

4th February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Tuesday 24th February, we are thrilled to welcome the fabulous author Nat Harrison to celebrate the release of her new novel 'The Girl Who Raced The World'. Nominated for the Brandford Boase Award 2026 and the Stanford's Children's Book of the Month, 'The Girl Who Raced The World' is a thrilling retelling of 'Around The World in 80 Days'.

It is 1872 and, when Maggie Appleton's beloved mother dies, she is left with nothing but a letter for a mysterious stranger called Passepartout. With nowhere else to turn, Maggie seeks out Passepartout and, in doing so, is drawn into an adventure beyond her wildest dreams. Together with Passepartout's employer, the enigmatic Mr Phileas Fogg, Maggie journeys to Italy, India, Hong Kong, Japan and America, in a daring race against time to win the wager Mr Fogg has accepted.

But with a bank robber on the loose, an angry Inspector on their tail and unread secrets in her mother's letter, Maggie soon discovers that there is much more at stake than keeping on schedule to win the bet. Who can she really trust - and will she ever find out where she truly belongs?

This event will take place during P3, for Year 5 and 6 pupils.

We've also teamed up with the wonderful Hunting Raven books (found on Cheap Street in Frome) to offer the book at the specially discounted rate of £6.99. This can be pre-ordered ahead of the event via ParentPay.

Kind regards,

Mr O Crook-Wynn (He/Him)
Head of English

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16
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