

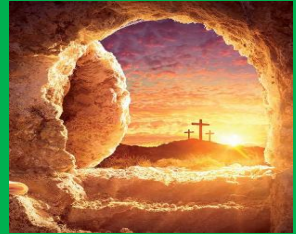
ST AGNES NEWS

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Happy Easter

Written by: Mrs Higgins



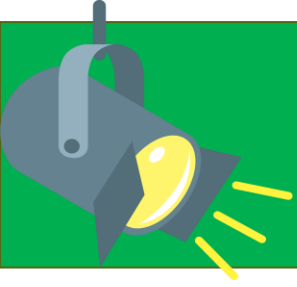
Welcome to our Spring 2 edition of the school newspaper!

It has been a very busy and joyful half term as we journeyed through Lent and prepared for the celebration of Easter. Throughout this special season, we have taken time to reflect and grow in faith. We took part in a meaningful Lenten retreat in school, helping us to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Jesus. We also listened to the Stations of the Cross, thinking carefully about Jesus' journey and what it means for us today. Alongside our Lenten preparations, there have been many exciting events across the school. We celebrated World Book Day in style with a special author visit, fantastic costumes as we dressed as our favourite book characters, a lively parade showcasing our costumes, reading sessions with our reading buddies, and a trip to WHSmith to choose a book using our book vouchers. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for reading! In EYFS, we were delighted to watch ducklings hatch – a truly special experience and a lovely reminder of new life during the spring season. Pupils have also been busy thinking of others. We created beautiful Easter cards and held a craft afternoon for EYFS to create lambs and chicks to share with residents at the local care home. Our Social Action Leaders have helped to clean the church in preparation for Easter and have delivered the cards to spread some Easter joy. There has also been an exciting Easter Egg Quest, Mother's Day crafts and celebrations, as well as a range of workshops, school trips and lots of wonderful learning happening in every classroom. Although it has been a short half term, it has certainly been a full and meaningful one as we prepared for Easter together.

We wish you all a peaceful and happy Easter break!



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AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

LEXI REES



As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the newspaper team had a fantastic journalistic opportunity to interview an author – Lexi Rees, they thought of their questions and took turns to ask them and write down the answers.



Nol: What made you become an author?

I always loved writing stories, I entered a competition at my local library when I was around 10 years old and I came second, I was able to read my writing to a crowd of people and that's when I realised I loved to share my stories too.

Juan-David: What is your favourite book that you have written?

I love them all because they are all different, Scavenger Art is special because it was inspired by my art A-level and Eternal Seas is special because it is inspired by a trip with my son.

Haben: Where did you come up with the names of your books? Are they relevant to your own life?

Scavenger Art is based on scavenger hunts and it is an art book. Eternal seas is because I based it on a storm I went through in real life while sailing so I wanted something that sounded stormy. The titles are hard because sometimes you have a working title and as the book evolves the title changes, my most recent book: A Vampire is not a Pet, was going to be called 'A vampire for Christmas' and it became not based on Christmas time and my publisher said that having Christmas in the name would mean that it would only sell at Christmas time. Most things in the book are relevant to my real life and real places and I change the names.

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AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT CONT.

LEXI REES



Amelia: Did you get any ideas from other famous authors?
I read the genres of the books I am writing about, so I read lots of fantasies which gives me ideas. You have to be so careful of plagiarism so I do not want to be inspired or influenced too much. When writing Eternal Seas, I was reading Children of Blood and Bones and I stopped reading it so that I didn't risk copying anything subconsciously such as a line of hers within my work.

Mason: Did you start writing from a young age?

Yes, from very young. My mum kept my journals that I would write in she still has my first writing of 'owly bank on a wabrov' where I was writing that I had an owl piggy bank on top of the wardrobe!

Mathilde: Who is your favourite author?

When I was younger I liked C.S.Lewis and the Chronicles of Narnia. Now I like Claire Fayres Storm Hound book, she is a Welsh author. I have just finished reading my author friend Kathryn Evans book 'More of Me' it's aimed at year 7 and above and it is great!

Nick: When were your most popular books published?

My first published book was in 2018, Eternal Seas. Creative Writing skills was published in 2020 just before lockdown – this became very popular! My most recent book was published in November 2025 'A Vampire is not a pet'.

Manuela: What's your favourite type of book?

I read everything! All genres and all formats – fiction, non-fiction, comics, manga, audiobooks – all reading is great. Just not horror I'm not a fan.

Fatima & Olivia: If you could add one word to the dictionary, what would it be? And what would it mean?

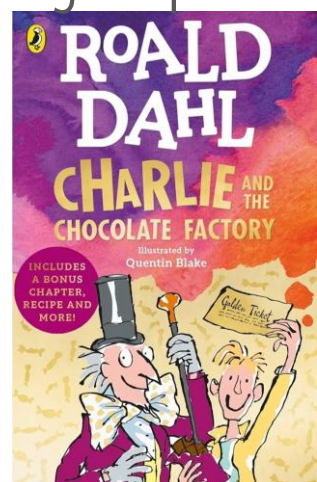
This question made Lexi laugh! She said she thinks it is the hardest question she's ever been asked! She would like to think of a word that describes the ginormous pile of books next to her bed. She thought about it and reached out adding: I've been thinking hard of my new word - how about "bedbrary" -definition: a library of books by your bed. Great question!

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BOOK REVIEW

Written by: Nick Nikolov

- Charlie and The Chocolate Factory is the tastiest and craziest book in the world!
- I really like the book and the story. I recommend it to everyone, no matter their age — kids, teenagers, and adults. Everyone should read this book at least once in their life!
- The book takes you to a world where dreams come true, money doesn't matter, and the most important things are children's happiness and the taste of chocolate and sweets. The chocolate tastes like childhood and the best memories.
- It is about a very kind boy named Charlie, who is very poor but still happy with his family.
- One day, Mr. Willy Wonka(he is like the king of candy!) hides five golden tickets in chocolate bars. Whoever finds a ticket wins a visit to his magical chocolate factory!
- Charlie finds one (hooray!) and goes on the tour with four other children, who are quite naughty. The factory is full of chocolate rivers, crazy machines, Oompa-Loompas, and the most delicious sweets in the world!
- But you know what? The naughty children get into trouble because they don't listen and Charlie because he is kind and polite gets the most amazing surprise at the end! 🍫 ✨



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JEFF KENNEY

Written by: Mason Morales

Jeff Kenney (Born in 1971) is an American author, cartoonist and game designer best known for creating Diary of a Wimpy Kid. It was launched in 2004 the book features the adventures of Greg Heffley, over 300 Million Books have been released worldwide. Such as...

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid

Rodrick Rules

Last Draw

Dog Days

The Ugly Truth

Cabin Fever

Third Wheel

Hard Luck

The Long Haul

Old School

Double Down

The Getaway

The Meltdown

Wrecking Ball

The Deep End

Big Shot

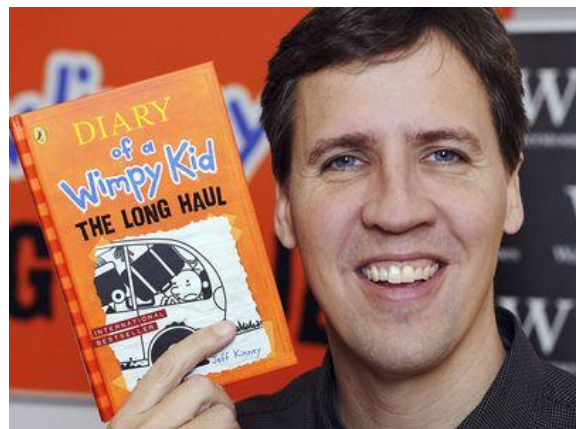
Diper Overload

No Brainer

Hot Mess

Party Pooper

Personally, I like Hot Mess it's very funny and there's a little bit of suspense.

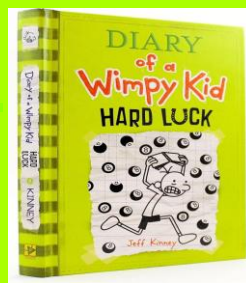


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Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck

Written by: Nol Rozhaja

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck is a funny and relatable story about Greg Heffley struggling with friendship problems after drifting apart from his best friend, Rowley. Feeling unlucky and unsure of himself, Greg starts using a Magic 8-Ball to make decisions, which only leads to more awkward and hilarious situations.



The book focuses on themes of friendship, growing up, and primary school drama. I really recommend this book and all of the Wimpy Kid series is hilarious.

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INTERVIEW WITH... MRS ABBOTT-MYLES

Written by: Fatima Al-Amily

Q: What is your favourite book?

A: Matilda definitely 5 stars!!!

Q: Who is your favorite author?

A: For children's book, Julia Donaldson definitely!!

Q: What is your least favourite book/series?

A: Lord of the rings-it takes a while to get to the good parts.



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Book recommendation and review

Written by: Manuela Monteiro

A question I get asked the most is... **WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING?**

To answer that honestly, I finish books so fast you will barely even see me reading them! The book series I have decided to review is called: **The Hunger Games.**

I recommend this book for older readers, I would say from ages 10+. These books are amazing fiction stories that had me hooked onto it 24/7, and I felt so happy to see that they were movies too!

Author: Suzanne Collins.

Who its for: 10-12 year old mature readers minimum.

The world: The richest area being called the Capitol, with districts 1 through 12 being forced to give up 1 boy and 1 girl from ages 12-18 to the games every year. District 1 is the richest of all the districts, and district 12 is the poorest one.

The protagonist (main character): A girl from district 12 called Katniss, who defies the Capitol to survive with her "star-crossed lover", Peeta Mellark.

The books:

The Hunger Games

Catching Fire

Mockingjay (the end of the trilogy, Katniss won't be mentioned anymore after this book)

The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes (Lucy Gray Baird and a young Coriolanus Snow's story, set in the tenth hunger games which is 64-65 years before Katniss)

Sunrise on the Reaping (A young Haymitch Abernathy's story about his experience in the 50th hunger games, 24-25 years before Katniss. This book is the saddest one,if you read it make sure to have a box of tissues near you)

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Jane Austen: Rise of a genius

Written by: Mathilde Grundeler

Who is Jane Austen?

Jane Austen was a revolutionary English novelist. She lived a quiet, modest life in the Hampshire countryside and never married, she possessed a razor-sharp wit. Writing at a time when women had little financial independence, she used her six major novels—like *Pride and Prejudice* and *Emma*—to explore how women navigated a world where marriage was often their only path to security. Despite publishing her work anonymously during her lifetime, she is now a global icon, celebrated for her ironic humor, relatable characters, and her ability to make ordinary life feel extraordinary.

Her books:

Jane Austen grew into a dedicated writer who spent her adult years developing the novels that made her famous. After moving to Chawton with her mother and sister after her father died, she finally had the stability to revise her early drafts and write new books. She published *Sense and Sensibility* in 1811, followed by *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park*, and *Emma*, all released anonymously as “By a Lady.” She usually wrote about everyday life, relationships, and social class, often poking fun at the marriage system of ‘marrying for money’ (e.g. Mrs Bennet – *Pride And Prejudice*). Even as her health declined, she continued writing, leaving her final novel, *Sanditon*, unfinished when she died in 1817.

Legacy:

Jane Austen is remembered as one of the most important writers in English history. Her books are still loved today because they are funny, clever, and full of interesting characters. Many people around the world read her stories, and they have been turned into lots of movies and TV shows. Characters like Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy are still famous, even hundreds of years later. Jane Austen’s writing continues to inspire new authors, and she is celebrated in museums, festivals, and schools for the way she showed what life was like in her time



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DAV PILKEY

Written by: Juan-David Anton Bohorquez

He was born March 4 1966 in Cleveland, Ohio. Dav Pilkey grew up with ADHD and dyslexia; he sees that as a superpower which gave him a creative mode! His books are recommended for children 6-12 years old. He makes funny books such as:

Dog Man Series-ideal for kids 6-10 years old.

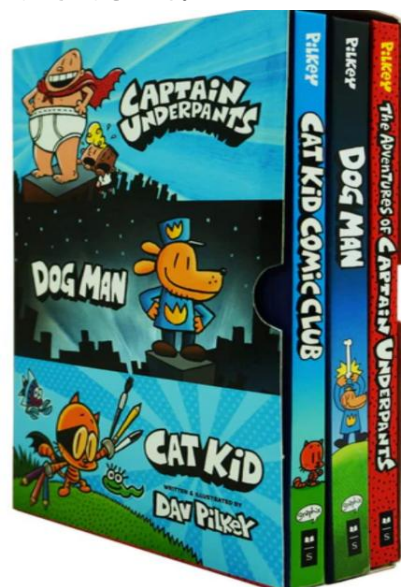
Cat Kid Comic Club-suitable for kids 7-12 years old.

Captain Underpants Series-works for kids 7-10 years old.

Picture books- okay for kids from 4-8 years old (depends on the title).

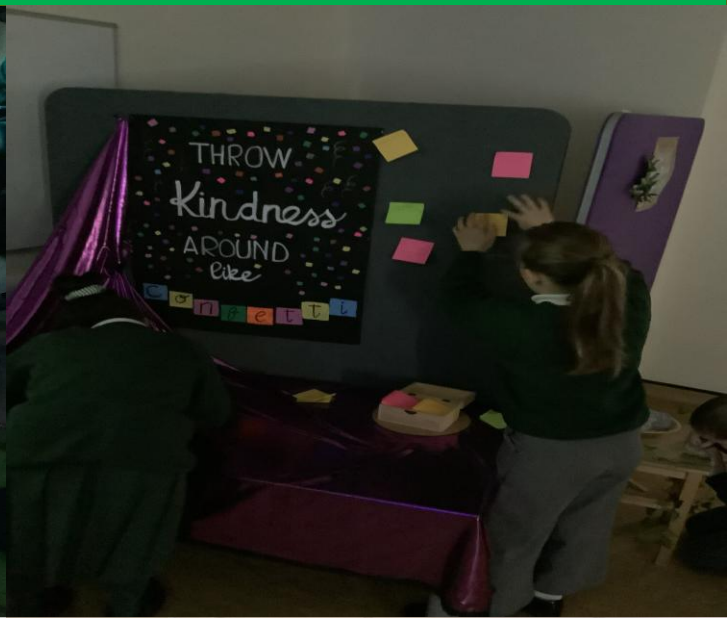
I would recommend reading Dav Pilkey's books as they are all really good and they make me laugh since the characters usually do silly things in all his books.

Did you know that Dog Man and Captain Underpants are so famous they became a movie? If you didn't you should definitely watch them!



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