



The Windmills News

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Hooked on Books



Upcoming Author and Illustrator Visits!

We are pleased to kick-start the year with some fantastic author visits to help inspire children to read more.

Thursday 9th February : Helen Rutter—Years 4, 5 and 6: We are delighted to be welcoming this fantastic author to talk about her funny, warm-hearted books *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh* and *The Funniest Boy in the World*.

Local independent bookshop, **Steyning Bookshop**, have organised this free author visit for the children of Windmills and offer you the chance to pre-order Helen's discounted books via their online shop – with FREE DELIVERY to the school! Pre-ordered books will be handed out to children at school on the day of Helen's visit and she will personally SIGN and DEDICATE these for your child, while she's at school.



The deadline for pre-ordering is 4pm on Wednesday 8th February

If you miss the deadline we will also have the book on sale after school so you can buy a book and get it signed by Helen! Payment will be taken by card or cash.

HOW TO PRE-ORDER YOUR BOOK VIA THE STEYNING BOOKSHOP ONLINE STORE

1) Go to <https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/product-category/school-author-events/>

2) Add the HELEN RUTTER book/s to your shopping basket

3) Select 'LOCAL PICKUP' (No postage charge, books will be delivered to the school)

4) Enter Billing Address as normal. In ORDER NOTES add 'WINDMILLS SCHOOL, CHILD'S NAME & CLASS. Alternatively, you can add these details instead of your shipping address.

5) Proceed to payment. (Payments are processed via Paypal but you don't need a Paypal account)

6) Books will be handed out to the children & signed by Helen at school on Thursday 9th February.



If you have problems ordering, please call the bookshop to order by phone on 01903 812062



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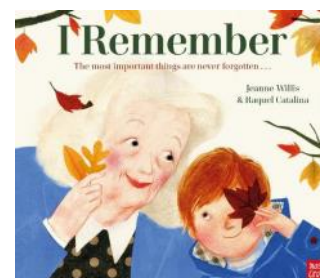
Author and Illustrator Visits this week!

After the success of last year's competition, the children in Lower Key Stage 2 will be taking part in the West Sussex Picture Book Awards once again this Year. Of the four nominated authors, no less than three have been secured to virtually present their stories, orchestrate activities and take questions from the children here at The Windmills.

Monday 30th January:

Jeanne Willis (I Remember) for Years 3 & 4:

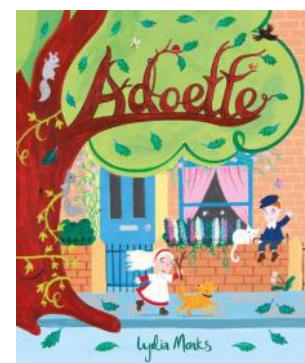
This is a story full of love and gentle humour about George's granny, who has dementia. George's granny is quite forgetful, but George doesn't mind. Together they play in the garden, dance, and share chocolate biscuits. Granny might not always remember the little things, but George knows she loves him more than words can say...



Tuesday 31st January:

Lydia Monks (Adoette) for Years 3 & 4:

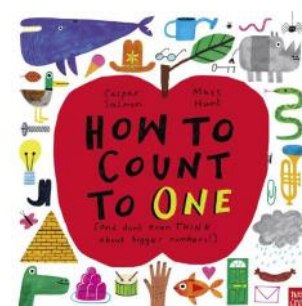
Adoette is a tree who lived to be 100 years of age. She lived on the same street all her life and was the beating heart of the community until one day, people decided it would be best if she would go. Despite Adoette being chopped down, hope arrives when a little girl takes one of her acorns and plants it in the community garden.



Wednesday 1st February (TBC—this may be re-arranged):

Caspar Salmon (How To Count To One) for Years 3 & 4:

This hilarious picture book has just the one rule: you can only count to one! With so many things to count, ranging from whales and baboons to pyramids and rainbows, is there a way to outsmart the book and in fact count all the way up to 100?



World Book Day

To celebrate the joys of reading even further, we will be doing a whole range of exciting activities around World Book Day.

Tuesday 28th February, 5:00-5.45 p.m.:

Parent Book Tasting—workshop for parents

Come and find out more about our reading culture at school and see what you can do to support your child with their reading at home.

Wednesday 1st March: Book Swap

Children are invited to bring in a good quality book from home and swap it for another.

Thursday 2nd March: Dress up

Children are invited to come in dressed in anything reading-related: a character from a book, an author, a book worm, an actual book...!



Friday 3rd March: Fairy Tale Treasure Hunt

Children will be trawling their way through all of the school's outdoor areas to search for the very best fairy tale characters and stories!

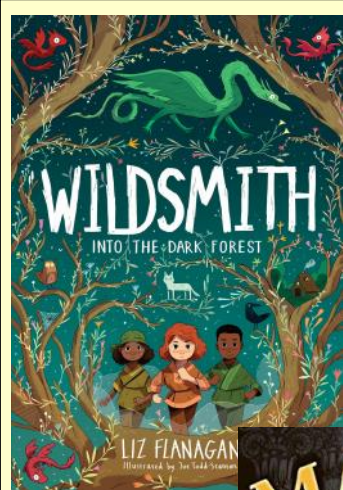
In addition to these key dates, Book Week will be crammed with all manner of reading based challenges and activities, ranging from new ideas to tried and tested classics!



Daily Story Time



Reading for pleasure is an essential part of our curriculum and we want to promote high-quality texts across the school in any way we can. Every day, your child has story time with their class teacher. Here are the fantastic stories being read across the school:

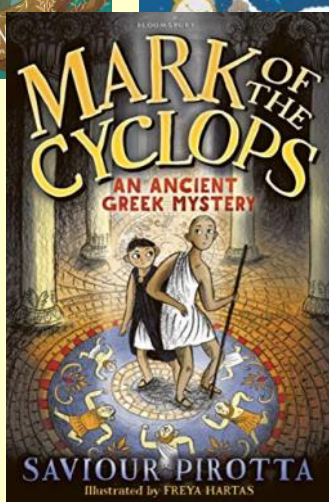


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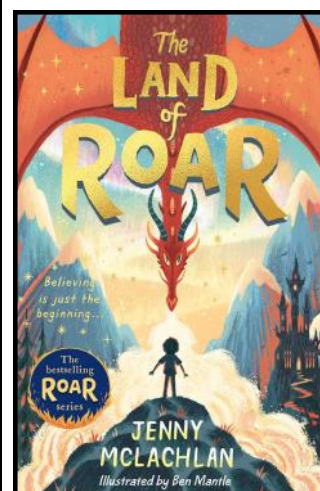


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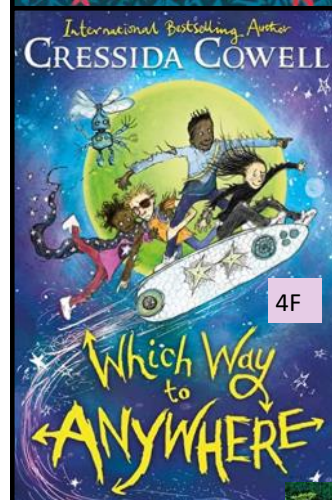


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Year 4:



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All Year 5:

Year 6:



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