



NEWSLETTER



Our Y3/4 Cross-Country Team proudly represented the school at the first fixture of the season.

A MESSAGE FROM MISS CLARKE

Thank you all for the lovely welcome you've given me and our new members of staff this term. I've really enjoyed getting to know our amazing children – they each have such wonderful personalities and quirks that make Peafield such a special place to be!

My door is always open, and I really value your thoughts and feedback as we continue to grow together. If you'd like a chat, just give the school office a call or drop them an email, and we'll find a time that works for us both.

A GREAT START TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

We've had a fantastic start to the new academic year and a wonderful first half term here at Peafield Lane Academy. The children have returned to school with an excellent attitude and a real commitment to their learning. We've made a few small tweaks to further enhance teaching and learning, along with some refinements to our school processes, and the children have responded brilliantly. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and positivity make us incredibly proud – it's been a joy to see our classrooms buzzing with energy and purpose once again.



Our littlest learners enjoying some autumnal pumpkin painting with their special guest!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our current school attendance stands at **94.7%**.
This is below the national average.

At Peafield Lane Academy, we believe that every child has the right to access a full-time education — and that regular attendance is key to helping them achieve their full potential. **Our school target is 97%**, and we all need to work together to ensure your child's attendance is the best it can be.

We ask all parents and carers to support us by ensuring children attend school every day, on time, unless there is a genuine reason for absence. To help with this, we have formed a team of Attendance Champions who regularly monitor each child's attendance, including any lateness or absences.

As part of our duty, we will keep you informed about your child's attendance, especially if it begins to fall or approaches persistent absence (below 90%). Please be assured that any contact from us will always be supportive — our aim is to work with you to identify and address any factors that might be affecting your child's attendance, so that we can help them make the most of every learning opportunity.

97%

Absence = missed opportunity.



STAY UPDATED

We hope you've all managed to access Class Dojo, our main way of communicating with families. Whole-school updates and events are shared on the whole-school page and calendar, while class news appears on your child's class page. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the platform so you can stay up to date with everything happening at our school.



ClassDojo

FREE SCHOOL MEALS, DON'T MISS OUT!

With the current cost of living crisis, we want to make sure that all eligible pupils are claiming their Free School Meals entitlement. The Department for Education's eligibility checking system is used to confirm who qualifies.

To apply, you'll need to register and provide:

- Your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Reference Number
- Your last name
- Your date of birth

The application **only takes a few minutes** and is well worth completing if you are eligible. Even if your child is currently in Reception or Key Stage 1, please still apply to ensure your child can receive their entitlement from Year 3 onwards.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO APPLY NOW.



*Free School Meals –
supporting children, easing
costs, and fuelling learning.*

BEING ACTIVE AND STAYING SMART - PE KIT

Thank you for supporting us by sending your child to school in their PE kit on PE days (twice a week). This has allowed us to deliver longer, more focused PE lessons, and your feedback shows it's also made home routines a little easier — which is great to hear!

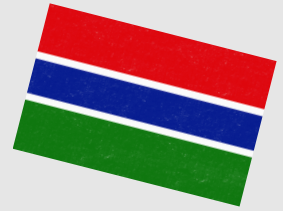
As the weather changes, please ensure children are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. We politely ask that PE kits are in line with our uniform policy, helping pupils stay smart and keeping the focus on learning, not fashion. Dark joggers and jumpers are recommended, and bright colours, patterns, or large logos should be avoided where possible. Thank you for your continued support.



PEAFIELD'S DONATION SUPPORTS SCHOOL IN GAMBIA

Following our summer renovation — which saw all classrooms fitted with brand-new furniture — we were left with a selection of surplus items. Thanks to the wonderful organisation of Mrs Ryder in our school office, this furniture has been donated to the National Police Aid Charity.

We're delighted to share that our unwanted tables, chairs, and storage units have now been used to kit out classrooms in Gambia! It's fantastic to know that our old furniture is being put to such good use, helping to support children overseas and provide them with a better learning environment.



HARVEST FESTIVAL – GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Cathy Porter from St Edmund's Church to lead a special Harvest Festival assembly. She spoke to the children about gratitude and helping others, before running engaging workshops with our Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

Everyone enjoyed learning about the meaning of Harvest and how we can support our community. A big thank you to everyone who donated items — your generosity will make a real difference. All donations have now been delivered to the Sherwood Food Bank to help local families in need.

The Sherwood Food Bank expressed their heartfelt thanks for our contributions, which will help families in crisis across our community.

HELLO YELLOW DAY – SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

We proudly supported Hello Yellow Day, helping to raise awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing. The day was all about reminding children that it's okay to talk about how they feel and that everyone has “big emotions” sometimes.

Throughout the day, children explored ways to recognise different emotions and learned simple strategies to help them cope when things feel difficult. They also enjoyed some calming mindfulness activities and, of course, brightened the school by wearing yellow to show their support!

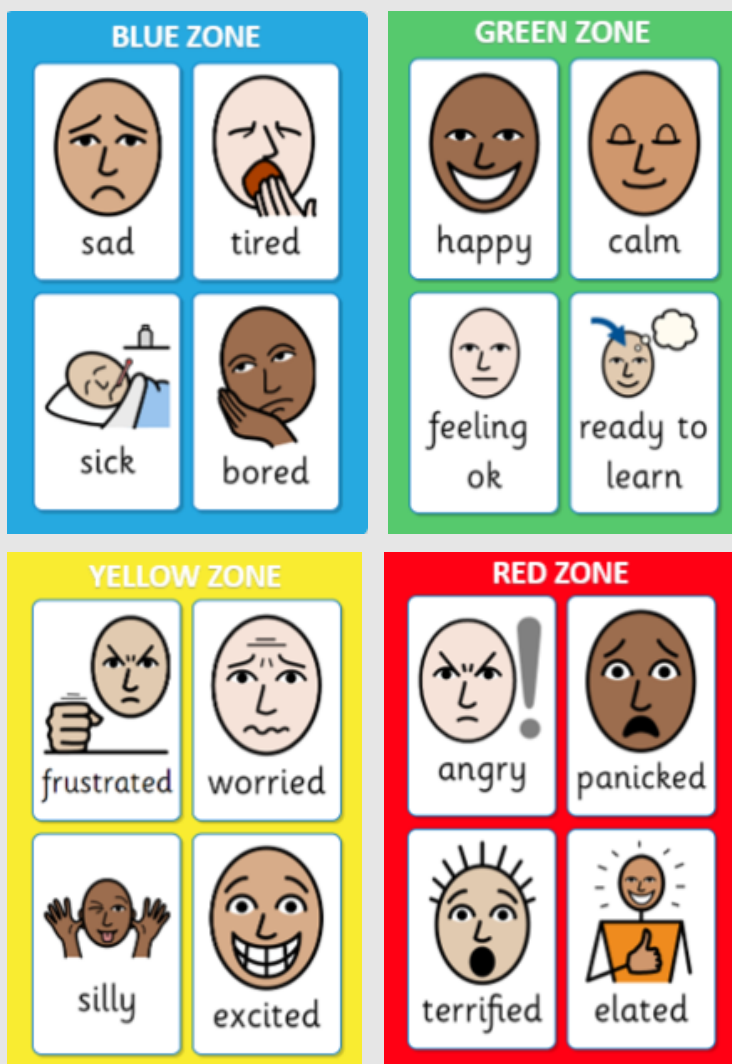


HELPING CHILDREN MANAGE THEIR EMOTIONS

In September, we introduced the Zones of Regulation across our school — a whole-school approach designed to help children understand, manage, and regulate their emotions.

The Zones use four coloured categories to help children recognise how they're feeling and to develop strategies for managing those emotions in healthy, positive ways. By learning to identify their feelings, children can make better choices, build resilience, and develop important self-regulation skills that support both their wellbeing and learning.

We also encourage parents and carers to use this approach at home to ensure consistency between school and home, helping children feel supported and confident in managing their emotions wherever they are.



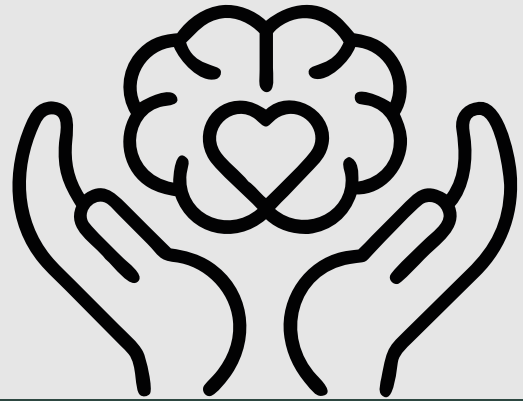
SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AT PEAFIELD

Our Mental Health Lead, Miss Dowsing, is working closely with the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) to provide additional support for our children in school. We know that many children are affected by mental health in different ways, and Miss Dowsing is passionate about promoting positive wellbeing and developing this vital area across our school.

This term, pupils have taken part in a range of workshops delivered by the CAMHS team, covering important topics such as:

- Resilience
- Worry
- Sleep hygiene
- Self-esteem

These workshops have helped children build confidence, develop coping strategies, and better understand how to look after their mental health.



*Guidance and support for
parents / carers can be found here:*

Young Minds

NHS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BOOK FAIR!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we've earned over **£400** in rewards to help us replenish and grow our school library with new and exciting books for our children to enjoy.

We're delighted to share that the Book Fair will return in the Spring term, during the week of our Parents' Evenings — a perfect opportunity to pick up some great reads while supporting our school once again!

PEAFIELD SHINES ON THE CROSS COUNTRY COURSE!

Our fantastic PE Lead, Mr Annable, has been out and about with our KS2 Cross Country teams, who have shown true Peafield Pride and an outstanding sporting attitude while representing our school. The children's effort, teamwork, and determination have been brilliant to see at every event.

We're thrilled to share that at one of the recent competitions, our team finished in an impressive 2nd place, and a special congratulations goes to Darcy, who has qualified for the nationals! What an incredible achievement — well done to everyone involved!



NEW MULTI-SPORTS CLUB FOR RECEPTION AND KS1!

We're excited to launch a Multi-Sports Club for Reception and KS1 pupils! The club runs every Tuesday (KS1) from 4th Nov–16th Dec and every Friday (Reception) from 7th Nov–12th Dec, 3:15–4:15pm.

Led by Miss Felton from Next Level Sports, children will enjoy fun games and activities that build fitness, confidence, and teamwork.

At just £3 per session, it's great value for money! Payments can be made via ParentPay, with places offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The school will subsidise five places for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium — please contact Mr Annable to apply.

Mr Annable is working on a new after-school club package which will launch in the Spring term - keep an eye out!



LIVING OUR PEAFIELD PRIDE - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Peafield Pride has quickly become a shared language that both staff and children understand and use every day. We began the year by exploring what Peafield Pride means and how it unites us as a school community. Each week, we've focused on a different value, thinking carefully about how we can show Pride, Respect, Inclusivity, Determination, and Empowerment in all that we do.

You may have noticed your child coming home with a sparkly green Peafield Pride sticker — this means a member of staff has recognised them as a Prime Example of our school values. Some children may even have received a gold Head Teacher's sticker, awarded when they have been recognised as a Pioneer. This special recognition is given when a staff member wishes to celebrate a pupil's exceptional effort or achievement with Miss Clarke — along with a well-earned dip in her treasure chest!

We're incredibly proud of how enthusiastically our pupils have embraced Peafield Pride — it truly shines through in everything they do.



If your child comes home with a Peafield Pride sticker or Head Teacher's sticker, please take a moment to celebrate with them! They will have worked really hard to earn it, and we're so proud of their achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW..... MRS JENNINGS!

We're delighted to share some wonderful news — over the October half-term, Miss Allison (Birklands Class Teacher) celebrated her marriage at a beautiful wedding and is now Mrs Jennings!

I'm sure you will all join us in congratulating Mrs Jennings and wishing her every happiness as she embarks on this exciting new chapter in her life.

COFFEE, CAKE AND COMMUNITY FOR MACMILLAN

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for cake and a drink in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school to help raise awareness of the brilliant work this charity does.

We're delighted to share that we raised £84!

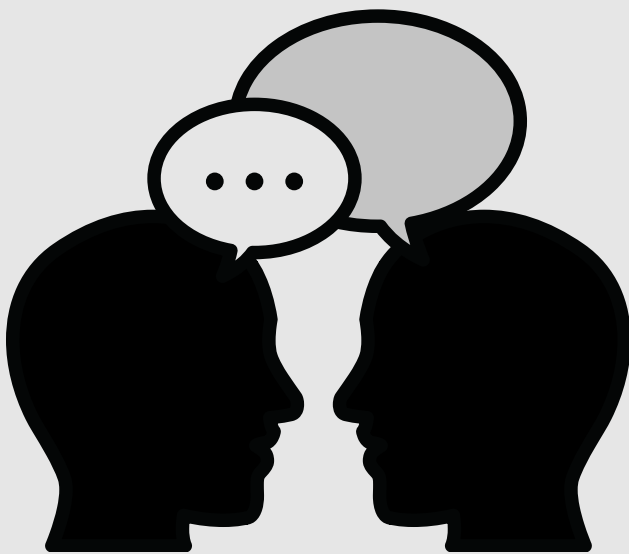
We hope to host more opportunities soon for parents, carers, family, and friends of the school to come together and be part of our Peafield community.



HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents' Evenings. Our teachers really enjoyed meeting you in person and sharing how your child has settled into school, along with their targets for the year.

If you weren't able to attend, it's really important that we still get a chance to speak with you. If a face-to-face meeting isn't possible, we can arrange a telephone conversation instead. Please drop your child's Class Teacher a message to organise a suitable time.



CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK

We're reigniting our school Facebook page and would love your support! Please follow, like, and share our posts to help us build engagement and celebrate all the great things happening at Peafield Lane Academy.



BRINGING READING TO LIFE WITH BEANSTACK!

We were excited to introduce Beanstack — our new platform designed to encourage daily reading and rekindle a love of books across our school. Beanstack helps children build healthy reading habits by tracking their progress, celebrating milestones, and taking part in fun reading challenges set by their class teachers.

All children should now have their Beanstack login details and be actively reading and engaging with the challenges. The platform rewards consistency, effort, and enthusiasm, helping to make reading a fun and motivating part of everyday life — both in school and at home.

We can't wait to see our pupils discovering new stories, sharing their achievements, and developing a lifelong love of reading!



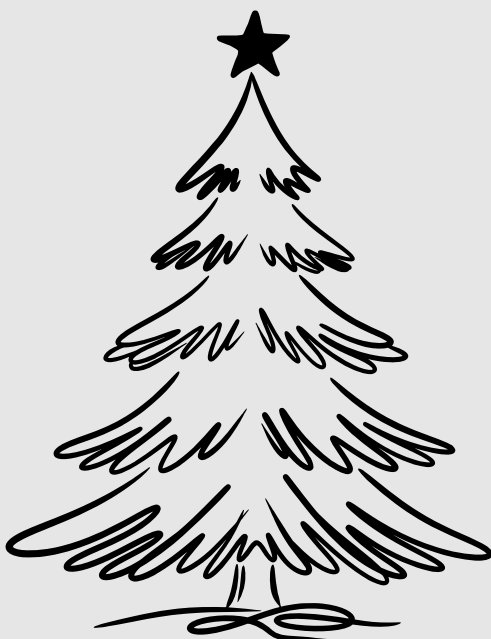
If you're having trouble accessing Beanstack, please contact our wonderful Reading Lead, Mrs Jones. She will be happy to help!

CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On Thursday 28th November, we'll be holding a whole-school Christmas Tree Competition! Each class will be decorating their tree with a theme based on a favourite children's book – we can't wait to see their creativity and imagination shine!

But we need your help! We're looking for artificial Christmas tree donations to make this festive challenge possible. If you or someone you know has a spare tree they no longer need, we'd love to give it a new home.

Please message your Class Teacher via Class Dojo if you have one to donate. Thank you for helping us make Christmas at Peafield Lane extra magical this year!



LET'S POWER UP OUR TIMES TABLES!

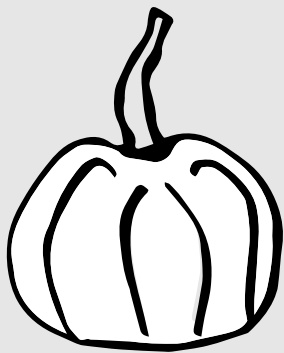
Our fantastic Maths Lead, Mrs Jennings, is leading a big push on times tables across the school to help every child strengthen this crucial and fundamental skill. Regular practice makes a huge difference to children's confidence and fluency in maths — and sets them up for success in Upper Key Stage 2 and secondary school.

Please ensure your child has their Times Tables Rockstars (TTR) login and is practising daily at home. Remember, times tables are a statutory assessment in Year 4, so consistent practice from an early age really helps.

Here's what children should be aiming to master by year group:

- Year 2: 2s, 5s, and 10s
- Year 3: 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s, and 10s
- Year 4 and above: All tables up to 12×12

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children build strong mathematical foundations!



Our PTA could always use extra helping hands - if you would like to be involved please contact the school office and we will pass on your details.



Please speak to your Class Teacher if you are having difficulty accessing the online platform.

A SPOOKTACULAR PTA SUCCESS!

Our PTA End-of-Year Discos and Pumpkin Competition were a huge success! A big thank you to all parents and carers for your generous donations — together, you helped raise over **£400**, which will go towards funding future events and special treats for our children.

We'd also like to give a massive thank you to our marvellous PTA, who volunteer their time and energy to organise such fantastic events for our school community. You're amazing — we couldn't do it without you!

SAFEGAURDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

At Peafield Lane Academy, we believe that everyone has a responsibility to safeguard children and ensure they are safe, happy, and well cared for — both in and out of school.

We have a dedicated team of Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who are trained to support children and families. If you ever have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to one of our DSLs — we are always here to help.

If you feel unable to speak to us in person, you can our safeguarding [email](#). Please note that this inbox should not be used for urgent matters — in these cases, contact the school directly or seek immediate advice from the relevant authorities.

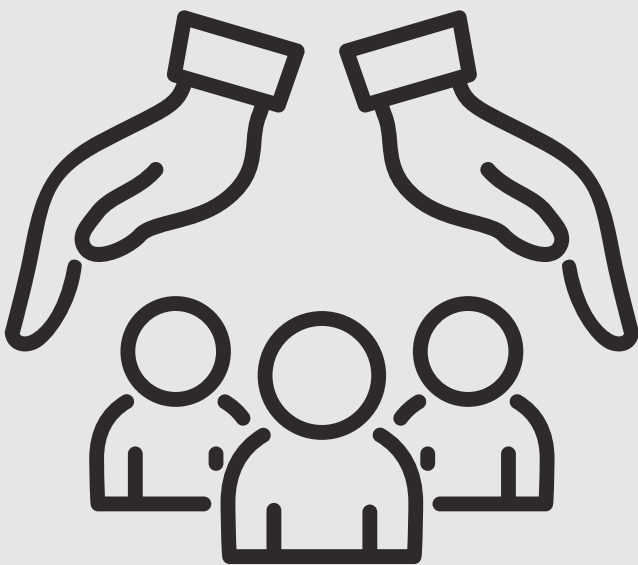
MASH - MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB

If you think a child is at risk of abuse, please report this via this [form](#). If you have urgent concerns or suspect that a child has been abused, call us immediately on [0300 500 80 80](tel:03005008080) (if you are a member of the public).

If you require an urgent response outside of the MASH's working hours (8:30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8:30am to 4:30pm Friday), contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on [0300 456 4546](tel:03004564546).

In an emergency call 999.

To report a crime call 101.



Keeping children safe is at the heart of everything we do.

SUPPORTING OUR PEAFIELD FAMILIES

At Peafield Lane Academy, we understand that family life can bring challenges, and we're here to help. Our lovely Mrs Rodgers has some capacity to provide pastoral support to both children and families who may need a little extra help or guidance.

She liaises with local agencies and support services to ensure our families are signposted to the right support when it's needed most. Whether it's advice, practical help, or just someone to talk to, we want all our families to know that support is available.

Please take a look at the links and information below to find out more about the services and resources that can help.



Healthy Start Vitamins

Vitamins will help your child grow up strong and healthy.

We can get lots of vitamins from a healthy balanced diet, but sometimes small children, pregnant women and new Mums may not get everything they need.

At these times it's especially important to take specific vitamins.

Healthy Start vitamins include vitamin D, which helps to keep bones and muscles strong and healthy, as well as other important vitamins.

They are suitable for:

- ✓ **Pregnant and breastfeeding women**
- ✓ **Babies** (from birth for breastfed babies, or as soon as your baby is having less than 500 ml of formula milk per day)
- ✓ **Children up to 4 years old**



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DO YOU HAVE A CHILD UNDER 4? GET HELP TO BUY FOOD AND MILK

You can apply online if:

- you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have at least one child under 4 years old
- your family's monthly 'take-home pay' (also called 'earned income') is £408 or less from employment

[APPLY NOW.](#)



Neurodevelopment Support Team

NST offer a variety of evidence-based interventions for families of children and young people exhibiting indicative behaviours of Autism/ADHD, both before and after diagnosis.

- Cygnet
- Sleep Tight
- ADHD/NFPP
- Parent Workshop
- Educational Transition Support

Click [here](#) and complete the form.

www.mindsofallkindsnotts.co.uk – has been launched to provide tailored support and resources for all ages who are/or who may be neurodivergent, Autistic and or ADHD.

NST Referrals:
referralsnst.familyservice@nottsc.gov.uk

NST Enquiries:
family servicenst@nottsc.gov.uk (For all general enquiries regarding NST) Please allow 5-10 working days for a response.

Notts Help Yourself

Have you visited
www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk?

This fantastic website is designed to help families find information about a wide range of local organisations and services, including:

- Activities, groups, and events in your local community
- Childcare providers
- Support for children and young people aged 0–25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities
- Health and social care information and support for adults and children
- Workplace health schemes

It's a great place to discover what's available locally to support you and your family.

Check out [Inspire Culture](#) to see what low-cost activities and events are happening at your local libraries.

From crafts and storytelling to family workshops and seasonal events, there's always something fun to get involved in.

It's a great way to keep children busy and creative over the weekends or school holidays — and many activities are free or low cost!



SEND Newsletter

Sign up to receive the Nottinghamshire SEND Newsletter and get the latest updates about all things Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

You'll receive information straight to your inbox about services, activities, and events, as well as opportunities to get involved in helping to develop and improve SEND services for Nottinghamshire's children, young people, and families.

[Sign up online to stay connected and informed!](#)

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND SCHOOL

We love to share our children's successes outside of school! If your child has achieved something special - whether it's in sports, music, arts, or the community - please send a photo and brief description to Miss Clarke.

By sending it in, you're giving permission for it to appear in the newsletter. Let's celebrate their amazing achievements together!

RECOMMENDED READS

Here is this month's recommended reads...

We encourage all children to read at least once a day, 5 times a week.



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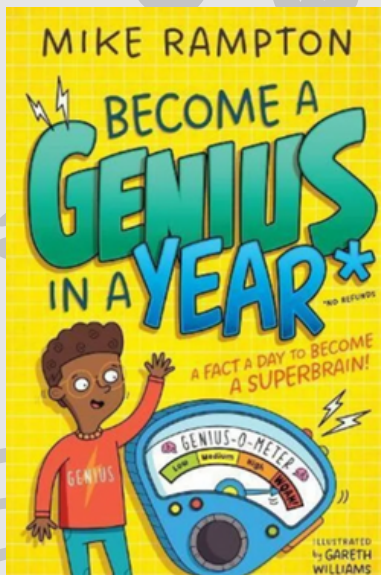
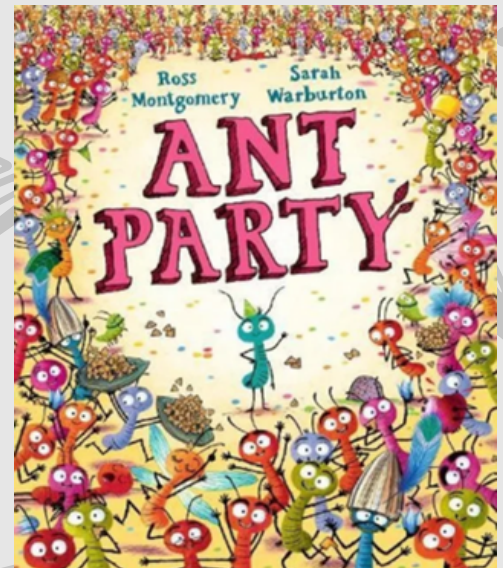
Thank You by Jarvis

A joyful, hopeful picture book where a child says thank you for all the things that make him happy – from the sun to his bicycle to the jelly in his bowl. With beautiful collage art, Jarvis inspires little ones to think about what they are thankful for too.

KS1

Ant Party by Ross Montgomery and Sarah Warburton

It's Andy the ant's birthday, and his "small gathering" quickly turns into a huge party! But when an unexpected guest arrives, the ants must work together to save the day — and the dips — in this funny, feel-good story about teamwork and confidence.



LKS2:

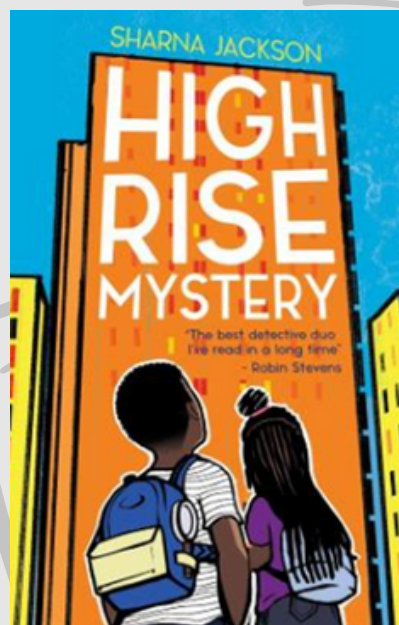
Become a Genius in a Year by Mike Rampton

Packed with 365 fascinating facts — from the Bermuda Triangle to parrotfish poop — this fun, illustrated book will boost your brainpower every day! With short, snappy facts and lots of humour, it's perfect for daily reading at school or home.

UKS2

High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

When their art teacher is murdered, young detectives Nik and Norva set out to solve the case. With their knowledge of The Tri, their high-rise home, and plenty of curiosity, they race to find the killer before summer ends in this gripping, urban whodunnit.



STAFF FAVOURITES:

MISS CLARKE loves... **THE SUITCASE KID** by Jacqueline Wilson.

I love *The Suitcase Kid* because it's such an honest and relatable story. Andy's parents have split up, and she feels stuck between two homes, never really sure where she belongs. Jacqueline Wilson shows how hard that can be, but also how brave Andy is as she finds her way. It's a story about families, feelings, and finding your place — and one that always stays with me.

