



Summer 2024 Library Newsletter

Not sure how this has happened so quickly but here we are – the last half term before we break up for the summer. It is a great season for festivals and exhibitions so I have included details of a few events which are happening over this summer and are linked to children’s reading.

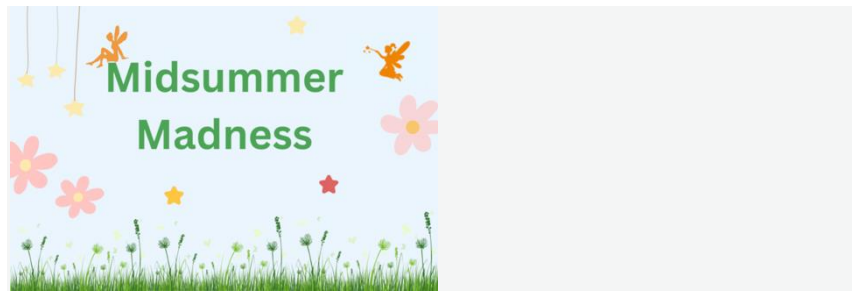
<https://essexbookfestival.org.uk/>

Midsummer Madness Family Fun Day

Performance, Workshops, Crafts and Storytelling Saturday 25th June, 10.30am – 4.00pm

Venue:
Cressing Temple Barns, Witham
Road Braintree, Essex CM77 8PD

Tickets:
Free
Free parking, free entry and
lots of free activities.



<https://www.moyses hall.org/what-s-on/details.cfm?id=896547>

Quentin Blake has done fantastic illustrations for hospitals but many can only be seen by patients and staff. This exhibition gives everyone the chance to discover the wonderful creations including swimming babies and helpful dragons.

Moyses’s Hall Museum Bury St. Edmunds

Quentin Blake: The Illustrated Hospital
Tuesday 4 June 2024 to Sunday 6 October 2024

🕒 10:00am / 12:00pm
👤 Adult £5, Child £3
📍 Moyses Hall



<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Visit your local library and ask to sign up- and the librarian will give you a special collector folder.

Just around the corner...
This year’s Summer Reading Challenge will be about getting CREATIVE. Music, junk-modelling, photography, dancing, story-writing... the possibilities are endless.
You’ll discover fantastic new books, unlock rewards along the way, and achieve something amazing this summer.
Join the Marvellous Makers here from 22 June!

Summer Reading Challenge 2024
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Marvellous Makers

Keep an eye out for latest news

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An old favourite will be performed at the Cambridge Arts Theatre this summer.

<https://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com/whats-on/tiger-who-came-tea-2024>



For Year Six, their final year of primary school is drawing to a close. It is an exciting and an emotional time. There are many books which can help with this transition. The book “ The Final Year” has received some great reviews and was voted the best “Classroom Read Aloud” book for upper key stage 2 children. In fact I have just found out that the year six teachers like it so much they are going to read it to their classes.

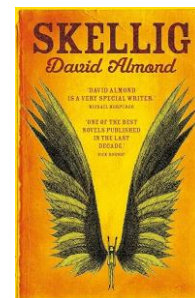
“Beautifully poetic and heart-stoppingly brilliant, your more emotionally mature and able Upper KS2 readers will be in for a treat if they try this unique story. Also, a must for David Almond fans”

— Creative Learning Services



We have this book in the library. We also have the book “Skellig” by David Almond which is celebrated by Matt Goodfellow in his book. In fact this year is the 25th anniversary of the publication of “Skellig”.

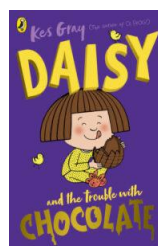
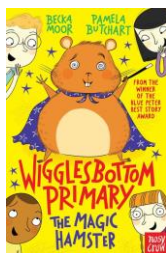
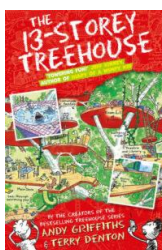
These books are for confident readers and ones that can be read again and again.



For some children finding the right book that “switches” them on to reading can be really tricky. There are some brilliant suggestions on The Books for Topics website: The article gives some excellent advice for parents who feel their children are reluctant to read for pleasure.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/literacy-reading/reluctant-readers-lower-ks2/>

Nearly all the books they suggest are in our library. “The 13 Storey Treehouse” is a great starter book and the series has been very popular this year. Pamela Butchart’s books have also been widely borrowed and have encouraged many less confident readers. “Daisy” is always popular and we have a number of these books in the library.



We are always excited to see the new Year Three children growing to love our library but it can be daunting – so please encourage your children to ask the librarians for help. They will, of course be given very careful guidance by their teachers. We are really looking forward to welcoming all junior children back to the library in September. We will be choosing new librarians to help run the library- letters will be sent out at the beginning of the Autumn term.

We would like to thank all those librarians who have helped this year. Many of them have not missed a single duty day and we have appreciated their help. Without them the library would not run as efficiently as it does – thank you!

We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fair where the library will be selling books suitable for all ages.

