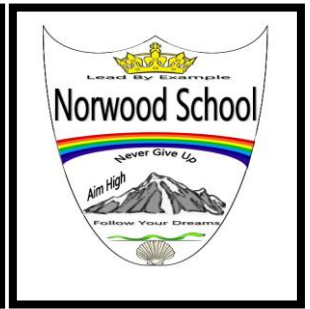


Norwood Primary School

Reading Newsletter

Autumn 2025

English Lead – Mrs Jane Cockerill



Welcome to our Autumn Reading newsletter.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers that purchased books from the Book Fair. We have been able to select over 30 new books for the library with the percentage of sales given to us from the Scholastic Book Fair.

Many pupils were in awe as they saw the pile of new books waiting to go into the library. The research shows that if children have choices with what they read, they are more likely to engage with reading - so thank you all for helping us to keep the library stocked with books the children will enjoy choosing.

I am delighted that so many children can find something they enjoy reading. Our graphic novels are certainly the most popular genre of book and we continue to build this collection. Many of the books don't make it back onto the shelves before they are borrowed again!

Thank you to all the parents/carers for sharing these books with your children to keep reading an enjoyable activity for all.

Jane Cockerill



Congratulations to our super readers who completed the Summer Reading Challenge 2025. **Well done Norwood.**



EYFS and KS1

Thea,
Florence
Aoife,
Charlotte,
Harry,

KS2

Alex H,
Joshua H,
Leon W, Logan,
Lola, Nathaniel,
Noah Ht.

Mini Winter Reading Challenge

1 December 2025 to 20 February 2026

Are you ready to take it on?

Sign up at your local library or online Winter Mini Challenge. Presented by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries.

Read three or more books to complete the Winter Mini Challenge! Click the link below for more information, and to sign up online. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Children can read whatever they like in their chosen format - fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audio books and eBooks, can all be used to complete the challenge.



The Cabbage Juice Crime by David O'Connell.

Dash is a little firefly. One of his wings is shorter than the other so he flies more slowly than everyone else, but that doesn't stop him getting where he wants to go. When he's happy, his bottom lights up!



Finding Hope by Nicola Baker

When ten-year-old Ava moves to Whistledown Farm, she must swap city life for mud, wellies and animals.



The Last Dragon by Polly Ho-Yen. Entrusted with the care of the last dragon egg, Yara discovers it is more powerful than she could ever have imagined. But there are others who want it and they'll stop at nothing to steal it for themselves...

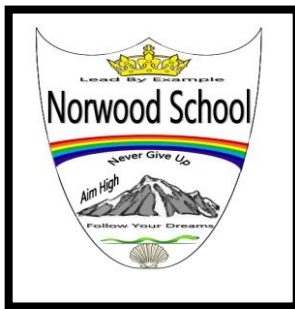


Pirates and Sea Monsters by Gill Lewis.

Tia's mum has a new job as the vet on Gull Haven Island and lots of animals need her help. When she's called away to help a sickly cow on a nearby island, Tia has to step up and care for the animals staying in the surgery.



The Whisperwicks: The Labyrinth of Lost and Found by Jordan Lees. Eleven-year-old Benjamiah Creek believes in science, logic and the power of reason. He definitely does not believe in magic. But when he receives a mysterious gift in the post – a doll that can transform into a bird – he is led into the impossible....

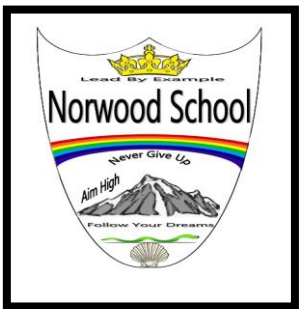


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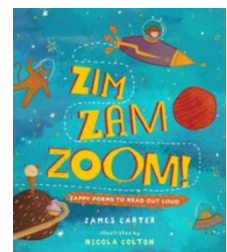


Teach Your Monster to Read – Reception

Teach Your Monster are the creators of an award-winning series of games which help children master the key first stages of reading and numeracy. The games are free to play on a PC and laptop, or you can download

the Teach Your Monster games from the app store for mobiles and tablet. To play on the website, visit www.teachyourmonster.org and start playing in seconds. For the website and app, you will need to sign up or login with a parent account. You can then use the details on your child's password card to add your child as an existing player to your home account. This will allow the children to play with the same monsters at home as they do in school. **Logins were sent home with your child on 1st October.** Please ask the Reception team if you need any help.

School's Poetry Evening at the Cresset.



Well done to our incredible Norwood children who represented the school at the poetry evening at the Cresset. Thank you so much to all the parents/carers that attended the school's poetry evening. The children recited a poem from the book **Zim Zam Zoom** by James Carter the poet who visited Norwood in the summer term.



Our School Library is Full of the Most Amazing Books.

Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry, Adventure, Mystery, Sports, Biographies, The Classics, Historical Fiction, Barrington Stoke Books (Dyslexia Friendly).



The most popular book sets borrowed from the School Library in November.

Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell



Nikki Maxwell has never been popular but now she's started at a new school, she's hoping to leave her old dorky ways behind!

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney



'Let me get something straight: this is a JOURNAL not a diary... The other thing I want to clear up right away is that this was MUM's idea, not mine.'

Bunny vs Monkey by Jamie Smart



Welcome to the woods. It's chaos in there! Bunny and his friends Weenie the Squirrel, Pig (the pig), Action Beaver and Skunky the Inventor lived a peaceful life in the forest - until Monkey's rocket crash-landed and he decided to take over!

InvestiGators by John Patrick Green



Laugh yourself silly with the InvestiGators! If you like puns and silly supervillains then these books are for you!

Football Superstars by Simon Mugford



The Football Superstars series is aimed at building a love of reading and is filled with fun cartoons, inspirational stories, jokes and comments.