

The Book Corner



Brought to you by Kidmore End's librarians

Issue 2: Term 4



Issue 2 of our literary magazine is here! Have a look at our competitions, book reviews, teacher interview and find out how we celebrated World Book Day at Kidmore End CE Primary School.

World Book Day 2026



The Masked Reader 2026 was created by the staff at Kidmore End as a bit of fun to entertain the school community for WBD. The video is available on our school facebook page to watch - can you guess the story/ the member of staff?

Korky Paul - famous Winnie the Witch illustrator - visited us on 3rd March to share his journey to becoming a world- renowned illustrator.

Korky shared his talents in each classroom, with tips and tricks for our budding writers and artists.



Learn a poem by heart!

1. Choose a poem to learn by heart.
2. Practise reciting/performing your poem
3. Perform to your class (15th April)
4. Winner announced in celebration assembly (17th April)



On Friday 20th March, Oscar, Toby, Emilia and Phoebe met two of our governors (Sue and Verity). "We showed them the library and our variety of books and discussed the display boards, competitions and our newsletters. They asked if we can send them a copy of them to read each half term." - Phoebe and Emilia



This half term, some children were chosen to share their writing and reading progress with our governors - they were very impressed by our book enthusiasm!

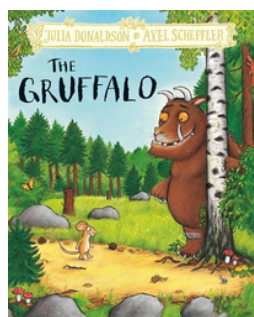
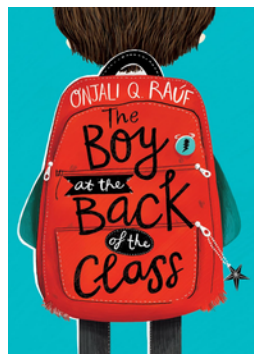
Book Reviews



The Boy at the Back of the Class is absolutely amazing. It is always pulling you in and you never want to stop reading until you have finished the entire book. Here is a teaser from the book...

In the story, an ordinary classroom turns incredible when a new student, Ahmet, arrives. He's nine years old, sits at the back of the class,

Ahmet doesn't speak or smile, quickly becoming the target of meanness and whispering classmates. The narrator, a fellow peer, along with friends Josie, Tom, and Michael, notices his isolation and decides to become friends with him. As they uncover that Ahmet is a refugee from Syria, they begin on a creative and courageous plan to help him feel included and, ultimately, to reunite him with his family and save his hidden emotional scars from sight



- **Oscar**

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson is a very good book. It is about a mouse who thought he was brave and scary, so the frightening mouse went for a stroll to go for dinner with the Gruffalo. He came across a few animals he told them that the Gruffalo is real but he knew he was fake. Or was he?

The main characters are the small brown mouse and the Gruffalo, there are other animals too. What do you think will happen? Will the Gruffalo eat the mouse. Read and find out.

I give the book 5 stars! - **Nellie**

Useful 'book' links

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk>

<https://monkeypen.com>

<https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>



Teacher interview

Mrs Arkell



What do you love about books?

I love being pulled into a book and getting to know all the characters. I love to be surprised at the end.

What was your favourite book / author as a child?

The Famous Five, by Enid Blyton

Where is your favourite place to read?

Anywhere, but I love reading in the garden on a hot summer's day

What is your favourite genre to read?

Anything, but I don't really like sci-fi

Do you prefer books of films based on a book?

I prefer books, sometimes the film might change the characters you imagined in your mind.

Are you a fiction or non-fiction kind of reader?

I definitely prefer fiction books

What is your favourite book now as and adult?

I love reading the class books with Birch class because I love seeing the pleasure brought to the students, but one of my favourites I have read again and again is The Alchemist, by Paul Coelho.

Sonning Common Library

Mon: 2-5pm

Wed: 2-7pm

Thurs: 9am-1pm, 2-5pm

Fri: 9am-1pm, 2-5pm

Sat: 9.30-12.30am

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