hill Clubs 2025 – 2026

Spring w/c 26th Jan 2026 - w/c 9th March 2026
 Summer w/c 5th May 2026 - w/c 22nd June 2026

Name of Club	Run by	Day	Finish	Collect From
Yoga Y1	Miss Blackwell	Tuesday	3.45pm	Ash
Story Art Y2&3	Mrs Kanski	Tuesday	4pm	Pendle
Board Games Club Y5&6	Mrs Chapman	Tuesday	4pm	Snowdon
Art Club Y4,5,6	Mrs Bullock	Tuesday	4pm	Snowdon
Singing & Signing Y1&2	Miss Pearson	Tuesday	3.45pm	Elm
Book Club Y6	Mrs Brockie	Every Tuesday (Final Session: 24.03.26)	4pm	Everest
Games Club Y3&4	Miss Dobbs	Wednesday	4pm	Pendle
STEM Club Y3&4	Mrs Cunningham	Wednesday	4:15pm	Office
Choir Y5&6	Mrs Swinburn / Miss Burns	Every Wednesday (Final Session: 11.03.26)	4pm	K2
Eco club (Y2-Y6)	Miss McKinley / Mrs Rigby	Every Thursday	4:30pm	Office

Sports Clubs Spring Term 2

Name of Club	Run by	Day	Finish	Dates
Y5&6 Netball Club	Mrs Clements / Miss Dickinson	Monday	4:15pm	w/c 23/02/26 - w/c 23/03/26
CSSP Ball Skills	CSSP	Tuesday	4pm	w/c 23/02/26 - w/c 23/03/26
Golf Ways Y3&4	Miss Ahmed	Tuesday	4:30pm	w/c 23/02/26 - w/c 23/03/26
Striking & Fielding KS1	Miss Ahmed	Wednesday	4pm	w/c 23/02/26 - w/c 23/03/26
Striking & Fielding Y3&4	Miss Ahmed	Friday	4:30pm	w/c 23/02/26 - w/c 23/03/26

*New date added

**Information or date amended

EUXTON PRIMROSE HILL PTA

Proudly presents

NON UNIFORM DAY

Friday 20th March

Come to school in your own clothes
IN EXCHANGE FOR EASTER CHOCOLATE!

All chocolate donations will go
towards our
BUNNIES BINGO NIGHT!



Let's make it a fun and chocolate-filled day
for a great cause!



Thank you for your support!



PTA presents

BUNNIES BINGO

£3 A TICKET INCLUDING 6 GAMES

Ticket must be purchased for anyone attending (all ages)

Extra Books
£2

Dobbers
£1 each

Tuck Shop Available

RAFFLE ★ PRIZES

26th MARCH

Doors open 5.45
Eyes down 6.30

CASH ONLY

Tickets are limited and once they've sold out there are no more.

BINGO				
1	19	96	33	96
8	22	39	42	59
19	18	♥	47	88
7	18	34	67	88
7	20	46	61	72

BINGO				
1	19	23	94	
11	83	26	53	
18	35	♥	5	
12	34	58		

BINGO				
1	19	23		
8	17	2		
9	30			
7	11			

Easter Lunch

Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage

with

Roast & Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

or

Cheese & Onion Lattice Slice

with

Roast & Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

or

Baked Beans

Choice of filled

Baked Jacket Potato

also available

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**Cooks Choice of
Easter Treat Desserts**





**EUXTON
PRIMROSE HILL**
Primary School
"Together we will make a difference."

Primrose Buds

Free play and stay sessions for children aged 4 and under

Drinks

Songs

Toys

Stories

Friends



Friday 6th February 2026

Valentine's themed morning



Friday 6th March 2026

Bring your wellies and waterproofs as we head out to our Forest School for this session



Friday 20th March 2026

Easter themed morning

9am - 10.15am in the upper hall

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

To book please call: **01257 276688**
or scan the QR code



School Nursing Monthly DROP-IN

Speak to a member of our school nursing team about various health topics including emotional health, diet, healthy lifestyles, sleep, bed-wetting & constipation, head lice and behaviour

When?

Wednesday 18th March
2.15pm – 3.15pm

Where?

Meeting Room 2

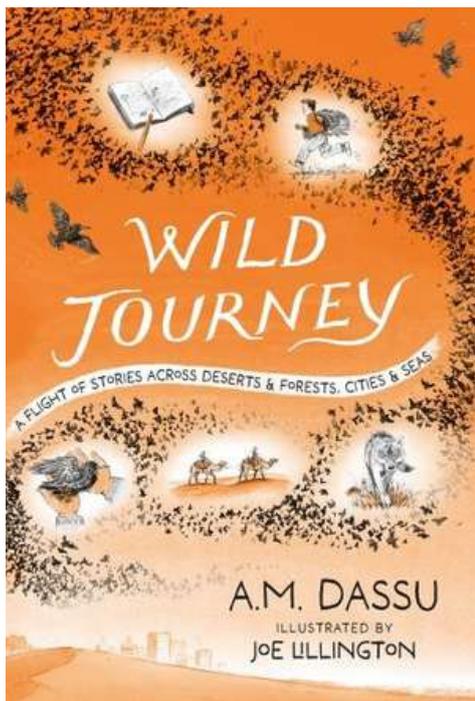
For more information about our service scan the QR code to our website, for general enquires or to make a referral, please contact our Single Point of Access Tel: 0300 247 0040 Email: vc1.019.singlepointofaccess2@nhs.net



WHAT TO READ NOW

Feb-March 2026

Book recommendations for all ages



Wild Journey

by A.M. Dassu

illustrated by Joe Lillington

Q: Where did the idea for the book come from?

A: When I was asked to write this story collection, we thought journeys would be perfect because all of my books explore journeys in some way, whether they're internal or physical.

Q: Why did you decide to structure the book around a flock of starlings?

A: Starlings are just so interesting. They can live on their own. But then they do join massive murmurations of up to a million where they swoop and dance together in the sky for protection against predators.

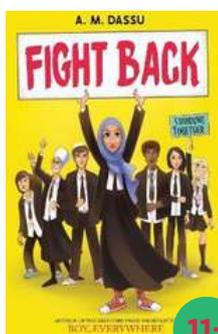
Q: How did you pick where each of the stories is set?

A: The book then fell into place because of Starlings, because I then was able to choose the locations based on where they migrate.

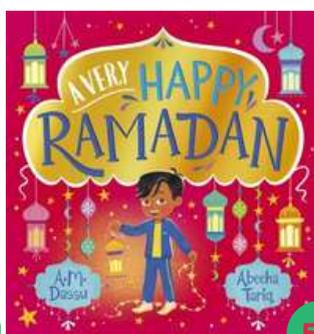
Q: Do you have a favourite character in the book?

A: I really loved writing the Wolf because it was something I've never done before. I had obviously to do a lot of research for it, but I kind of related to the wolf too, because as a mum, I would go out of my comfort zone to protect my children too.

More books by the same author



11+



5+



Listen to the full interview with A.M. Dassu here




BOOK CLUBS
IN SCHOOLS

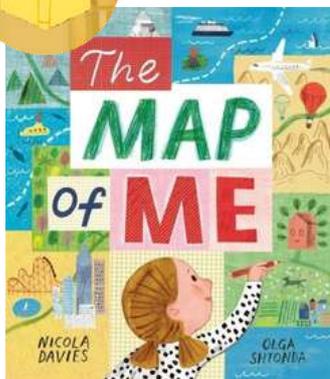
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Book recommendations for all ages

3+



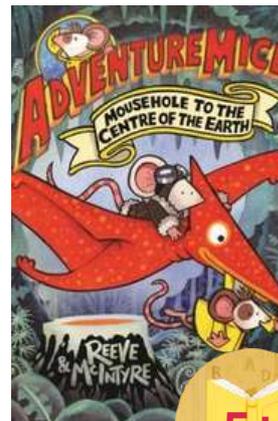
The Map of Me by Nicola Davies illustrated by Olga Shtonda

A gentle story about moving, making connections and mapping a better world.

When a young girl moves to a new country, her mum helps her draw a map to understand her unfamiliar surroundings. They draw the new neighbourhood, new friends and the special places the girl has found, but important things from the past are missing like Grandma and Joe-Dog. So the girl makes the map bigger to include them.



Adventuremice: Mousehole to the Centre of the Earth by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre



5+

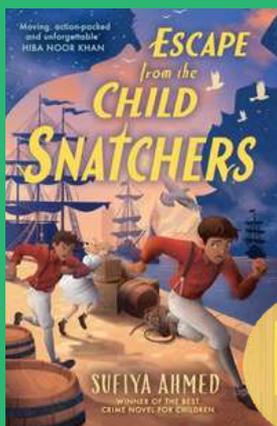
When Uncle Bernie turns up with his incredible Mechanical Mole machine, the Adventuremice go on a mission!

Pedro and the crew burrow to an underground cave world, unlike anything they've ever seen. There are tiny, twisty trees, and even tinier pterodactyls! But there's also a HAMSTERSAURUS REX on the loose! Can they save the local cave mice and find a way home? They need a very clever solution!



Escape from the Child Snatchers by Safiya Ahmed

Humza and his friend Ranj are on a mission to bring back Dani, Humza's brother who went missing in London two years ago.



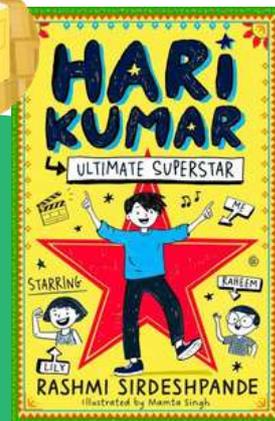
9+

It's 1865 and after a long and eventful voyage from India, Humza and Ranj arrive in London and very quickly encounter the ruthless child-snatcher. A nail-biting adventure across London follows. Can the boys stay out of the clutches of the child snatcher? And can they ever find Dani and bring him back home?

7+

Hari Kumar - Ultimate Superstar by Rashmi Sirdeshpande illustrated by Mamta Singh

Hari Kumar: 10 years old, 75% Indian, 25% French, and 100% going to be a superstar. All he needs to make it big is a lucky break.



Hari dreams of becoming a Bollywood legend, and when a school filmmaking competition appears on the horizon, he's convinced this is his lucky break. His ticket to stardom. The moment the world finally sees what he can do. What he's capable of. Told through Hari's own journal, readers get a front-row seat inside Hari's brilliant, autistic, ADHD mind.



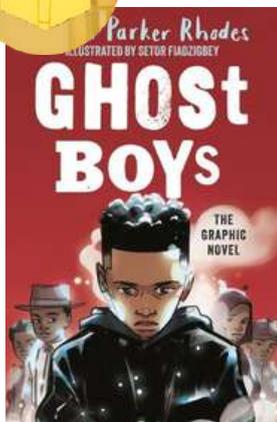
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BOOK PICKS

Book recommendations for all ages



Ghost Boys

by Jewell Parker Rhodes
illustrated by Setor Fiadzigbey

A powerful graphic novel version of the bestselling novel about a Black boy killed by a white police officer.

Twelve-year-old Jerome doesn't get into trouble. He goes to school. He does his homework. He takes care of his little sister. Then Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, watching his family trying to cope with his death, Jerome begins to notice other ghost boys. Each boy has a story and they all have something in common...



The Experiment

by Rebecca Stead

A sci-fi mystery that asks how we figure out who we want to be, and whether it's ever too late to change.



Nathan never understood what was 'fun' about secrets, probably because he's always had to keep a very big one. Although he appears to be a typical twelve-year-old, Nathan learned at an early age that his family is from another planet. Now, their time on Earth may be coming to an end. Nathan, his parents and nine other families are part of an experiment that suddenly seems to be going wrong.

Beth is Dead

by Katie Bernet



Beth March has been murdered, and all her sisters are suspects... But the March girls aren't the only ones with a story to tell.



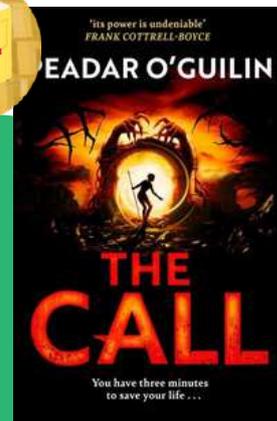
After a New Years Eve party, Beth is found dead. All the March sisters see Beth's body and wonder how - and who - could have killed their sweet little sister. And what was their motive? The March sisters have always been close, but will Beth's murder bring them closer together, or further apart? As each of the girls' motives are uncovered, the March sisters might not be quite as sweet as they seem...



The Call

by Peadar O'Guilin

The magical Sidhe have been expelled from their home and forced into the Grey Land. But now they've returned to take back what they lost.



All teenagers will be called, and when your time comes, you have to be ready to run or fight to the death. The vengeful Sidhe will grab you by surprise - you could be studying or hanging out with friends when suddenly you're pulled into their terrifying world, alone and hunted. Only one in ten will return alive - the rest subjected to a tortuous and painful death. No one believes Nessa can survive but she's determined to prove them wrong...



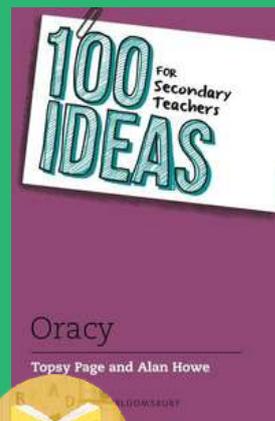
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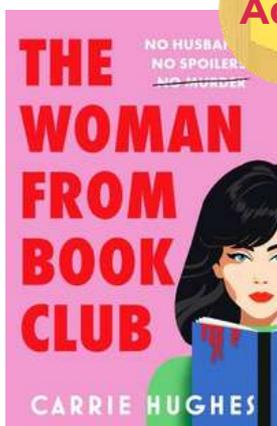


Teacher Bookshelf

100 Ideas for Secondary Teachers - Oracy
by Topsy Page and Alan Howe

Practical, easy-to-implement strategies and activities for the classroom.

Oracy experts Topsy Page and Alan Howe present 100 easy-to-implement ideas directly from the classroom, engaging everyone from the 'quiet student' in your class to students with SEND or EAL in a variety of pair, group and whole-class talk activities and approaches.



Love Reading Book Club Selection

The Woman from Book Club
by Carrie Hughes

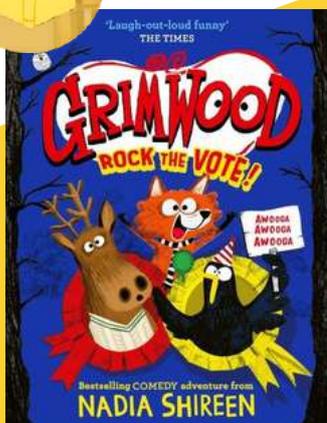
A whip-smart, unsettling domestic thriller that takes the ordinary setting of a book club and turns it into the backdrop for betrayal, obsession, and murder.

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Emma has it all. Jules knows it all. Rosa's seen it all. Marianne's done it all. Lucy watches it all. And newcomer Lydia wants it. All.

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Keep it calm and consistent.

Follow the same sequence every night (e.g. bath, story, cuddle, bed) and avoid stimulating activities before bedtime. Predictability helps children feel secure and signals that sleep is coming.



In your setting

Model the idea of winding down to link to bedtime routines at home and talk about how relaxing before bed helps our bodies rest. In your cosy space with soft lighting, cushions and calming books invite children to spend a few minutes listening to a calm story or soft gentle music.

In the home, parents can....

Aim to create a comforting, predictable routine that helps the child transition to sleep. Choose a favourite short book and read it every night before bed. Use a calm voice and dim the lights during story time. End with a simple phrase like “Goodnight, sleep tight” to signal bedtime.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING

Helping children feel like they belong is vital for their emotional wellbeing, academic success, and overall development. A true sense of belonging reduces anxiety, builds confidence, and supports resilience. These ten tips are designed to help parents and educators create inclusive, caring environments where children feel accepted, safe, and valued.

1 USE EVERYDAY MOMENTS



Belonging is built in the small moments. Use daily routines such as meals, school drop-offs, or quiet times, to check in, offer praise, or listen. These interactions don't need to be lengthy to be meaningful. Consistent gestures of connection and warmth show children they are important, making them feel seen, appreciated, and truly part of the home or classroom community.

2 INVOLVE THEM IN RULE-MAKING



Inviting children to help create rules or routines gives them a sense of shared ownership and responsibility. When their voices are heard, they feel respected and included in the decision-making process. This empowers children, fosters cooperation, and reduces resistance. Whether at home or school, co-created expectations are more likely to be followed because they come from a place of mutual respect.

3 VALIDATE ALL EMOTIONS



Acknowledging a child's emotions, whether positive or challenging, helps them feel accepted as they are. Validating statements like "I can see that made you upset," or "That sounds really exciting," support emotional expression and connection. Children who feel emotionally safe are more likely to seek help, participate openly, and trust the adults around them – all of which contribute to a sense of belonging.

4 HIGHLIGHT HIDDEN STRENGTHS



Go beyond academic success or good behaviour and take time to recognise a child's less visible qualities, such as thoughtfulness, resilience, or humour. Noticing these strengths sends a powerful message that they are valued for who they are, not just for what they do. This boosts self-esteem and helps children feel accepted in a world that often focuses on external achievements.

5 SHOW CURIOSITY ABOUT CULTURE



Ask respectful, open questions about a child's cultural background, family customs, or celebrations. These conversations create opportunities for children to share what matters to them and to feel proud of their identity. Whether at home or in school, valuing cultural experiences helps all children feel that their heritage is respected, and that they belong in a diverse, inclusive environment where every voice counts.

6 BELONGING BUDDIES



Pairing children with a peer they might not typically choose can foster new connections and break down social barriers. Assigning short projects, games, or shared responsibilities gives them a reason to interact. Buddy systems help quieter or less confident children feel included and supported. Over time, these intentional connections can develop into meaningful friendships, strengthening the wider sense of community and inclusion.

7 AVOID LABELS AND COMPARISONS



Avoid labelling children by behaviour or comparing them to others, as this can damage self-esteem and foster exclusion. Statements like "Why can't you be more like..." may unintentionally make a child feel less worthy. Instead, focus on individual progress and strengths. Encouraging children to celebrate their own achievements, however small, helps them develop confidence and feel valued for being themselves.

8 MAKE TIME FOR ONE-TO-ONES



Spending regular one-to-one time with a child shows that they matter on an individual level. These moments can be as simple as reading a book together or chatting during a walk. Focused attention, free from distraction, builds trust and emotional connection. It lets the child know they are important and cared for, which is crucial for developing a strong sense of belonging.

9 REFLECT THEIR INTERESTS



Whether at home or in school, including children's interests in daily life reinforces their importance. Display their artwork, talk about their favourite books, or include their hobbies in family activities or lesson plans. Seeing their identity reflected in their environment tells children they belong. It shows that their passions, preferences, and contributions are valued and that they have a place in the group.

10 EMPHASISE 'WE' OVER 'THEY'



Use inclusive language that reinforces unity and shared identity. Phrases like "Let's figure it out together," or "We all help each other here," promote collective responsibility and connection. Avoiding divisive terms like "those children," or "that class" helps children feel part of a supportive group. Language shapes experience, and inclusive language fosters environments where every child feels safe, welcomed, and included.

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