



Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor

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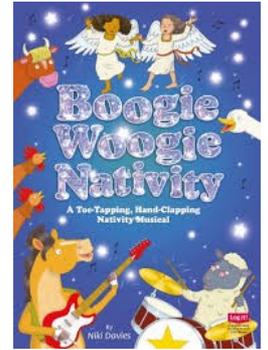
Today, all of our younger children visited the Anvil Theatre in Basingstoke to see the pantomime Sleeping Beauty. There was great excitement as they readied to leave and they had a fantastic time, with **Marli** and **Eleanor** even going up on stage!

A very big thank you to Frogs who have heavily subsidised this trip to make it affordable for everyone, and also to the many adult volunteers who helped our staff to support the children today. We are very grateful to you all.



NATIVITY

Our infant children were amazing in their performance of **Boogie Woogie Nativity**. They performed with enthusiasm, style and confidence, singing their songs loud and proud! I'm sure that all of those in the audience were just as impressed as the staff. Our older children were able to watch the dress rehearsal and we were also delighted to welcome some of our friends from Brendoncare to the afternoon performance yesterday. They were so impressed with the children's performance and were so pleased to have been invited! More photos are on our website if you would like to take a look!



[A Boogie Woogie Nativity](#)

HAMPER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who donated items for their class colour theme hampers. We had such a vast array of items, thanks to the incredible generosity of our parents, that we were able to make more baskets than we had originally planned. We raffled 6 hampers at yesterday's Nativity performances, with the remaining 4 hampers being raffled next Friday at the carol concert in St Peter's. Tickets are available from Mrs Howling if you are not able to attend the carol concert. So far, we have raised a **fantastic £304!** Thank you everybody.

Congratulations go to the winning ticket holders at the Nativity performances. We hope you enjoy your hamper goodies!



STONE AGE WORKSHOP

As part of their History on the Stone Age, our children in Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in Stone Age Workshops. They were given the opportunity to immerse themselves in the life of a Stone Age child and experience the everyday difficulties of surviving in such a difficult age. They learnt about ancient fire lighting techniques, foraging, nomadic shelter building, flint tools and animal skins and stone age clothing. The children really enjoyed their



workshops, as you can see from the photos! Please take a look at our website for the full photo album.



LAST DAY OF TERM

Please note that school will close at **1pm on Friday 20th December**. All children will have lunch as normal and will return to class for registration before leaving for the Christmas Holidays.

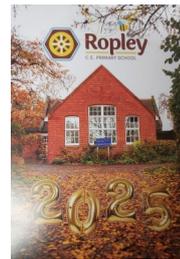
There will be no After School Club on this day.

Please ensure your child is collected on time.

CALENDARS AND CARDS

All Christmas Cards and any additional items have now been sent home via the children's bookbags. Please let us know if any item is missing.

Beekeeper Class Fundraising Calendars have also now been sent home. They have turned out brilliantly and the photos show what a fantastic time the children had while taking the photos as well as the skill involved from all those who arranged the staging and the photography. A VERY big thank you to Stacey and Amy, Beekeeper Class Reps and all the volunteers who helped on the day. Our thanks, also, to the sponsors of this project:



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If you would like to purchase a copy of your child's class photo, then please visit the following website:

[Ropley Calendar Photos](#)

There are 4 calendars available for sale at £12 each or £10 each if you buy more than one. If you still want a calendar, please email Stacey Davey directly on



The Royal British Legion have asked us to pass on their thanks for purchasing their items for Remembrance Day. **We raised a fantastic £111.84!**

KS2 CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

ST PETER'S CHURCH

10AM

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS WELCOME



Happy Birthday to all the children who have their birthday in this week:



Ralph D Cecily W

Adam W

If you would like to donate a book, or something else, for your child's birthday, the link to our wish list is:

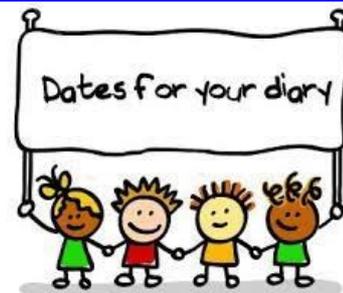
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During Worship this week, we lit the second candle in our Advent wreath. The second candle represents peace and the children considered that sometimes our lives are very busy and hectic. It is difficult to see clearly when things are hectic and swirling around and it is easy to forget what Christmas is really about. They were encouraged to take time to be quiet and still in the midst of it all and remember that Christians believe Advent is a time to celebrate the promise of God to send his son, Jesus, into the world.



AUTUMN TERM 2024/25

Tues 17th Dec	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to The Mayflower for Jack and the Beanstalk
Thur 19th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Carols in the Churchyard, 6pm
Fri 20th Dec	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert at St.Peter's Church at 10am. KS2 parents invited to join us
Fri 20th Dec	End of Autumn Term, 1pm— NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THIS DAY
Sun 22nd Dec	Christmas Carol Service, St Peter's Church, 6pm
Tues 24th Dec	Christingle at the Crib, St Peter's Church, 2pm and 4pm Midnight Communion, 11.30pm
Wed 25th Dec	Family Christmas Celebration, St Peter's Church, 10am



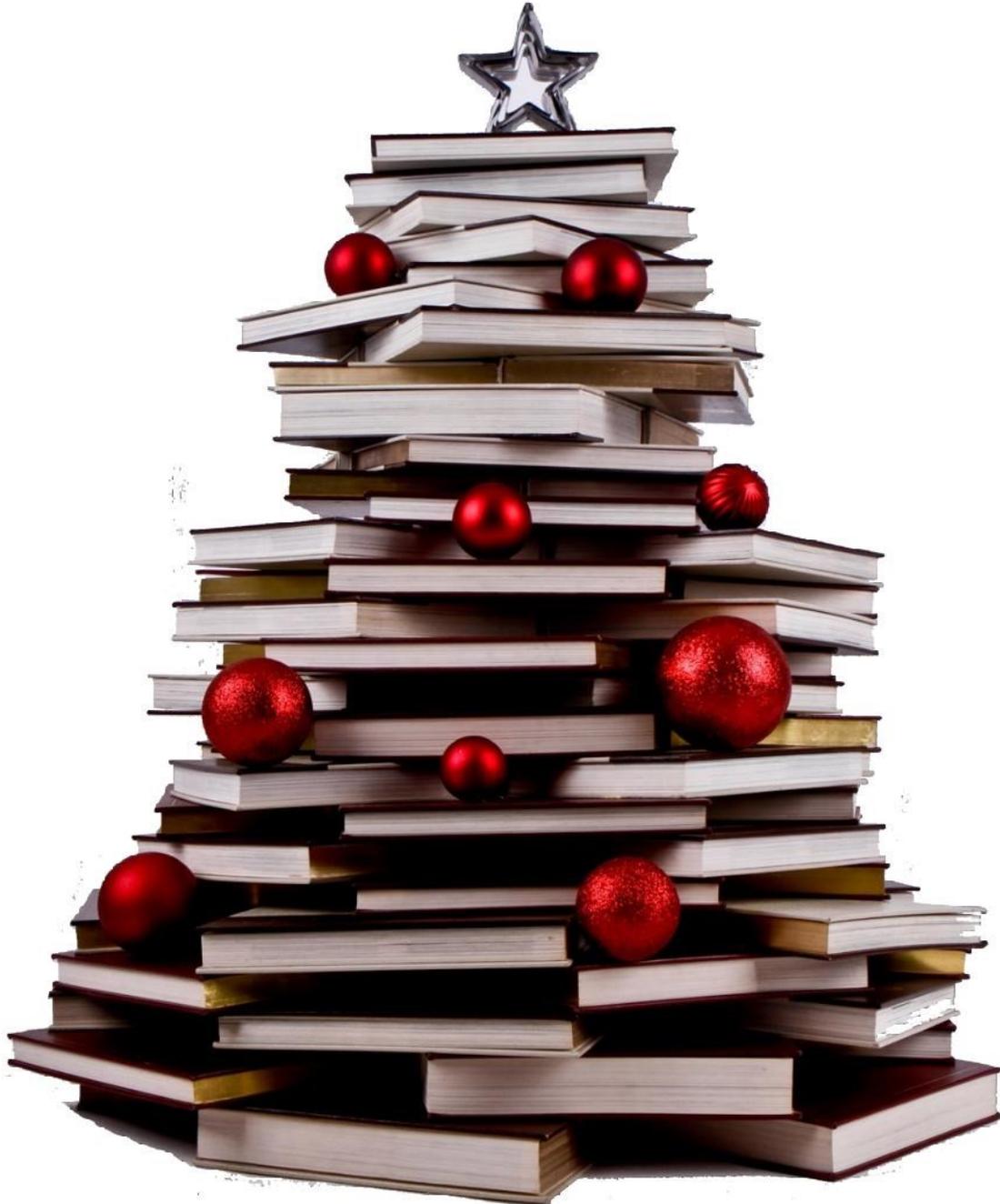
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Mon 6th Jan	Return to School for Spring Term
Thurs 16th Jan	Alton Swim Gala (invite only)
Mon 20th Jan	Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room
Fri 31st Jan	Year 2 and 5 Fire Service visit at school
Fri 7th Feb	FROGS Disco at St Peter's Church. KS1 - 4.30pm-5.45pm, KS2 - 6.00pm-7.15pm
Fri 14th Feb	End of Spring Half Term 1
Mon 24th Feb	INSET Day
Tues 25th Feb	Return to School Spring 2
Thur 27th Feb	Bikeability for Year 6 Day 1
Fri 28th Feb	Bikeability for Year 6 Day 2
Mon 10th Mar	Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room
Thur 3rd April	Nectar Class Fundraiser - Jumble Sale, 3pm
Fri 4th Apr	End of Spring Term



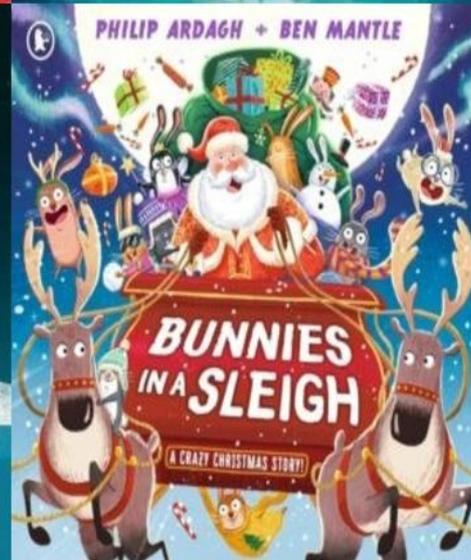
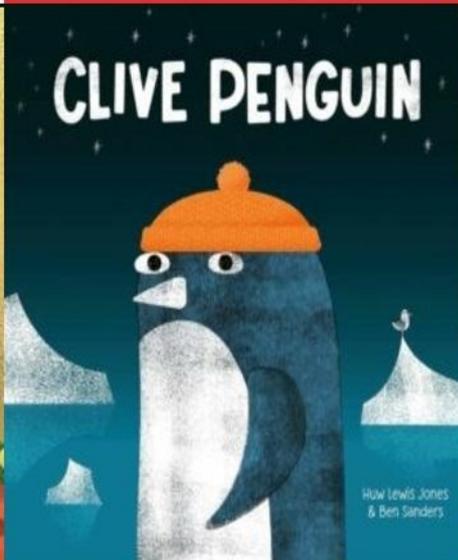
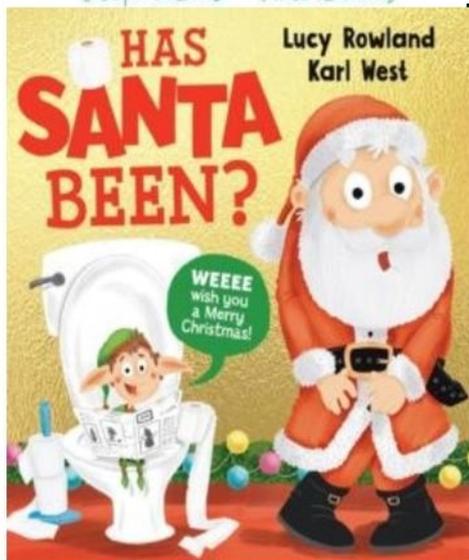
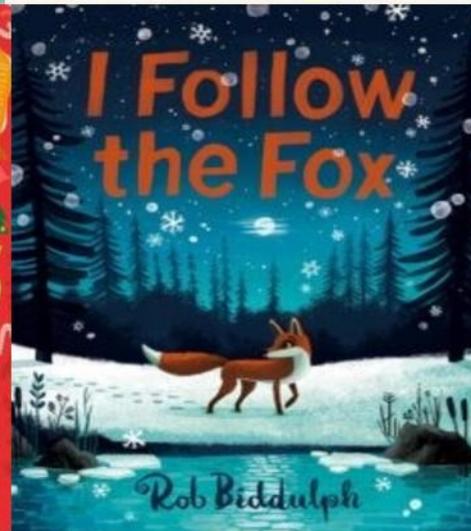
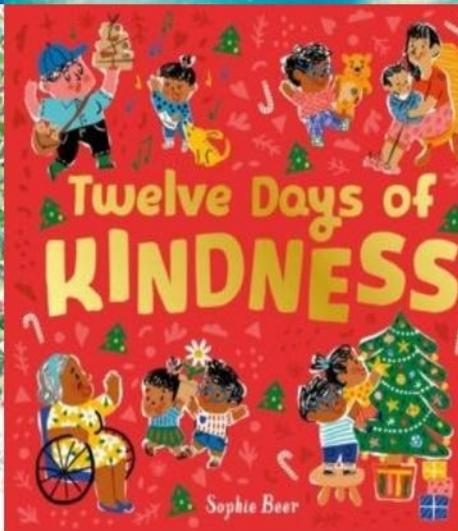
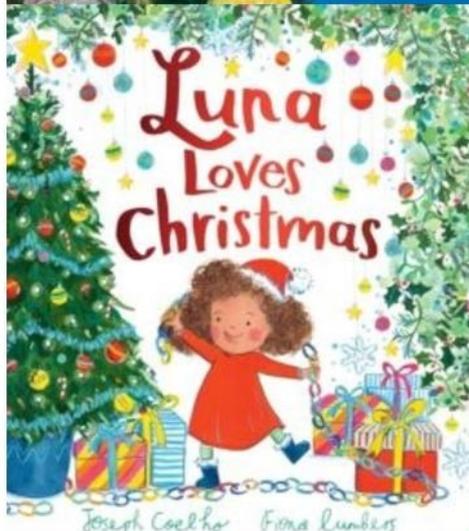
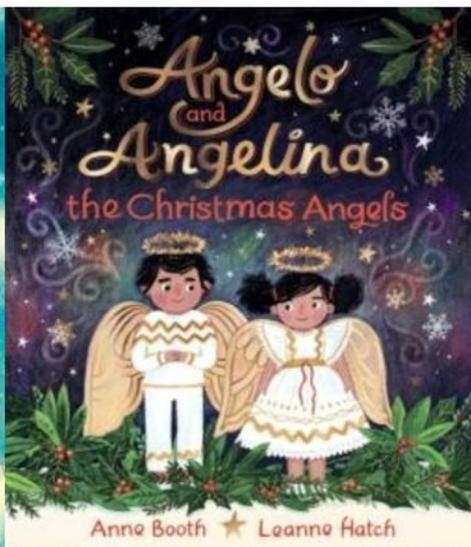
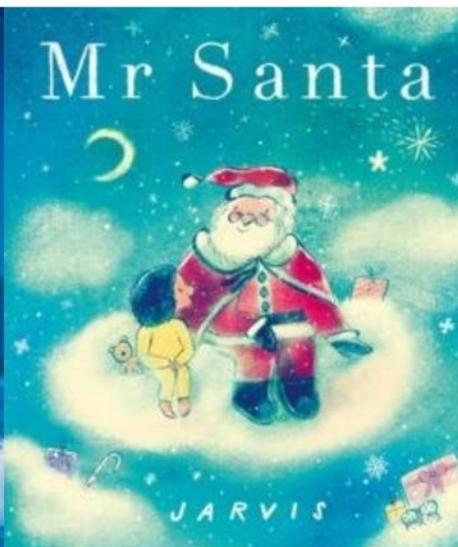
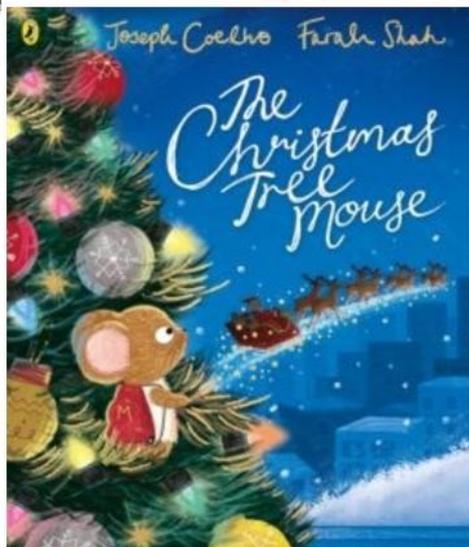
SUMMER TERM 2024/25

Tue 22nd Apr	Return to School for Summer Term
Wed 30th Apr	Honeycomb Class—River Arle Study
Mon 5th May	Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room
Tues 6th May	Nectar Class—River Arle Study
Mon 19th May	Beekeeper Class—River Arle Study
Fri 23rd May	End of Summer Half Term 1
Mon 2nd June	INSET Day
Tue 3rd June	Return to School for Summer 2
Fri 13th June	Class Photos
Mon 23rd June	Inclusion Hub, 8.45am-9.30am, Staff Room
Fri 27th June	Sports Day
Fri 4th July	Reserve Sports Day
Tues 22nd July	End of Summer Term 2024/25

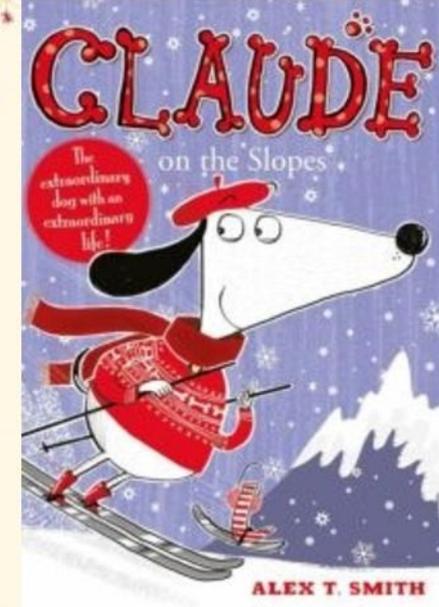
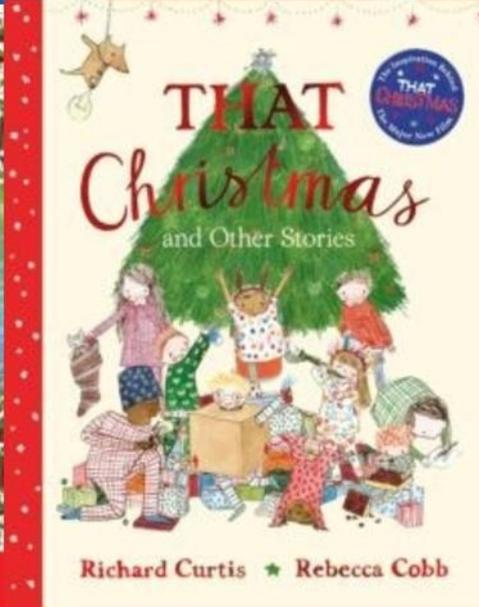
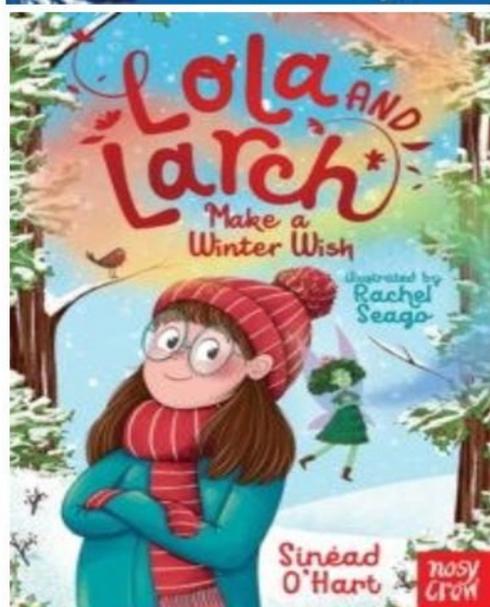
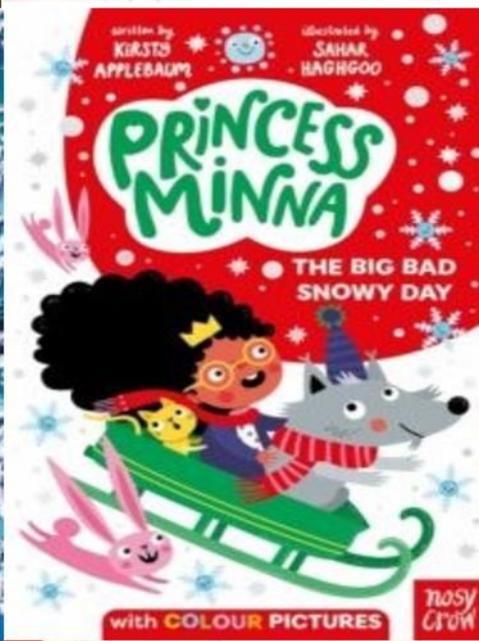
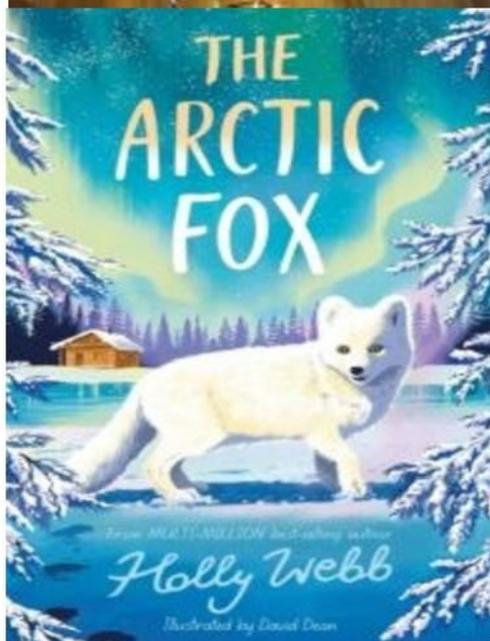
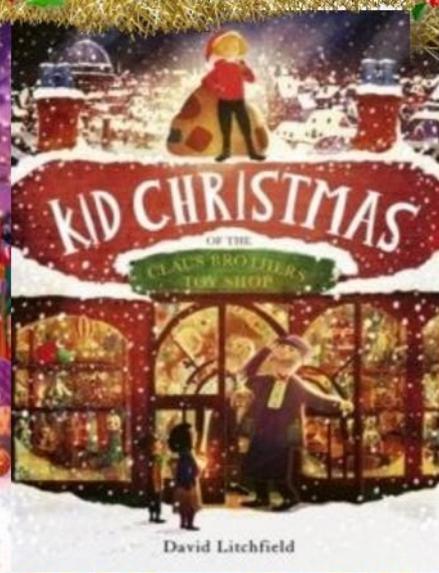
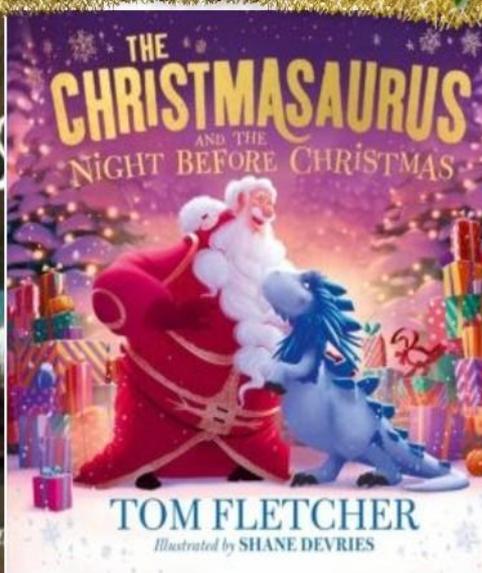
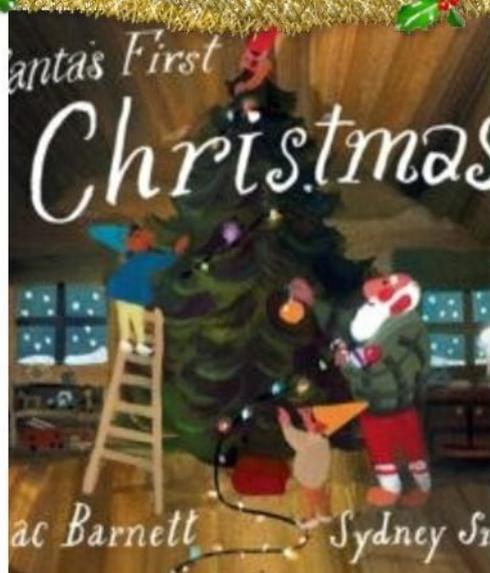


**Some great book inspirations for
this Christmas!**

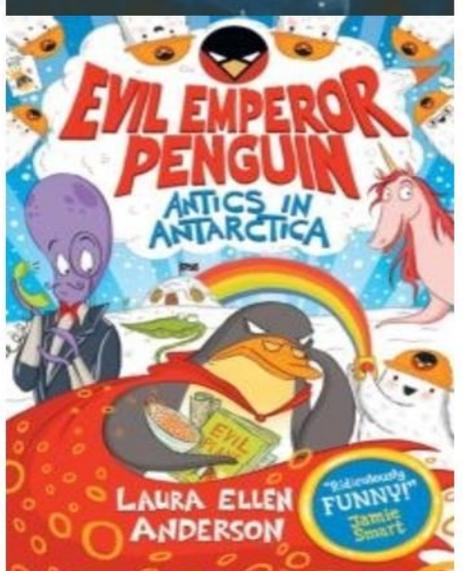
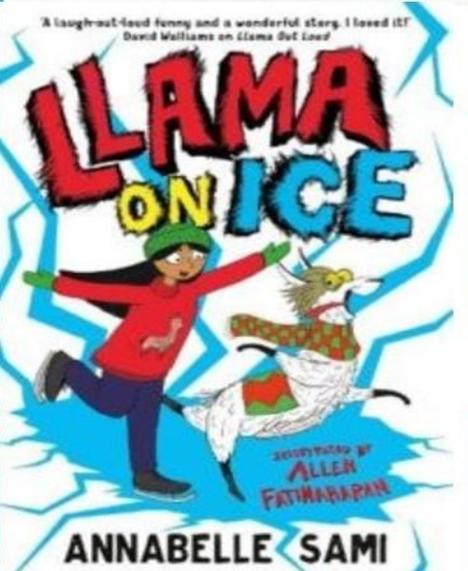
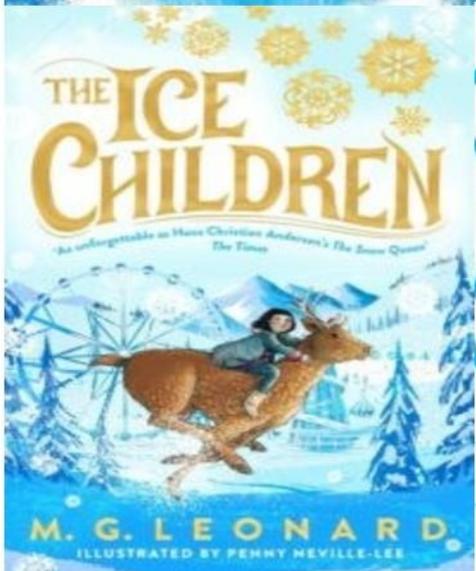
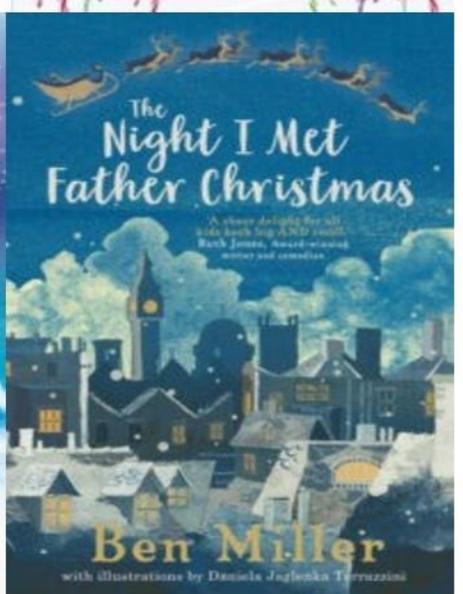
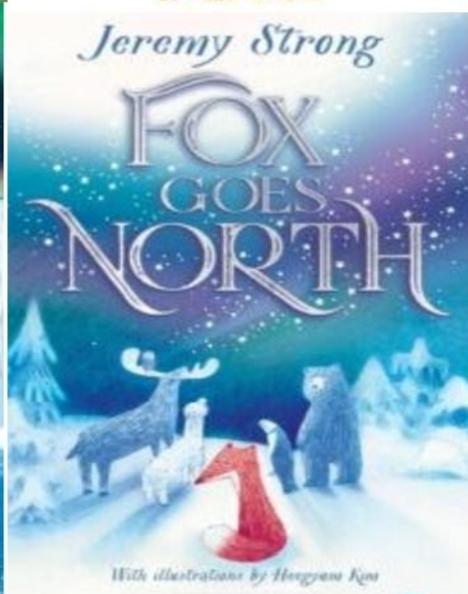
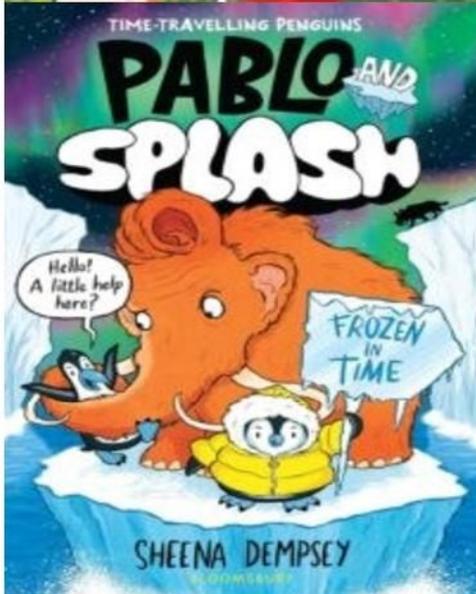
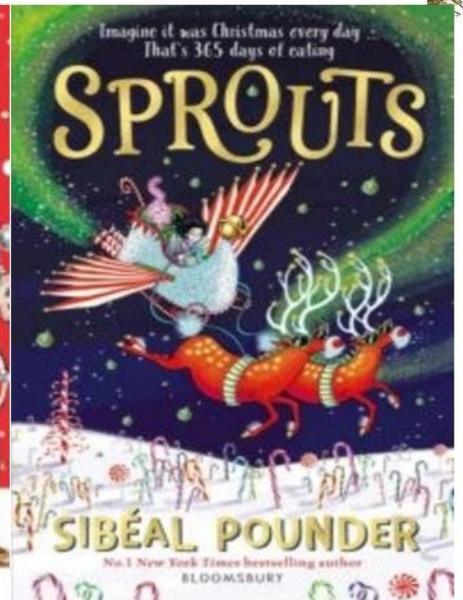
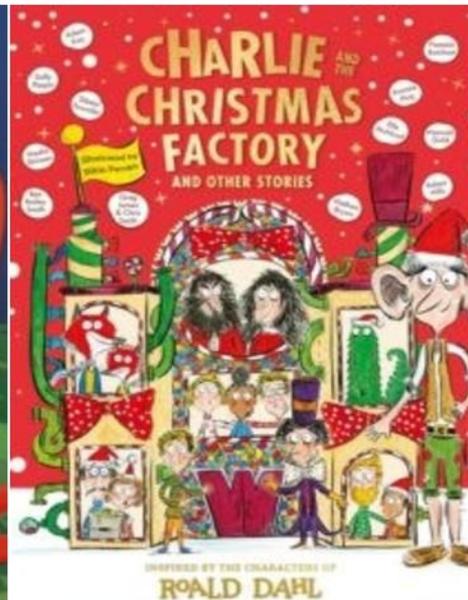
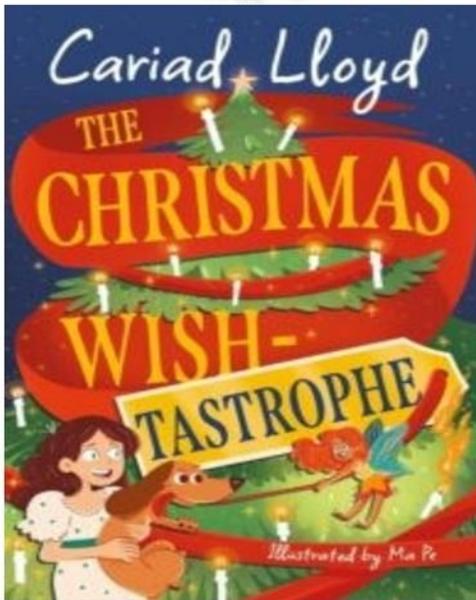
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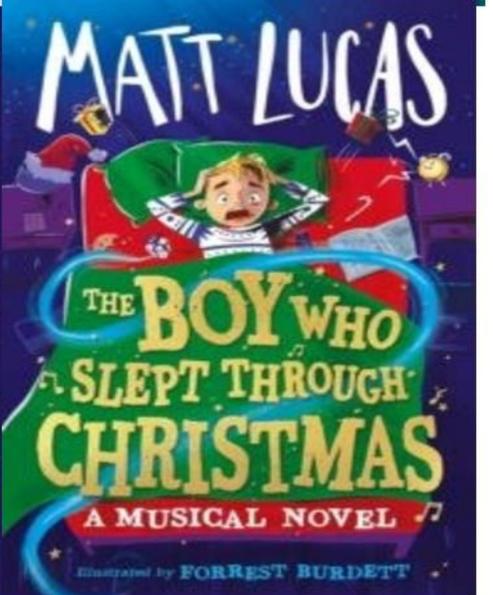
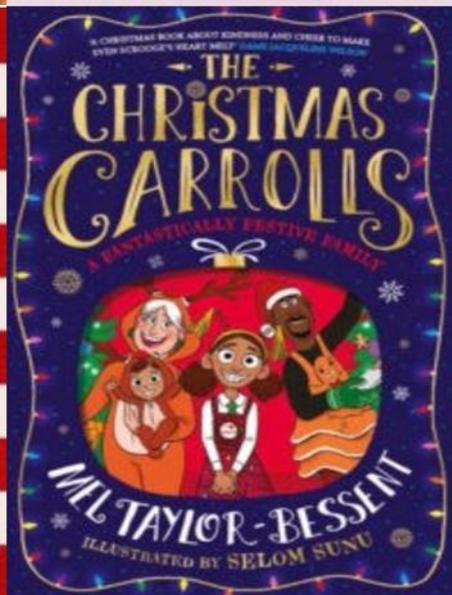
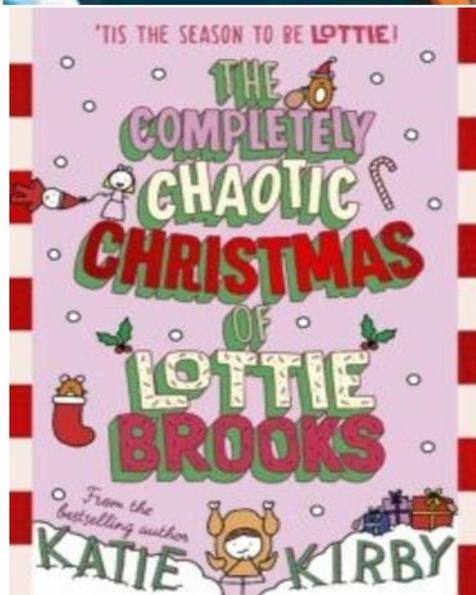
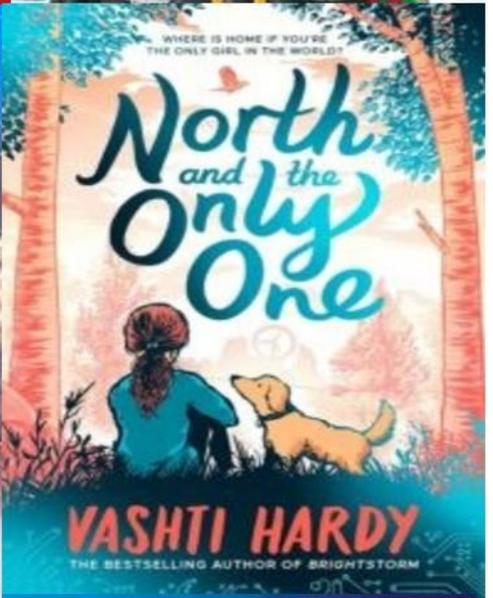
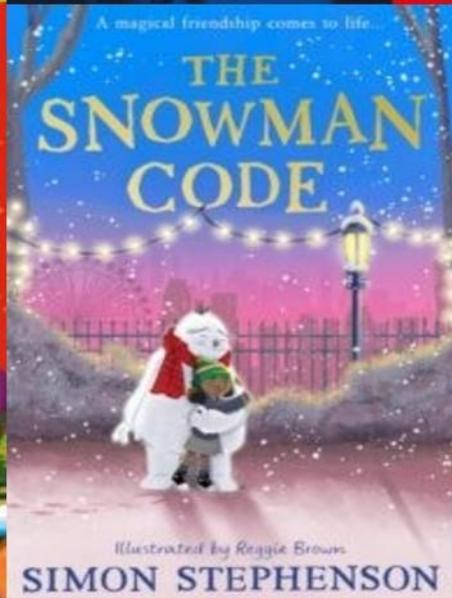
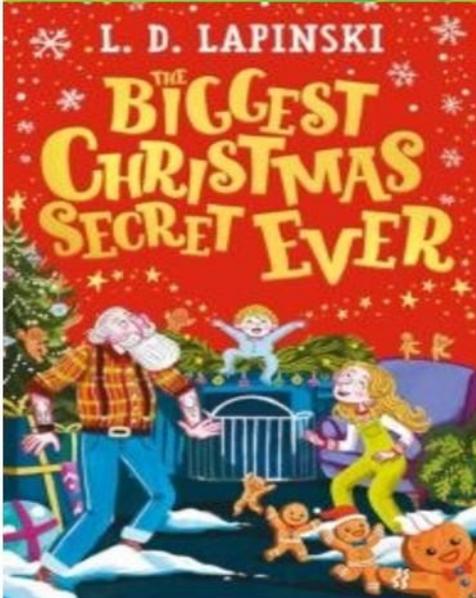
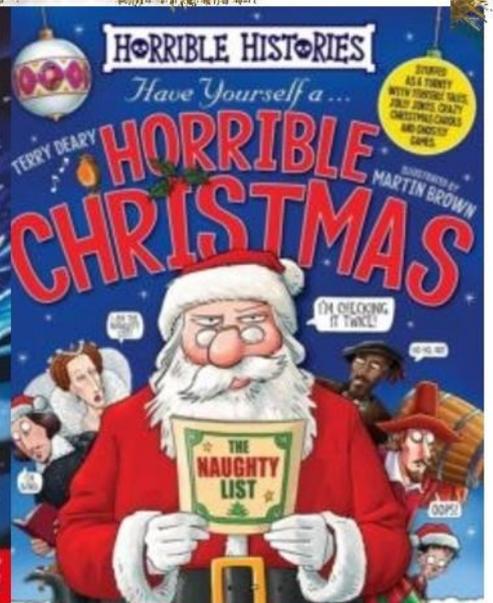
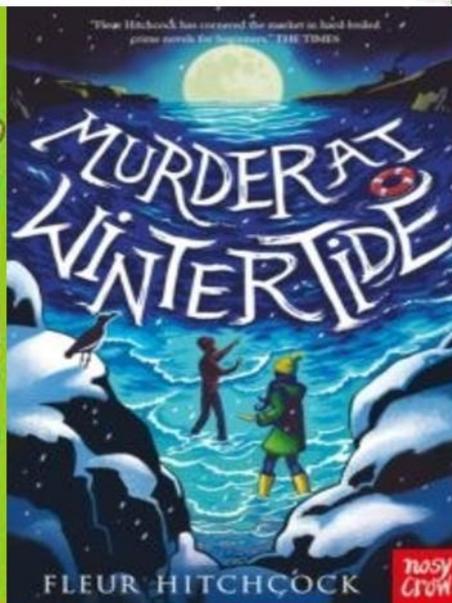
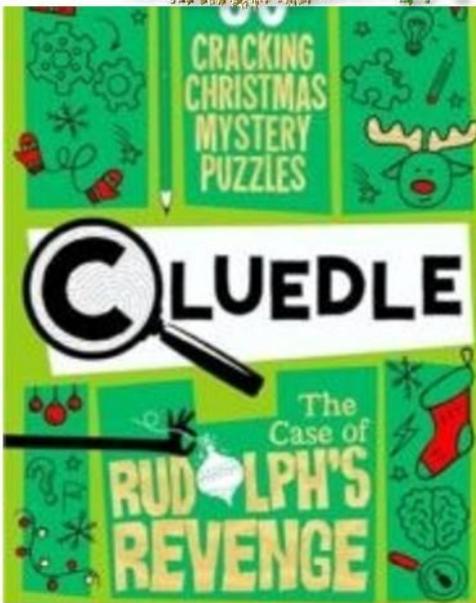
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What is on Your (Christmas) Bookshelf for Year 3 and 4?



What is on Your (Christmas) BookshELF for Year 5 and 6?



GINGERBREAD COMPETITION

IN ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, BISHOP'S SUTTON
ON SUNDAY 15th. DECEMBER '24 @ 10.00 a.m.

WONDERING HOW TO WOW YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THIS CHRISTMAS?

FANCY PUTTING YOUR BAKING SKILLS TO
THE TEST BY ENTERING OUR
GINGERBREAD COMPETITION?



PRIZE FOR BEST TWO ENTRIES: A VUE CINEMA GIFT CARD

Competition entries should comprise of either:

- 1) Your personally designed Gingerbread House decorated in your own Christmas style.
- OR
- 2) Your personally designed Christmas Gingerbread Person decorated in your own unique style.

Interested?

Please register by sending your name and email address to:
bstncomps@hotmail.com by Sunday 1st.December 2024

Take your entry to St. Nicholas Church on Sunday 15th.
December 2024 at 10.00 a.m. for judging. Please click on the
QR code to make a donation. All donations gratefully received
for Church roof fund.





SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Crafty Advent Family Morning 10am-12pm

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Carols in the Churchyard 6pm

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Ropley Carol Service 6pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Christingle at the Crib 2pm and 4pm

Midnight Communion 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Family Christmas Celebration
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ST MARY MAGDALENE WEST TISTED

22ND DECEMBER

West Tisted Village Carols and
Communion 10am

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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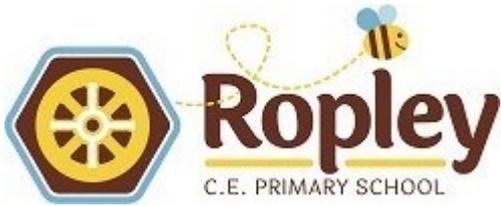


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PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Every year, the Government allocates funding to schools to help address the national trend that disadvantaged students do not attain as highly as non-disadvantaged students. This valuable extra money is allocated to schools to provide additional or enhanced provision, so that no child is left behind in their education as a result of financial circumstances. This can include subsidising after school clubs and trips as well as providing additional learning support or resources in class, for example.

Eligibility criteria

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Parents and carers can check eligibility simply and easily by visiting:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

and clicking on 'New Application'. Once you have input your details it will return an instant result and notify the school office electronically of your eligibility. If you would prefer us to check on your behalf, please email Mrs Burr with YOUR name, YOUR date of birth and YOUR national insurance number. We would like to reassure you that all applications made are confidential and no child is identified as a Pupil Premium child in any way in their day to day school life. Equally being entitled to free school meals does not mean your child has to eat a meal every day!

Even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and already entitled to Universal Free School Meals, if you think you might be entitled to this benefit please complete the form. This valuable extra funding ensures that we can offer many different types of support throughout the years your child is at our school and will ensure they continue to receive free school meals as they move into KS2.

**Just one day of qualifying entitlement = 6 years of funding!
Current funding = £1480 per child per academic year**