



Bottesford Junior School

The Bottesford Bookworm

Autumn term



Great to be back...

It's been a while since my last reading newsletter, and I'm so excited to be writing one again!

Anyone who knows me knows that I absolutely love reading (and Microsoft Excel!). There's nothing better than picking up a good book and stepping into the pages of another world — pure escapism!

In the busy world we live in, reading can offer a precious moment of peace. According to The Book Trust, reading supports better mental wellbeing, social skills, and stronger relationships because children:

- feel more secure and develop deep bonds with parents and carers;
- build healthy routines and habits;
- develop stronger socio-emotional skills; and
- enjoy improved mental wellbeing and self-esteem.

Why reading matters

In the hustle and bustle of life, curling up with a good book can be a rare and precious moment of calm. Reading is more than escapism — it nourishes our inner lives. According to The Book Trust, reading supports better mental wellbeing, social skills, and stronger relationships. Children who read regularly tend to:

- feel more secure and develop deeper bonds with parents/carers;
- adopt healthy routines and habits;
- build stronger socio-emotional skills;
- experience improved self-esteem and emotional resilience.

You can read more about the benefits of reading here: The benefits of reading — [BookTrust](#)

Book Picks for Ages 7–11 (from BookTrust)

Here are three recent titles recommended by BookTrust that are well suited to children aged 7 to 11:

Fear Files: Hide and Seek by Christopher Edge

A spooky, atmospheric thriller for middle readers, combining witness statements, illustrations, and narrative to build suspense. [Fear Files](#)

Reek by Alastair Chisholm

A dystopian thriller set in a world plagued by climate disaster, where those who can't pay literally can't breathe. [Reek](#)

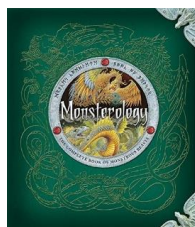
The Girl Who Raced the World by (Nat Harrison)

Set in 1872, Maggie, grieving her mother, sets off on a whirlwind journey around the world in an attempt to deliver a letter. [The Girl who raced the world](#)



Books we are reading this half term

Year 3



Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura

Linking to our literacy lessons and history work

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/book/17583/Stone-Age-Boy-by-Satoshi-Kitamura.html>

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (Usborne Illustrated Originals by Lewis Carroll)

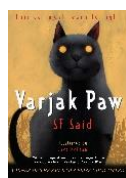
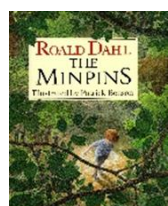
Our story time book

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Adventures-Wonderland-Usborne-Illustrated-Originals/dp/1409533018>

Monsterology: The complete book of monstrous beasts by Dr Ernest Drake

Linking to our literacy lessons

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1961666.Monsterology>



The Minpins by Roald Dahl

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/book/the-minpins/>

Varjak Paw by S.J. Said

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Year 4



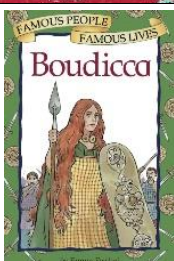
Dragonology: The complete book of dragons by Dr Ernest Drake

Linking to our literacy lessons and story time

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/28873.Dragonology>

Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/book/song-of-the-dolphin-boy/>



Famous people, Famous Lives: Boudicca by Emma Fischel

Linking to our story time, literacy and history work

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1621915.Boudicca>

Ancient Romans by Joshua George et al

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/58675649-lift-the-flap-history-ancient-romans>

Year 5



Star Wars Alien Archive: A guide to species of the galaxy by Katrina Pallant

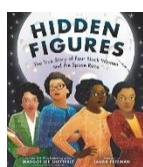
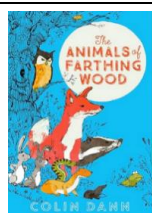
Linking to our literacy lessons

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/40893334-star-wars-alien-archive>

The Story of Tutankhamun by Patricia Cleveland-Peck

Linking to our History lessons

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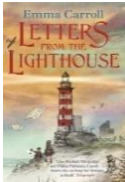
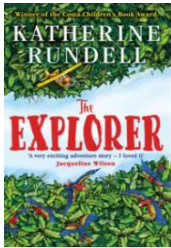


The Animals of Farthing Wood by Colin Dann

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/book/the-animals-of-farthing-wood/>

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/book/hidden-figures-the-true-story-of-four-black-women-and-the-space-race/>

Year 6	 	Carrie's War by Nina Bawden Linking to our story time, literacy and history lessons https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book/c/carries-war/ Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll https://www.booksfortopics.com/book/letters-from-the-lighthouse/
	 	Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/bookfinder/kensukes-kingdom/ The Explorer by Katherine Rundell https://www.booksfortopics.com/book/the-explorer/

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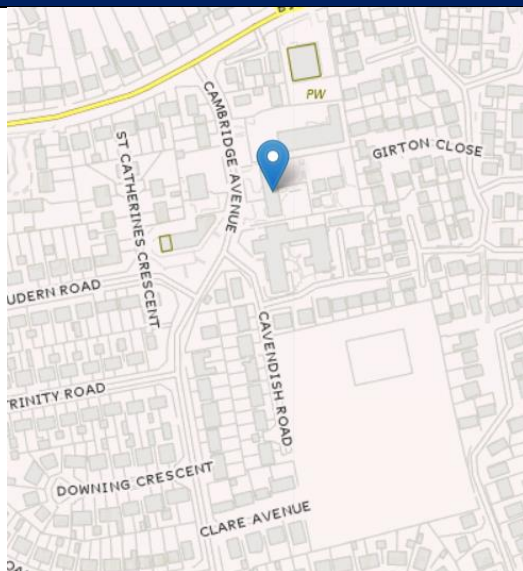
Have a book that's captured your heart this year? Now's your chance to make it count! The 'Books Are My Bag' Readers' Awards, run by National Book Tokens, let readers vote for their favourite books across a variety of categories — including Children's Fiction, Young Adult, Non-Fiction, and more.

The winners are selected not by critics, but by real readers — people like you.

You can also nominate a book that inspired or delighted you in the past 12 months in the Readers' Choice category.

To vote for your favourite book, click on this link:
[National Book Tokens](#)

Our local library



Cambridge House
Cambridge Avenue
Bottesford
Scunthorpe
North Lincolnshire
DN16 3LG

Monday: 1pm to 4.30pm
Tuesday: closed
Wednesday: 1pm to 4.30pm
Thursday: 9.30am to 1pm
Friday: closed
Saturday: closed

Closed on bank holidays
library.enquiries@northlincs.gov.uk

Local events

North Lincolnshire Libraries

Room on the Broom



On Thursday 30th October 2025

Scunthorpe Fire Station	10:00am
Scunthorpe Central	1:30pm

On Friday 31st October 2025

Brigg Community Hub	10:00am
<u>Baysgarth Community Hub</u>	1:30pm

Join North Lincolnshire Libraries
for the reading of Julia Donaldson's classic tale.

No need to book
All Welcome

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Final thoughts...

Thank you for reading our latest edition of the Bottesford Bookworm! I hope that you have enjoyed hearing about some of the exciting books that we will be reading in school this term.

Keep your eyes peeled for our next edition – it will be packed full of more exciting information, book facts and even a competition!

**Until then...keep reading!
Mrs Burt**