

## Dates for Your

### DIARY



19th June

Y6 visit to Stern Science Big Bang Fair

20th June

Academy closed for staff training

23rd June

Y1 Trip to BeWILDerwood

24th June

Y2 Science & Industry visit

25th June

Y3 visit to The Children's Zoo at Walton Hall and Gardens

26th June 8.30 am

Parent Coffee Morning

27th June

Y6 visit to Tunstall Park

30th June

School Sports Day 1pm—3pm

1st July

Wacky Hair Day - Bottles and Chocolate donations for tombola

3rd July 8.30 am

Parent Coffee Morning

4th July

Y5 Trip to Cadbury World

9th July 3.00 pm—4.30 pm

Star Academy Summer fayre

10th July 9.00 am—9.30 am

Reception Class Graduation

11th July 1.45 pm—3.00 pm

Y6 Play in Main Hall

16th July 8.30 am

Uniform DONATION Day

16th July 3.45 pm—5.15 pm

Y6 Leavers Party

17th July 8.45 am—9.30 am

Uniform PICK UP Day

17th July 2.00p m—3.00 pm

Leavers Assembly

18th July

Last day of summer term

## A message from the Principal



The weeks are flying by, and there's still so much to look forward to! With exciting events on the horizon – including class trips, Sports Day, Reception Graduation, our much-loved Summer Fayre, and the Year 6 Leavers' Play.

Already this half term, our children have been making magical memories:

Year 6 have visited Conkers, Year 2 have enjoyed a trip to Peak Wildlife Park, and Reception had a fabulous time at Manchester Airport.

A massive well done to our fabulous Year 1 children, who have been absolute superstars during their Phonics Screening Checks this week! It's been such a joy to see how far they've come since September – we are incredibly proud of each one of them.

Not to be outdone, our Year 4 mathematicians have tackled their Multiplication Check with fantastic confidence and determination. Your hard work is really paying off – well done!

A polite reminder that children are expected to be in full school uniform each day. If you require second-hand uniform in good condition, please pop in and speak to the main office and we will see what we can do to help.

We know many of you are eager to know who will be teaching your child next academic year. We're working hard behind the scenes and hope to share this exciting news next week.

Please don't forget to complete our School Day Proposal Survey – your opinions really do matter and will help shape future decisions.

You may have seen recent communication regarding poverty proofing and the change to school meal costs from September. If not, please do take a moment to read through this important information.

We are currently recruiting for two cleaners to join our team. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please check the advert shared on Dojo and Facebook.

A gentle request: please ensure children arrive on time each morning. Last week, Mrs Wedgwood had several children arriving late, which causes disruption and creates extra work for both her and Mrs Chamberlain in the kitchen. Punctuality really helps our day run smoothly – we appreciate your support.

Finally, we're excited to share that children across Staffordshire and Stoke are being invited to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, launching on 21 June at local libraries. This year's theme, *Story Garden*, invites children to explore a magical mix of stories and nature. Open to children aged 4 to 11, it encourages them to read six books over the summer and earn rewards along the way – a wonderful way to keep those literacy skills blooming!

As we head towards the final few weeks of term, thank you for your continued support, positivity, and partnership. Let's keep the momentum going as we celebrate the children's achievements, enjoy the upcoming events, and finish the year on a high.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Bloor





After 11 dedicated years at Star Academy, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Eptlett at the end of this academic year, as she embarks on an exciting new chapter in her career. This move is a fantastic opportunity for her to further develop her extensive knowledge and expertise in Special Educational Needs.

Throughout her time at Star, Mrs Eptlett has taught and nurtured countless children with her quirky, caring and compassionate approach. She has also played a key role in supporting new teachers and trainee staff, always leading with warmth, wisdom and unwavering dedication.

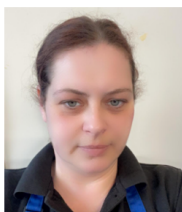
As our SENCO, teacher, and mentor, she will be truly missed by children, families, and staff alike. Her legacy at Star is one of kindness, commitment, and care—underpinned by strong leadership and a deep understanding of the curriculum. She has supported others to grow in confidence, guided provision with clarity, and ensured that children with additional needs receive high-quality teaching and support.

Mrs Eptlett is a true *Starlett*. She welcomes every child with a bright smile and has consistently shown that she will always be there for them—whatever challenges the day may bring. Her steady presence, nurturing nature, and quiet strength have left a lasting impression on everyone she has worked with. Just like a star, we know she will continue to shine brightly wherever her journey takes her next. Her footsteps will be hard to replace, and she will be greatly missed by all of us!

We wish Mrs Eptlett every success and happiness in her new adventure.

**On a personal note, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to Mrs Eptlett for everything she has contributed to our entire school community. Her dedication, warmth and tireless commitment have touched the lives of so many—children, families and colleagues alike. She has made a lasting difference at Star Academy, and her influence will be felt for many years to come. It has been a privilege to work with you, Mrs Eptlett.**

*We warmly invite parents and carers to join us as we say goodbye and celebrate her time with us during a special assembly on **Friday 18th July**. Please note this may be standing-room only. Further details will be shared closer to the time.*



We are saying another fond farewell — Miss Hopwood will also be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Over the last two years, she has been an invaluable member of our kitchen team. Not only has she supported the preparation of nutritious and delicious meals for our children, but she has also greeted everyone each morning with a radiant smile, warmth, and genuine care. We thank Miss Hopwood wholeheartedly for her dedication, hard work, and the kindness she has consistently shown. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every success and happiness in the future. Again, we warmly invite parents/carers to the assembly on 18<sup>th</sup> July.





# ATTENDANCE

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

**89% & Below**  
Drastic effect on  
academic achievement

**95%-90%**  
Cause for  
concern

**100%-96%**  
Excellent



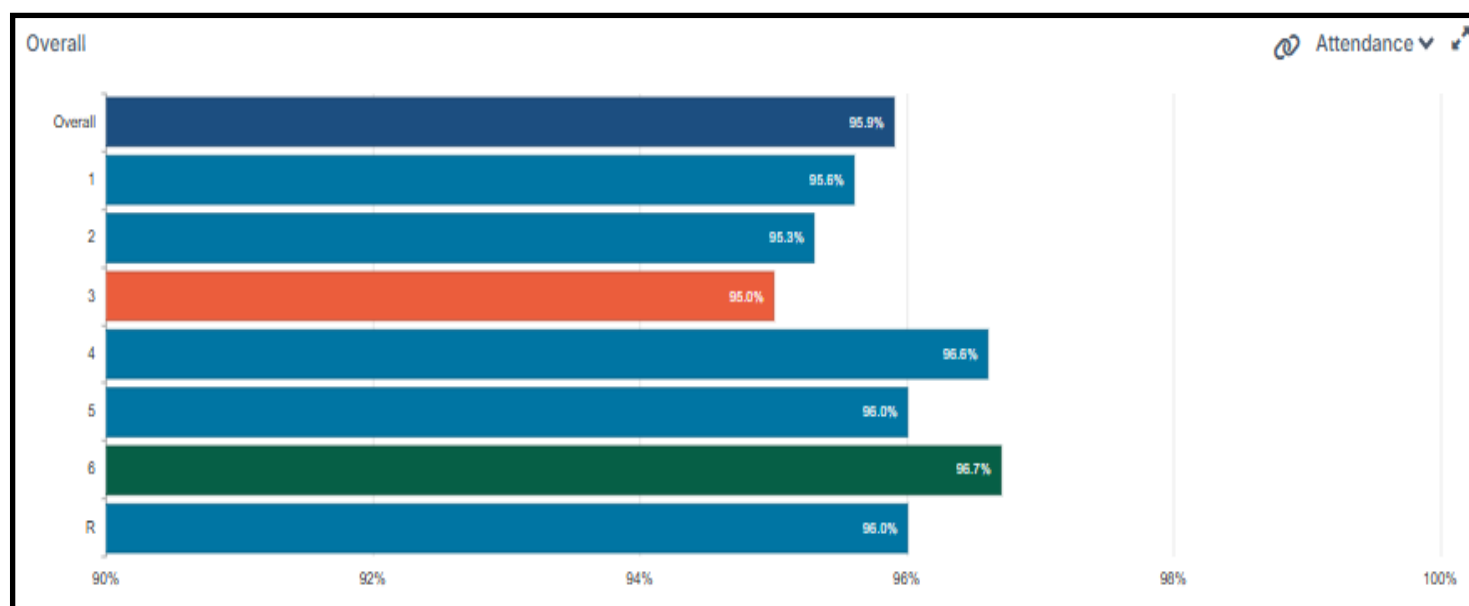
### Why does Attendance matter?



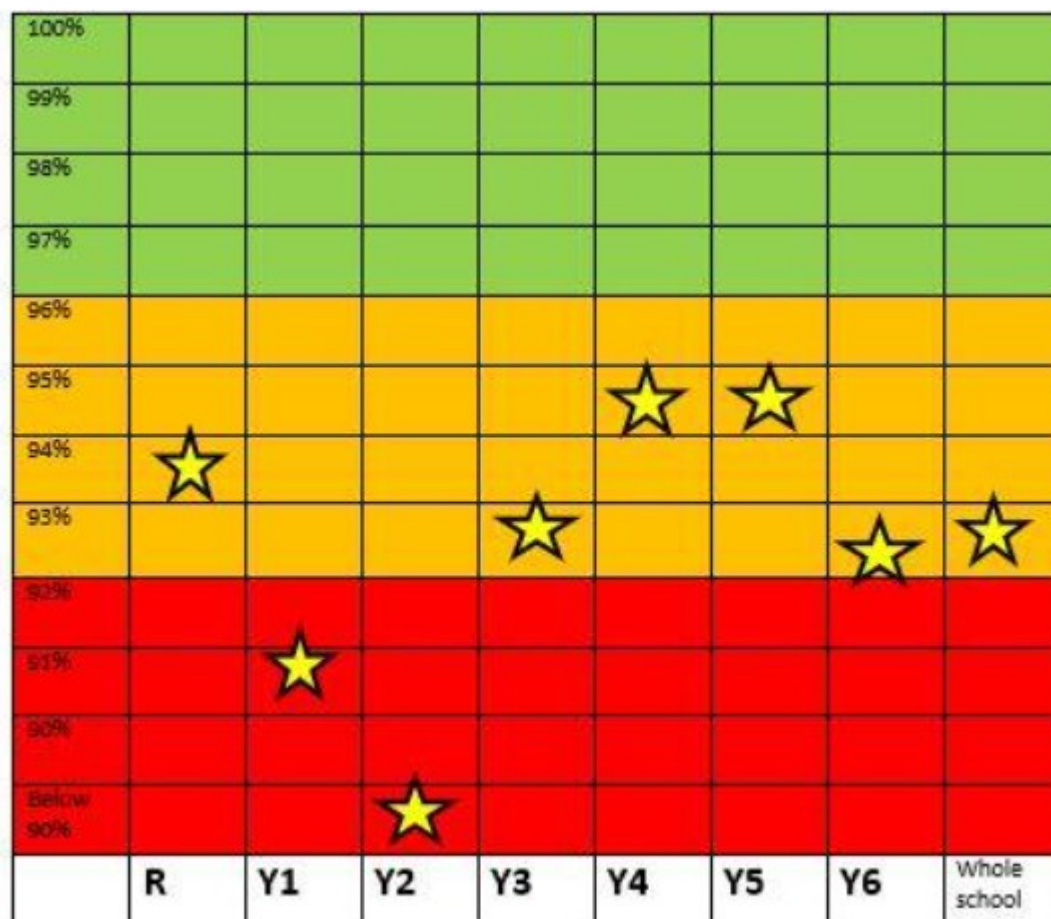
*There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement, in a nutshell – how can our children learn if they are not here?*

- A child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- Poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable
- Poor school attendance is also closely associated with crime - a quarter of school age offenders have truanted repeatedly

# Attendance Year to Date



## Attendance from 09.06– 13.06







## CHELL HEATH FAMILY HUB

Bishops Road, Chell Heath, ST6 6QW

### OPENING DAYS

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

9:30am until 1:30pm

Main reception telephone - 01782 232977

Email - huginamugcafe@outlook.com



## Stay & Play Group



Middleport Matters Community Trust  
93-97 Harper Street  
Middleport ST6 3QU

Thursdays

1.30pm - 2.30pm

Starting 1st May until 17th July

Suitable for 0-5 years, free of charge

Toys Messy Play Crafts

School Readiness Activities

Develop Social Skills Singing



# Safeguarding

## TYPES CHILD ABUSE

There are four common types of abuse:



### PHYSICAL ABUSE

The non-accidental physical injury of a child. The inadvertent result of physical punishment or physically aggressive treatment of a child.



### SEXUAL ABUSE

Any act of sexual nature upon or with a child for the sexual gratification of the perpetrator or a third party, including anyone who allowed or encouraged it.



### EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Chronic attitudes or acts which interfere with the psychological and social development of a child. When a parent or caregiver harms a child's mental and social development or causes severe emotional harm.



### NEGLECT

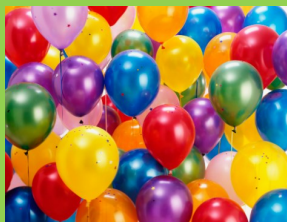
Child-rearing practices which are essentially inadequate or dangerous. The failure to act on behalf of the child; not providing the care, supervision, affection, and support needed for a child's health, safety, and well-being.

**Safeguarding is about protecting children from harm and ensuring their well-being. Any form of abuse—whether physical, emotional, sexual, or neglect—is a serious safeguarding concern. It's our responsibility to recognise the signs and take action to keep children safe. No concern is too small when it comes to a child's safety.**

Best Wishes  
on your  
Birthday

## June's Birthdays

Bilaal  
Sophia  
Bailey-James  
Lucas  
Nathan  
Ava-Rose  
Joshua  
Raphael  
Violet  
Adnan



## Academy Lunch Menus

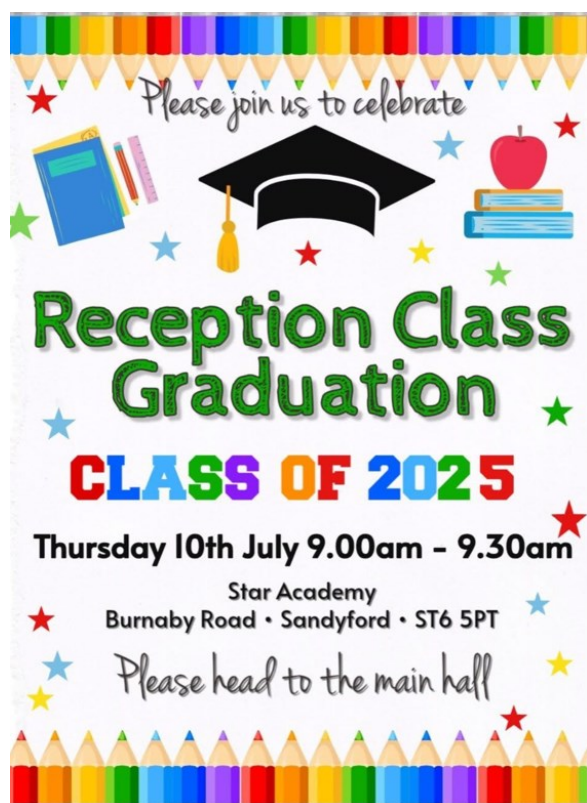
Star Primary Academy Menu Week One					
Menu for Week Commencing: 24th Feb, 17th Mar, 7th Apr, 12th May, 9th Jun, 30th Jun					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Option One</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Crispy Wedges & Coleslaw	Chicken Tikka Masala Served with Basmati Rice	Roast Chicken Served with Cabbage, Carrots, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Cottage Pie Served with Green Beans & Honey Roast-Parsnips	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips, Beans & Peas
<b>Main Option Two</b>	Quorn Bolognaise Served with Wholemeal Pasta, Carrots & Peas	Macaroni Cheese Served with Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Quorn Roast Served with Cabbage, Carrots, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Green Beans & Honey Roast-Parsnips	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips, Beans & Peas
<b>Daily Available All Week</b>	Jacket potatoes with a choice of hot & cold toppings, Fresh fruit and salad available every day. Ham, Cheese & Tuna sandwiches are available Monday—Thursday.				
<b>Dessert</b>	Berry & Peach Oatley Crumble with Custard	Strawberry Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruity Flagjack	Ice cream

Star Academy Menu Week Two					
Menu for Week Commencing: 3rd Mar, 24th Mar, 28th Apr, 19th May, 16th Jun, 7th Jul					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Option One</b>	Pepperoni Pizza Served with Crispy Wedges & Coleslaw	Beef Curry Served with Naan Bread with Basmati Rice	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding Served with Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy	Chicken Fajitas with Crispy Potatoes, Corn on the Cob & Red Cabbage Slaw	Baked Salmon or Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Beans & Peas
<b>Main Option Two</b>	Margherita Pizza Served with Crispy Wedges & Coleslaw	Macaroni Cheese Served with Garlic Bread, Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding Served with Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Gravy	Vegetarian Fajitas with Crispy Potatoes, Corn on the Cob & Red Cabbage Slaw	Cheese & Onion Slice Served with Chips, Beans & Peas
<b>Daily Available All Week</b>	Jacket potatoes with a choice of hot & cold toppings, Fresh fruit and salad available every day. Ham, Cheese & Tuna sandwiches are available Monday—Thursday.				
<b>Dessert</b>	Shortbread	Chocolate & Banana Marble Cake with Custard	Creamy Rice Pudding & Fruit	Pineapple Up-Side Down Pudding with Custard	Ice-Cream & Mini Cookie

Star Academy Menu Week Three					
Menu for Week Commencing: 10th Mar, 31st Mar, 5th May, 2nd Jun, 23rd Jun, 14th July					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Option One</b>	Chicken Burger Served with Crispy Wedges & Coleslaw	Beef Meatballs Served with Pasta, Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken Served with Cabbage, Carrots, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne Served with Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Crispy Battered Fish Served with Chips, Beans & Peas
<b>Main Option Two</b>	Vegetarian Burger Served with Crispy Wedges & Coleslaw	Cheese & Potato Pie Served with Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Quorn Roast Served with Cabbage, Carrots, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetarian Lasagne Served with Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips, Beans & Peas
<b>Daily Available All Week</b>	Jacket potatoes with a choice of hot & cold toppings, Fresh fruit and salad available every day. Ham, Cheese & Tuna sandwiches are available Monday—Thursday.				
<b>Dessert</b>	American Pancakes	Carrot Cake & Vanilla Custard	Steamed Apple & Syrup Sponge	Mandarin Orange Jelly	Strawberry Mousse



Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS







# Changes for 2025/26



We kindly request that  
no snacks be sent in  
with your child  
from September.

To promote healthy eating,  
we will be providing fresh  
fruit.



## YEAR ONE



will be provided with  
**UNIVERSAL FREE  
SCHOOL MEALS.**

Therefore, children will  
not need to bring a  
packed lunch to school.



No pencil cases,  
rulers, rubbers,  
pens or pencils  
are needed to be  
sent to school.

From September,  
meals costs will  
**£2.95**



**NO RUCKSACKS**



We are celebrating 100  
years of Stoke on Trent



On Wednesday 11th, June the children enjoyed cheese oatcakes and began their art projects to celebrate 100 years of Stoke on Trent. Happy 100th Anniversary Stoke on Trent!

Reception visited Manchester  
Airport



Year One





## Year Two



## Year Three



## Year Four



## Year Five



## Year Six





# **WELL DONE, SUPERSTARS!**

## **YEAR 5**

- A huge WELL DONE for the brilliant way you approached your practice SATs tests.
- ✓ Your attitude, focus and effort have been fantastic!

## **YEAR 1**

- We are incredibly proud of how confidently you tackled the Phonics Screening Check – what amazing readers you are becoming!

- ◆ **YEAR 4**
- ⚡ You showed brilliant recall and determination during the Multiplication Times Tables Check – fantastic work, mathematicians!

★ **WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. KEEP SHINING!**







# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TIMETABLE 3:00 - 3:45

MONDAY

20

## KS1 & KS2 "BOOKWORMS"

Library Club: reading for pleasure and discussion. Improving communication skills.

TUESDAY

10

## KS1 "Wellbeing Club"

Skills For Life : practicing mindfulness through cooking, crochet & pompom making.

TUESDAY

20

## KS2 "HALEYS COMETS"

Computing & Coding Club: a fun way of learning about coding and animation

TUESDAY

15

## KS2 "HANDS ON" CLUB

Gardening Club: exploring nature, the environment and the great outdoors

DAY  
CHANGED TO  
THURSDAY

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## R, KS1 & KS2 "Sketch Squad"

Art Club : various forms of visual art, such as painting and drawing to develop artistic skills.

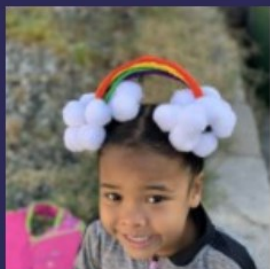
THURSDAY

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## KS2 "Wellbeing Club"

Skills For Life : practicing mindfulness through cooking, crochet & pompom making.

**Places are limited - enrollment is essential**



## WACKY hair day

1st July  
Donate chocolates or bottles

**Donations :**  
You are invited to donate clean items of school uniform on Wednesday 16th July, to be handed to your class teacher. You may donate items before however, children will be expected to wear school uniform until the end of the academic year so we would not encourage donating too early.

**Uniform Pick Up :**  
You are invited to come along at 8.45 on the 17th July to pick up items of uniform free of charge.



Join us for our...

# UNIFORM EXCHANGE

Donations invited for uniform exchange on Wednesday 16th July

Washed Items Please

Location : Star Academy

Drop off 16th July / Pick up 17th July

Uniform pick up on Thursday 17th July at 08:45

Uniforms are FREE

Autumn Term 2025

*Inset Day (School Closed): Monday 1st September*

*Term Starts: Tuesday 2nd September*

*Holiday: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October*

*Inset Day (School Closed): Monday 3rd November*

*Term Starts: Tuesday 4th November*

*Term Ends: Friday 19th December*

*Holiday: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2 January*

2026

Spring Term 2026

*Term Starts: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January*

*Holiday: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February*

*Inset Day (School Closed): 20<sup>th</sup> March*

*Term Ends: Friday 27th March*

*Holiday: Monday 30 March – Friday 10th April*

*Easter Sunday: Sunday 5th April*

Summer Term 2026

*Term Starts: Monday 13th April*

*May Day: Monday 4th May*

*Holiday: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May*

*Inset Day (School Closed): Friday 26th June*

*Term Ends: Friday 17th July*

*Inset Day (School Closed): Monday 20th July*

*Holiday: Tuesday 22nd July – Monday 31st August*

*Inset Days – School closed*

*1<sup>st</sup> September*

*3<sup>rd</sup> November*

*20<sup>th</sup> March*

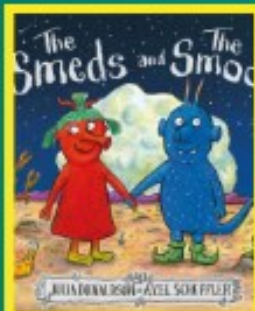
*26<sup>th</sup> June*

*20<sup>th</sup> July*



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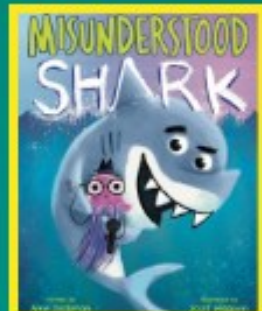
**The Smeds and  
The Smoos**  
Julia Donaldson



**Where The  
Wild Things Are**  
Maurice Sendak



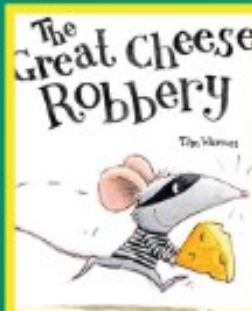
**The Colour Monster**  
Ann Llenas



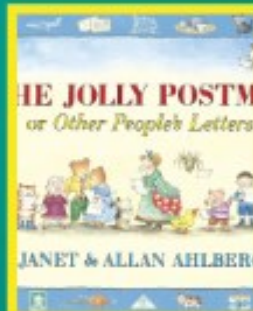
**Misunderstood  
Shark**  
Arne Dyckman



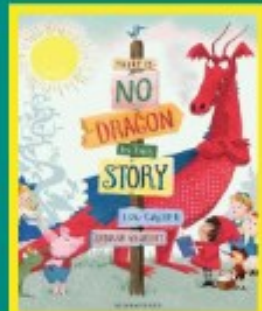
**Emma Jane's  
Aeroplane**  
Katie Haworth



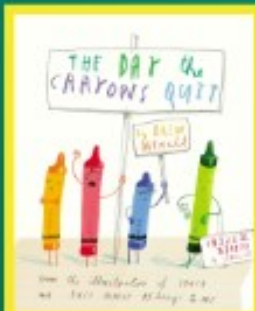
**The Great  
Cheese Robbery**  
Tim Warnes



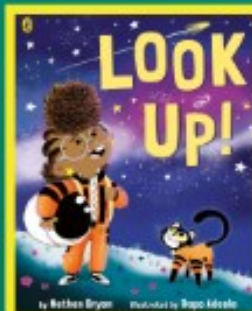
**The Jolly Postman**  
Janet & Allan Ahlberg



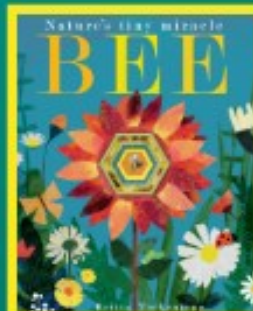
**There Is No Dragon  
In This Story**  
Lou Carter



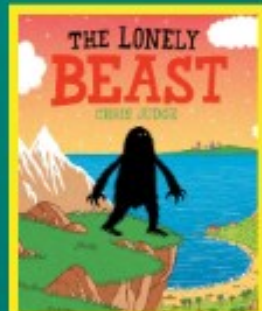
**The Day the  
Crayons Quit**  
Drew Daywalt



**Look up!**  
Nathan Bryon



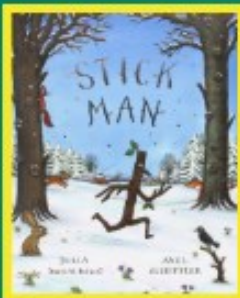
**Nature's tiny  
miracle Bee**  
Patricia Hegarty



**The Lonely Beast**  
Chris Judge

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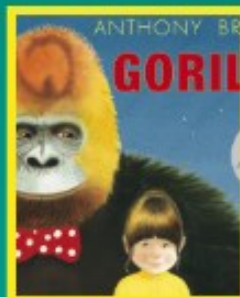
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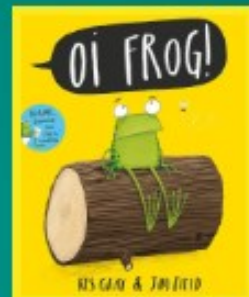
**Stick Man**  
Julia Donaldson



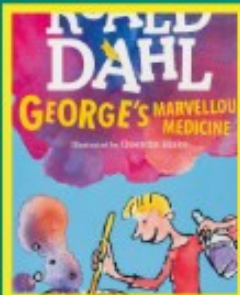
**I Need a Wee!**  
Sue Hendra  
and Paul Linnet



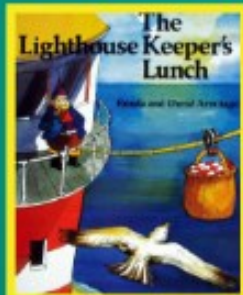
**Gorilla**  
Anthony Browne



**Oi Frog!**  
Kes Gray



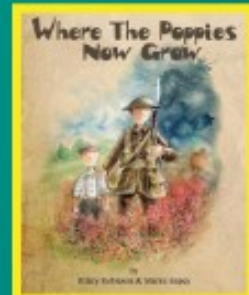
**George's Marvellous Medicine**  
Roald Dahl



**Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch**  
David & Ronda Armitage



**The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark**  
Jill Tomlinson



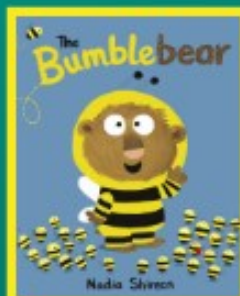
**Where The Poppies Now Grow**  
Hilary Robinson



**Lost and Found**  
Oliver Jeffers



**Fungus the Bogeyman**  
Raymond Briggs



**Bumblebear**  
Nadia Shireen



**The Queen's Knickers**  
Nicholas Allan

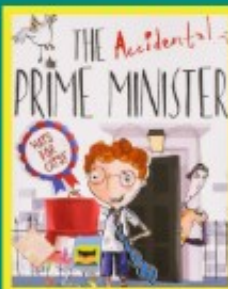


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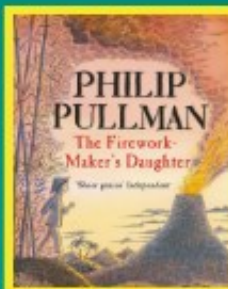
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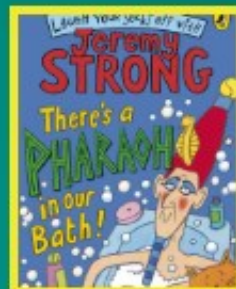
**How to Train Your Dragon**  
Cressida Cowell



**The Accidental Prime Minister**  
Tom McLaughlin



**The Firework-Maker's Daughter**  
Philip Pullman



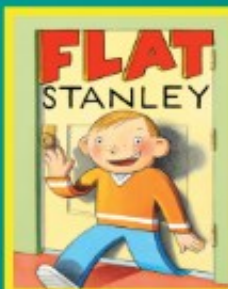
**There's A Pharaoh In Our Bath!**  
Jeremy Strong



**The Nothing to See Here Hotel**  
Steven Butler



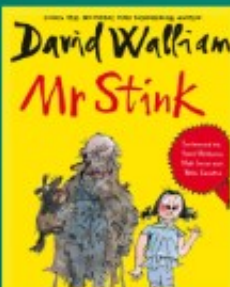
**The Legend of Podkin One Ear**  
Kieran Larwood



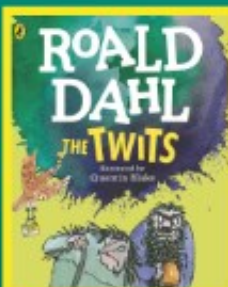
**Flat Stanley**  
Jeff Brown



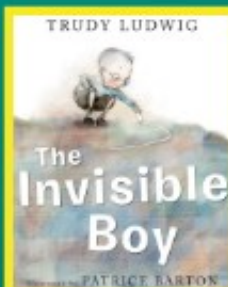
**The Lottie Project**  
Jacqueline Wilson



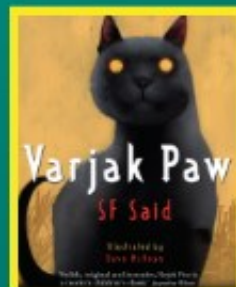
**Mr Stink**  
David Walliams



**The Twits**  
Roald Dahl



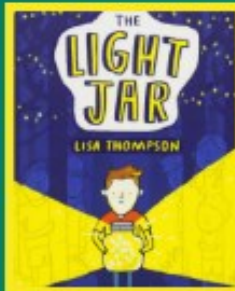
**The Invisible Boy**  
Trudy Ludwig



**Varjak Paw**  
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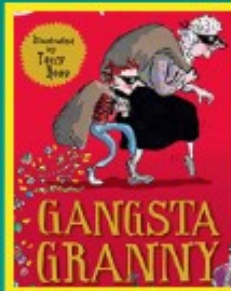
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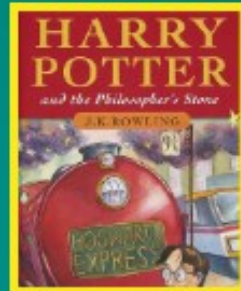
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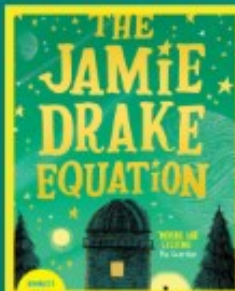
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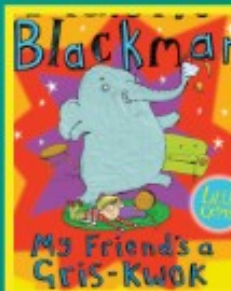
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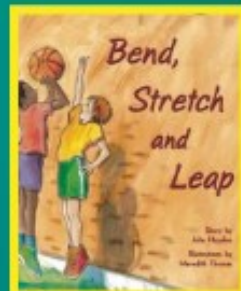
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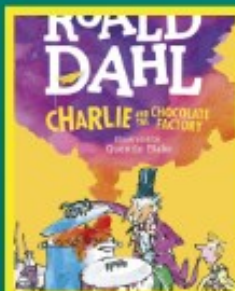
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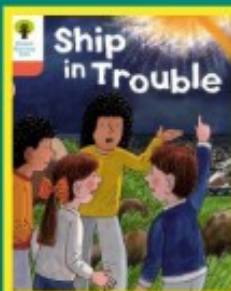
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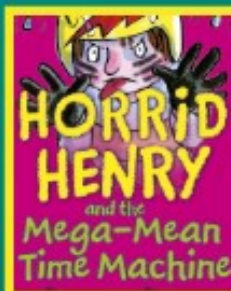
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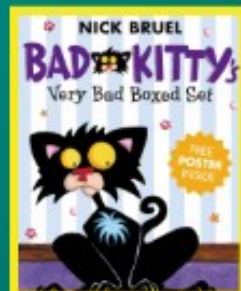
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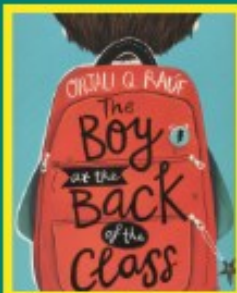


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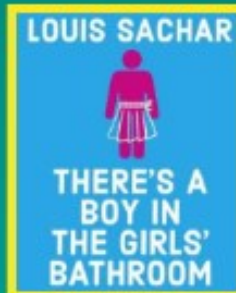
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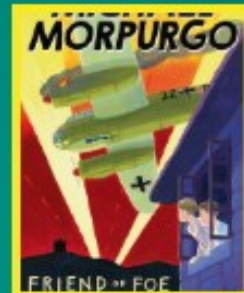
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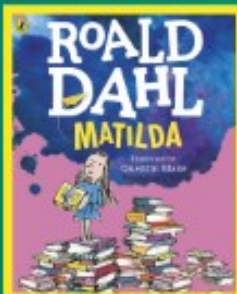
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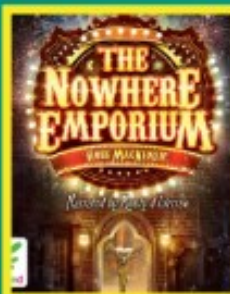
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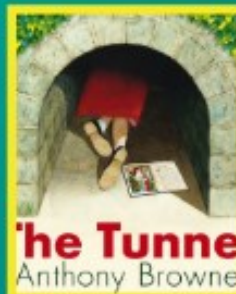
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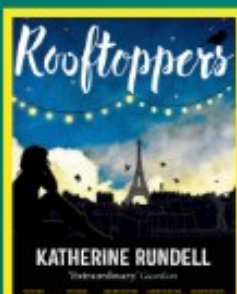
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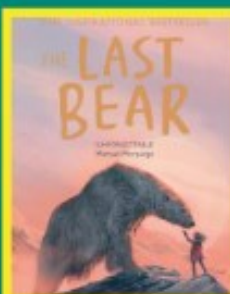
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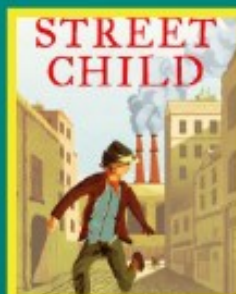
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**Rooftoppers**  
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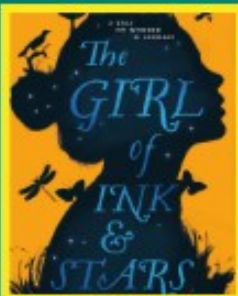
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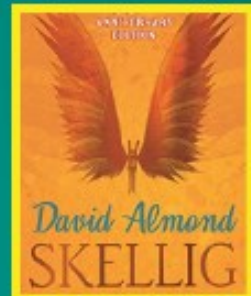
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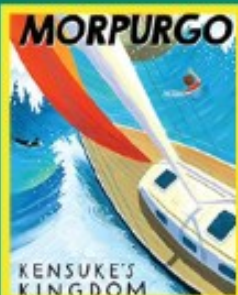
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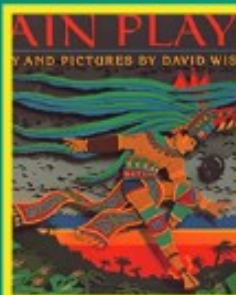
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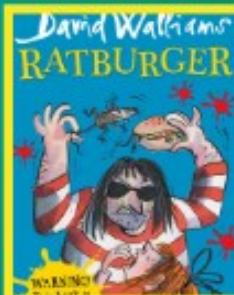
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**Kensuke's Kingdom**  
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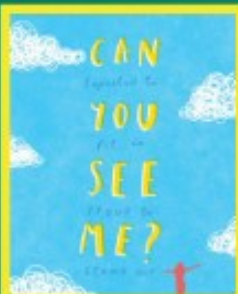
**Rain Player**  
David Wisniewski



**Ratburger**  
David Walliams



**Wonder**  
R.J. Palacio



**Can you see me?**  
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**Brightstorm**  
Vashti Hardy



**Silverfin**  
Charlie Higson



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