

READING NEWSLETTER

Grimoldby Primary School



At Grimoldby Primary School, we remain incredibly passionate about developing a lifelong love of reading in all of our children. Our reading for pleasure journey continues to grow, and we are always looking for ways to make reading exciting, accessible and meaningful both in school and at home. This year, we have become the first school in Lincolnshire to be **re-accredited the 'Gold' award** by The Lincolnshire Reading Pledge. A big thank you to our school community for all of your support!

This term, our Reading Ambassadors have been **busy adding some wonderful new titles** into each class reading corner. These children have been carefully selecting books they think their classes will love, helping to make reading spaces even more inviting and inspiring. This is possible because of our amazing support we have from parents at our September Book Fair - thank you!



We have also introduced something very exciting for our younger children. Reception and Year 1 now each have a **Tonies Box**, giving children the opportunity to listen to stories independently through high-quality audio storytelling. How exciting! This has already been a big hit and is a fantastic way to support children who love to interact with stories.

Community Bookcase

We are creating a small community bookcase in school to ensure every visitor or family has access to reading materials they can enjoy. **We are kindly asking for donations of good quality:**

- Magazines for children
- Baby books
- Toddler books
- Children's story books.
- Adult books

We only need a **select few**, but a variety of ages and interests would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting our reading culture.

World Book Day

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school. This year, children will come to school wearing their **pyjamas and bring along their favourite bedtime story to share**. There will also be a special reading competition, with more details coming soon.

How can I access audiobooks at home?

Listening to stories is just as valuable as reading them. Research shows that children who listen to books develop vocabulary, comprehension and imagination in the same way as children who read independently.

Audiobooks allow children to access rich language and complex stories beyond their current reading level, helping them build understanding and confidence. They are perfect for car journeys, quiet time or winding down before bed.

One brilliant way to access audiobooks at home is through **Libby**, the free app linked to your local library. All you need is a library number (which can be applied for online at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/libraries-archives/join-library> Storyline Online (<https://storylineonline.net/>) is another fantastic free website where well-known actors read picture books or small extracts from their books aloud.



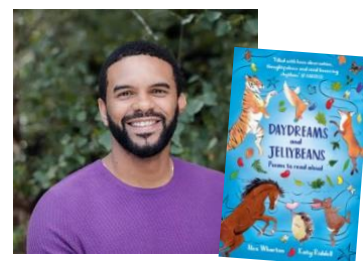
Blue Peter Reading Badge

Children may also be interested in applying for the **Blue Peter Reading Badge**. To earn one, children read a book, write a short review about it, and send this to Blue Peter. Badge holders receive free entry to many UK attractions — a wonderful reward for reading!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Author Visit – 25th February

We are delighted to be welcoming poet **Alex Wharton** into school on 25th February. This will give children a fantastic opportunity to engage with poetry in a lively, creative way and may inspire some budding young poets of our own!



What Children Are Loving

We asked each class which books have been their most popular reads so far this year. Have a look at each year and if you would like to order them, just click the link!

Reception:



[Bugs – Simon Mole and Adam Ming](#)

[You Choose Fairy Tales – Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt](#)

Year 1:



[Dinosaurs vs Humans – Matt Robertson](#)

[Stomp, Dinosaur, Stomp – Maragret Mayo and Alex Ayliffe](#)

Year 2:



[When Fish Finger Froze - Michelle Robinson and Tom Knight](#)

[Dance Just Like So - Annemarie Anang](#)

Year 3:



[The Wizards of Once series - Cressida Cowell](#)

[The Spy Who Loved School Dinners – Pamela Butchart](#)

Year 4:



[Captain Underpants – Dav Pilkey](#)

[Cat Kid Comic Club](#)

[13 Storey Treehouse - Andy Griffiths](#)

[Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl](#)

Year 5:



[Bunny vs Monkey – Jamie Smart](#)

[The 1000-Year-Old Boy – Ross Welford](#)

Year 6:



[Finding Bear – Hannah Gold](#)

[Football Academy – Tom Palmer](#)

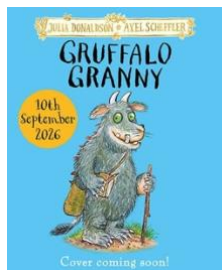
[Dork Diaries – Rachel Renee Russell](#)

[Lottie Brooks – Katie Kirby](#)

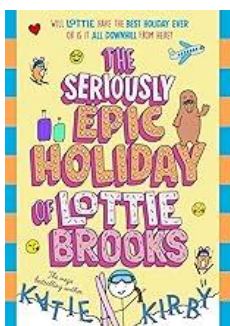
Exciting pre-orders!



The fifth magical adventure in the epic and funny bestselling Land of Roar series is finally coming out! We have two copies coming on **26th February!**



Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler have revealed the title of their new picture book. The new story, publishing in hardback and audio book on **10 September 2026**, will be called 'Gruffalo Granny'. We can't wait to get some copies into school.



Pack your bags, and put on your helmets, for Lottie's latest hilarious diary! She's off on a **ONCE IN A LIFETIME** skiing holiday - what could possibly go wrong?! **It will be released on 9th April 2026.**

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture confident, enthusiastic readers. Even a few minutes of shared reading each day makes a real difference.