



# Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

## November Reading Newsletter

Mrs Heald is now reading:  
**Finding Bear - The next book in the Hannah Gold Series**  
It follows the story from *The Last Bear* and I am enjoying it!

### Welcome!

Wow! Christmas already! Autumn term has been a busy yet successful one and we are all ready for a well-deserved rest!

We are looking forward to the new year and hopefully some more author events in conjunction with Read.Holmfirth bookshop. Keep an eye out for these dates on the newsletter as we love being able to provide these experiences for the children in our school.

Spring term will see the return of the Book Fair in March and our World Book Day celebrations that same week. Please keep an eye out for more details about these events.

I would just like to thank our wonderful Reading Ambassadors who have settled into their new roles well and who are working hard to ensure that our school has a real love of reading.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and new year and we look forward to sharing more of our reading news with you in January.

Mrs Heald

### School Reading News

We have drawn the Reading raffle this week and as it is Christmas soon, we doubled the number of names we would usually pull out and doubled the number of prizes to be won. Seven children won tickets to one of the remaining Barnsley F C matches of the year and seven children won a book from Mrs Heald's prize box.

Congratulations to all of our winners! Remember, if you read four times a week and record this in your planner, you get a ticket to enter the raffle!



### Our Amazon Wish List

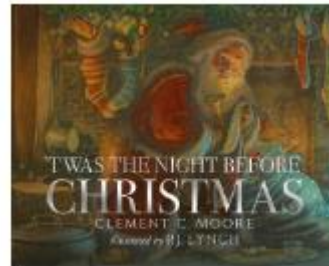
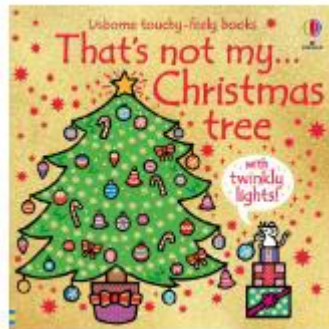
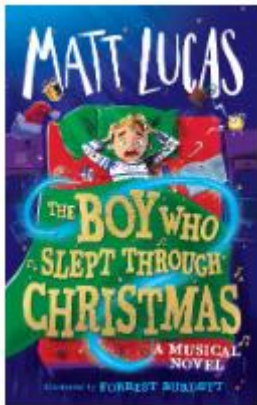
Due to a leak in our school library, some of our books have been damaged and therefore we have added a few more to our Amazon wish list. There is no expectation for a contribution but if you would like to purchase a book on our behalf, we would be very grateful.

Please see below for the link

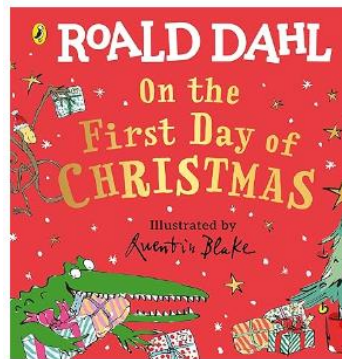
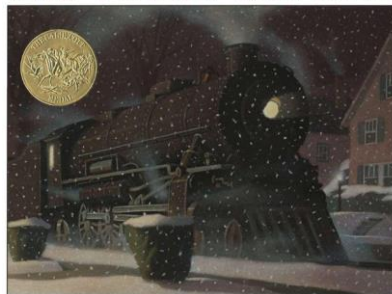
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### Books of the Month

This month our books of the month have been themed around Christmas!



THE POLAR EXPRESS



### Reading Ambassador Update

The Reading Ambassadors have been busy this half term. Not only have they been adding posters and decorations to the library and encouraging our children to love reading, they have travelled to Woolley Edge Services to run a tombola stall for Mind charity as part of our role as an adopted school with MOTO in the Community Charity. They raised a whopping £400 in 4 hours!



## December's Guest Author

# ANGELA MARIE JAMES

## Author

of Books for both Children & Adults  
Performance Poet & Storyteller



Hi,

I have always loved to read and could always be found with my head in a book as a child. I remember going to my school library and being amazed by the number of books. I read book after book, either in the library or by borrowing books and reading at home. The library was a 'room of magic'. I could go anywhere, be anybody, meet lots of different people and have lots of adventures. It was this love of reading that inspired me to become an author. I wanted to be one of those people who wrote these amazing books. Now, I am lucky enough to do just that.

For the last few years, I have performed my work in primary schools, secondary schools, nurseries, colleges, libraries, museums, clubs and at community events. After being asked on many occasions where people can buy my work, I am now in the process of publishing my first set of books.

My poetry book 'I Don't Want to Go to Bed', a fun and humorous collection of poems about bedtime, is coming out very soon. This will be the first in the 'I Don't Want To' children's poetry book series. Other titles will include: 'I Don't Want to Eat That' and 'I Don't Want to Go to School'. I am also working on a series of animal books. As well as my Conflict Poetry books for older children and adults. Check out my website [www.amjames.co.uk](http://www.amjames.co.uk) for more details.

Keep reading | Keep writing | Keep dreaming

*Angela*



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December's Guest Author

Please have a read of Angela's poem – The Room of Magic

# THE ROOM OF MAGIC

Our school has a room of magic

Hidden in plain sight for all to see  
It's a place of wonder  
Transporting you somewhere new  
Every time you venture in

You get to live lots of different lives  
Be part of many stories  
Excitement, joy and sadness  
Are all around me

Our school has a room of magic

Bringing you face to face with people  
You never thought you'd meet  
I wish I could stay in there forever  
I never want to leave

I could live in our school library  
I'm always sad to leave  
But happy now I can take lots of  
Books home with me to read

From the upcoming book  
"I Don't Want to Go to School"

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