

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Reading Newsletter



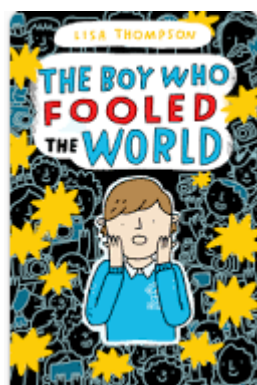
### Autumn Term

Welcome to our first reading newsletter of the new academic year. Whether your child hasn't been able to put a book down during lockdown and summer, or if you've struggled to get them to pick one up, this newsletter is for you!

## Author Spotlight

### Lisa Thompson

## Leamington Library Opening Hours



Lisa Thompson is a children's author whose work is published around the world. The children in Year 5 and Year 6 are really enjoying reading 'The Boy Who Fooled the World' as their class reader this term.

### Five Fascinating Facts about me...

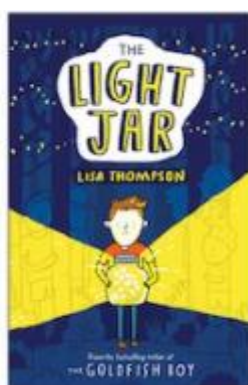
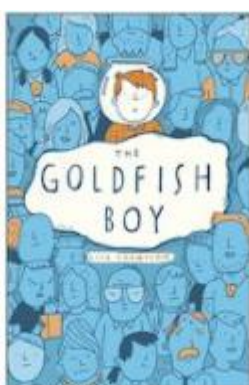
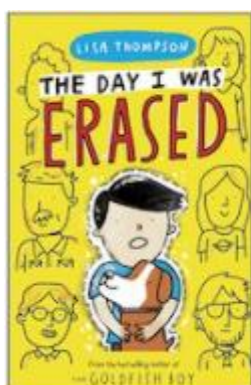
I wrote my first book when I was nine or ten. When I was little I really wanted to have horse riding lessons but my parents couldn't afford them so I wrote a (very) short book about a girl who started a rescue home for horses. I could then immerse myself in the horsey world I was so keen to join. I even did my own illustrations! I found the book when I was about thirteen and was so embarrassed about it I ripped it up and threw it away. Big mistake! I'd love to see that book now. (Oh and I did get to go on a horse when I was in my 20's and I was so scared I asked to get off.)

I used to work behind the scenes making radio programmes for the BBC. I love radio and if you are in my company for long enough, I'll go on and on about how great it is and then you'll want to put the radio on really loudly to stop me talking.

The first really big book I remember reading was Watership Down by Richard Adams. I'd like to read it again one day.

When I was five we had a street party and I came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a fancy-dress competition and won a kite. I was dressed as the Queen.

I live in the countryside with my family and an adopted ginger and white cat!



**Monday** 9.30-5pm

**Tuesday** 9.30-5pm

**Wednesday** 9.30-5pm

**Thursday** 9.30-5pm

**Friday** 9.30-5pm

**Saturday** 9.30-4.30pm

**Sunday** 12.00-4pm

## EBooks

You can join your local library online. Once joined, you can download and access an App called BorrowBox.

- Read up to eight eBooks and eight eAudio books on Apple and Android tablets and phones.
- Download for up to three weeks.
- No more overdue fees as your items are automatically returned when your loan period ends!



## Have you seen...

Our library has been given makeover during the summer break! We have a book box for all returned books to be quarantined so that different bubbles can still use the library. We are looking forward to training our school librarians later this term!



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Our library has been given a coat of paint and the shelves filled with wonderful new books for the children to enjoy! We are incredibly grateful to the PTA for funding this project, particularly the members of the PTA who did the painting! Thank you so much.

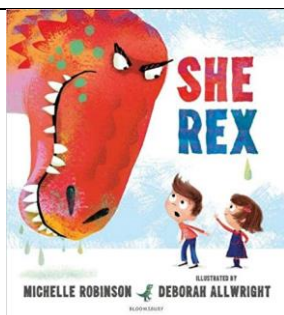


## Fiction: What's New...



### **The Incredible Hotel by Kate Davies** **Aimed at: KS1**

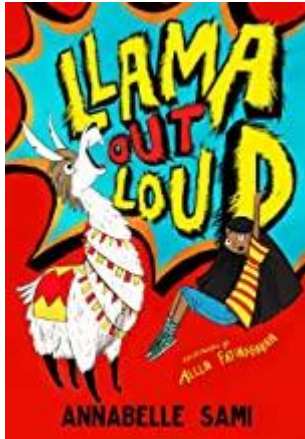
If you ever go to great city of Delaunay, take a left at the Duchess's palace and cross the Bridge of Spires, and here you will find The Incredible Hotel. Everything runs like clockwork, thanks to Stefan the kitchen porter, who brews the coffee every morning, and dreams of being a chef. Until the morning of the Grand Ball, when a fire starts in the kitchen just as the Duchess of Delaunay arrives... can Stefan save the day?



### **She Rex by Michelle Robinson** **Aimed at: KS1**

Maisy's brother's Ed won't let her play with his toys. He says, 'Dinos are for boys!' But Ed hasn't met T. Rex's BIGGER sister. She Rex is a big and burly, multi-coloured dino girly. And Maisy is about to show her brother that stomping, chomping She Rex is as fierce and as loud as any boy dinosaur. Watch out, Ed, you may just discover that dino toys are for girls *and* boys!

The perfect picture book for *all* dino-fans!



## Llama Out Loud by Annabelle Sami

### Aimed at: KS2

Yasmin Shah is a ten-year-old girl who is part of a big, noisy family and doesn't ever speak. Levi is a rude, sassy toy llama, who talks A LOT and has come to wreak havoc in Yasmin's life.

Yasmin tries everything she can to escape Levi, but she can't help being dragged along on his crazy antics – and every day brings a new surprise, whether that's an erupting bin, a flying tuna fish, or a hat made from knickers. Life is *never* boring with Levi around – and could it be that he has a secret plan to help Yasmin find her voice?



## The Danger Gang By Tom Fletcher

### Aimed at: KS2

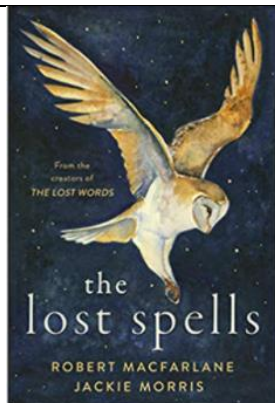
The electrifying new adventure from bestselling author of *The Christmasaurus* and *The Creakers*, Tom Fletcher!

Franky can't wait to move to his new town - although he wishes he didn't have to leave his best friend Dani behind.

But everything changes after the storm, when strange green lightning and powerful thunder crash down on the town. From that night on, the kids who live on Franky's street start to change. One by one, they become a little **odd**. A little **unusual**. A little... **magical**.

Franky's always wanted to be part of an amazing gang - just like his hero, super-spy Zack Danger! And soon, he realises that there's **real** danger in store for himself and his new friends.

And so **the Danger Gang** is born...



## The Lost Spells by Robert MacFarlane & Jackie Morris

### Aimed at: KS2

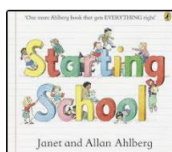
Similar to the Lost Words, this is a beautiful collection of poetry and artwork about our natural world.



# Class Reads

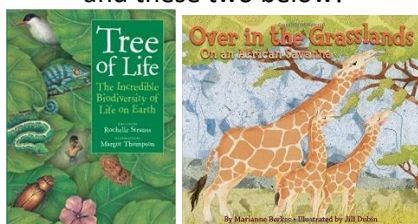
## Reception

The children in Reception have been reading lots of books about Starting School



### Year 1 & 2

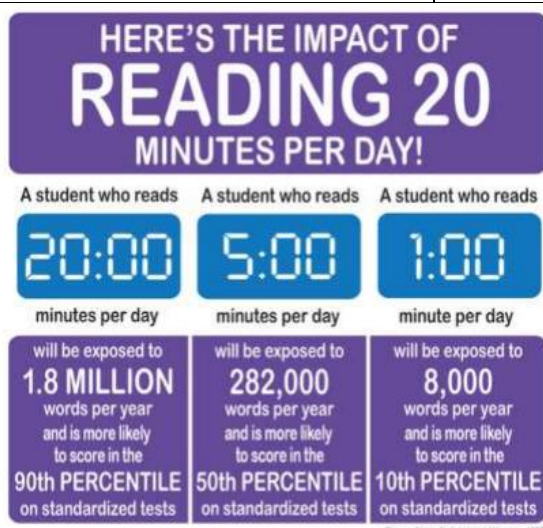
Have been reading lots of different stories: Dogger, Titch, Tarzana, Where the Wilds things Are, Toffee Takes a Nap and these two below!



### Year 3 & 4



### Year 5 & 6



Even if your child can read fluently, reading to them can still be really supportive. Hearing an adult reading fluently and modelling intonation is key in developing as a reader.

We recognise this is hard, especially when things are busy at home. As teachers at Our Lady's we are committed to reading to your child for 10 minutes a day, every day through our whole class text. If you are able to read to your child for another 10 minutes, then together your child will have been exposed to 20 minutes of adult reading daily.

## Important Dates, Events & Competitions

### November

#### Blue Peter Book Awards – shortlist announced

Since 2000, the enormously popular and influential Blue Peter Book Awards have been recognising and celebrating the best authors, the most creative illustrators and the greatest reads for children. The Blue Peter Book Awards 2019 celebrates children's books published in the last year in two categories: the Best Story and the Best Book with Facts. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/awards-and-prizes/current-prizes/blue-peter-book-awards/>

#### Costa Book Awards – shortlist announced!

The Costa Book Awards honours books written by authors based in the UK and Ireland. There are five categories: First Novel, Novel, Biography, Poetry and Children's Book, with one of the five winners chosen as Book of the Year. The winner is announced every January. <https://www.costa.co.uk/behind-the-beans/costa-book-awards/welcome>