

# Badgerbrook Book News



Late autumn 2022

Your termly instalment of: whole school book news.....class reading news..... And don't miss our Christmas gift guide!



## Brooke brings book-ish benefits to Badgerbrook!

The children of Badgerbrook have welcomed a new member of the school community—Brooke the badger. When not snuffling through the school grounds, foraging for food, Brooke likes nothing better than snuggling up with a cup of cocoa and a good book. Having heard how excited the children of Badgerbrook are when it comes to reading, Brooke has traded a life out of doors for the luxury of our classrooms. Brooke is cared for each week by the class who have read the most during the previous week and, now fully domesticated and unable to return to the wild, our favourite member of the Mustelidae family (Year 6!) holidays each weekend with that class' most regular reader.

While it has been wonderful for Brooke to get to spend so much time with 6LM this half term due to their fantastic reading, Brooke sincerely hopes that another class will knock them off the top spot from now on so that she can get to know more of the children across school!

## Bella the book fairy leaves fortunate pupils all a-flutter!

Children in classes across Badgerbrook continue to be confused by the mysterious appearance of new books gifted by none other than the PTFA's VIP, Bella The Book Fairy. Unable to thank the elusive benefactor in person, pupils have asked to use our newsletter to say thank you for the new additions to their class libraries!

**Calling all budding book-worms! Miss Stevens would appreciate reviews of your favourite books for future editions of this newsletter. Please deliver to 4RS!**



FDL were thrilled with their recent delivery!



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## Class news:

Ahead of their next historical enquiry considering The Ancient Egyptians, Year 4 joined a webinar hosted by author Emma Carroll, to mark one hundred years since the discover of Tutankhamun's tomb. Emma Carroll is an acclaimed writer of children's historical fiction, including 'Secrets of a Sun King' set at the time of the discovery. Emma talked to the children about the historical events, sharing photographs and other artefacts and making reference to the problems of imperialistic attitudes at the time. As well as reading extracts from her book, the author also answered questions posed by the children.



## Poetry prompted

Recently, year 6 have watched videos created by the current Waterstones Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho, explaining how to write effective poetry and sharing his own verse. Pupils, and teachers, were rightly proud when they picked up their own pens!

Badgerbrook pupils have been very fortunate to receive visits not only from the Roving Bookshop with their amazing selection of high-quality literature, but also the recent Usborne book extravaganza, organised by our PTFA.

It is always wonderful to see how successful these events are—not only as they support our children's love of reading but also because they are allowing us to continue to revitalise our library. Thank you so much for your support!



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**Read all about it!** A special bumper Christmas round-up to fill those stockings!

Whether you are looking for something traditional, humorous or reflective, here are this year's top pick Christmas reads.

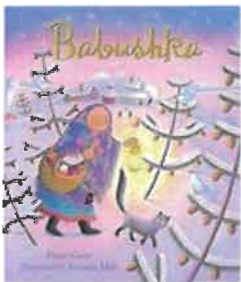
For our younger readers:



## The Crayon's Christmas

This hilarious interactive book has letters, games, ornaments, a poster and even a pop-up Christmas tree – perfect for the festive season!

'Tis the season for all of us to write our Christmas wish lists. But everyone knows – even the Crayons – that the best presents are the ones that you give. In this unique book, readers join in as Duncan, the Crayons and their families celebrate the festive season. With real, folded letters to pull from their envelopes and read, games, press-out ornaments, a poster and a pop-up tree, this book is the perfect gift for fans of *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home*.



**Babushka** is busy tidying her house when three unexpected guests arrive telling her that they are looking for a baby, a new born king. When they leave Babushka stays behind cleaning and tidying, and preparing a gift for the baby. Next morning when she starts to follow the men she finds that the snow has covered their tracks and she doesn't know which way to go. But she keeps on searching, and as she goes she gives a gift from her basket to every child she passes who is hungry, or cold, or has no toys. This retelling of a traditional Russian folk tale is accompanied by glowing illustrations from an award-winning artist.



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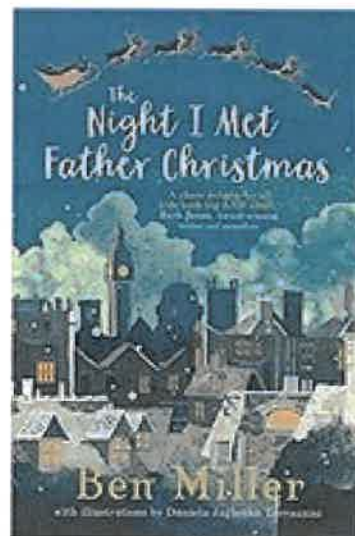
For our older readers:

## The Night I Met Father Christmas

Jackson knows all about the flying reindeer, he knows about the elves and the secret North Pole workshop, he knows about the magic that allows Father Christmas to deliver presents around the world in just one night, but there's one thing he doesn't know . . .  
how did Father Christmas *become* Father Christmas?

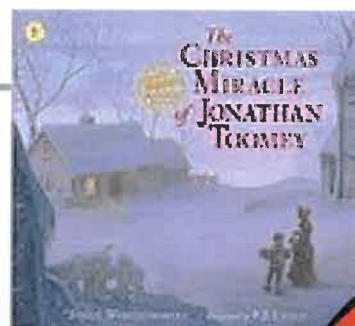
That all changes when, one Christmas Eve, Jackson *meets* Father Christmas and *hears* his incredible story.

So begins an enchanting fairy-tale into a magical snowy landscape, where **Torvil**, a mean-spirited and miserly elf, is about to discover the true meaning of Christmas. This might not have been the story Jackson was expecting but, as Father Christmas tells him, no good story ever is...



## The Christmas Miracle of Jonathon Toomey

A stunning 20th anniversary edition of a Kate Greenaway winning Christmas classic, this is the poignant tale of Jonathan Toomey. Although Jonathan is the best woodcarver in the valley, he is always alone and never smiles. No one knows about the mementos of his lost wife and child that he keeps in an unopened drawer. But one early winter's day, a widow and her young son approach him with a gentle request – a request which leads to a joyful miracle. This moving, lyrical tale which unfolds with mastery, humour and emotional force, has been widely hailed by critics and readers as a true Christmas classic, and is gloriously illustrated by the inimitable P.J. Lynch.



## Classic winter poetry: Snow (Walter de la Mare)

As the day draws to a close, a family prepares for Christmas - decorating the tree, hanging stockings by the fire, putting out a plate of mince pies...

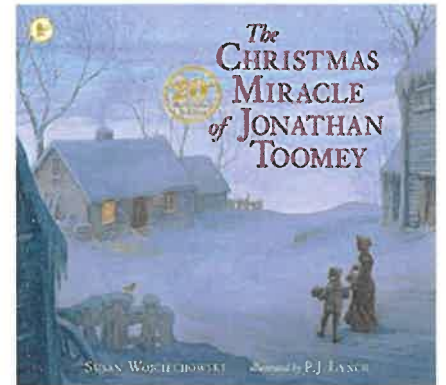


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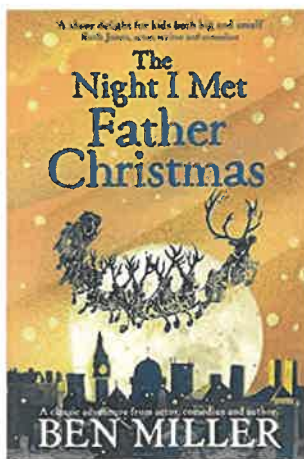
For 7+ readers:

Another award winning classic: Jonathon Toomey may be a skilled woodcarver but he is a sad and lonely man, until he meets a young boy whose request leads to a Christmas miracle!



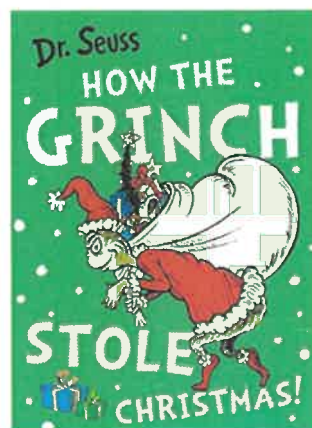
Meet Jack Skellington, who has become bored of Halloweenland. Jack is transported to Christmastown where his jealousy leads to the kidnap and impersonation of Santa! Will Christmas ever be the same again?!

You might think you know Father Christmas already but you are about to read the TRUE story! Learn to believe in the impossible...



When Jackson meets Father Christmas, he is not prepared to hear how he became the famous man in red..

Will The Grinch succeed? Or do the Whos know the real meaning of Christmas?



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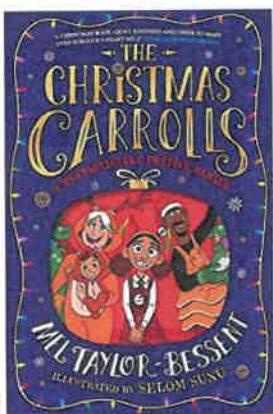
For our older readers:

What would Christmas be without this classic?! Ebenezer Scrooge learns to love Christmas through the visitations of three ghosts who teach them the error of his ways.



On Midwinter's Day, Will Stanton wakes up—on his eleventh birthday—in a different, and strange, time. He is one of the 'Old Ones', guardians of the light, who must be prepared because the dark is rising...

Evacuee Col discovers that his imaginary friends are real and that they must save his sister from an air raid, which will otherwise give the Midwinter King the power he needs to plunge all worlds into eternal darkness.



Meet Holly Carroll, whose family celebrates Christmas all year round. Unfortunately, not everyone shares their enthusiasm. Can Holly keep her Christmas spirit?

A fantastic introduction to the hilarious world of Terry Pratchett: Short stories of Christmas mayhem!

