



# Easter Reading Newsletter



Welcome to the Easter Reading Newsletter. This term's reading events have been amazing! From our "Go All In" World Book Day, Harry Potter event to our Scholastic Book Fair and the opening of our incredible new Lower School Library, as always Coppice Academy pupils and community have shown just how important reading is to us all!

This issue is packed with Easter/Spring themed reads and competitions/challenges to enter. Hopefully you will also enjoy the showcase of the events of World Book Day. Wishing you a fantastic, fun-filled and chocolatey Easter break and here's hoping the recent sunshine continues so we can soak up some vitamin D, whilst enjoying a good book!

## National Literacy Trust : A Reading Adventure



In the summer term, we will be taking part in the National Literacy Trust's reading challenge called "My Feelings: A Reading Adventure". It is aimed at pupils aged 4 to 12, designed to nurture a love of reading and support emotional literacy. Through stories, poetry and non-fiction, children will be encouraged to explore how character's experience and express emotions, helping them better understand and talk about their own feelings.

This challenge is another way we can support the National Year of Reading 2026, as part of its plan of a UK-wide campaign to boost reading for pleasure. Its call to action, Go All In, encourages children to "read into" the things they already care about, making reading relevant. By connecting books with pupils' real interests and emotional experiences, this challenge offers an engaging and inclusive way to bring the Go All In spirit to life.

## Top 3 Reading Classes in Spring 2 are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5W**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 5F**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 6D**



# Little Wandle..

Using the Little Wandle Books with your child at home is incredibly important to ensure that your child makes the best progress possible.

However, we know it can be challenging to know what to do to support your child and so that is why there is a specific "For Parents" area on the Little Wandle website. Check it out for more information.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/and Sounds>

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



ai



Open your mouth wide and say ai ai ai

tail in the rain



4 KIDS BUY BOOKS CHANGE LIVES

A reminder that as part of ensuring our school remains up to date with best of children's literature, we have a book club through Love Reading.

If you would like to buy books for your child and support us here at Coppice Academy, while doing so, we would greatly appreciate your contribution.

When you make your purchase on the site, please select Coppice Academy as your chosen school.

S P R I N G

## Eggcellent Easter and Spring Reads!

Eggs-plore the Collection



"Thank you" to everyone who came to our Spring Scholastic Book Fair, as always, you got to take home some fantastic books to enjoy and you helped us to add books to our school libraries at the same time.



# THE SECRET BOOK QUEST

Looking for something to encourage your child's love of reading? Then "The Secret Book Quest" could be just what you're looking for! It is an exciting reading challenge for children ages 5 and up.



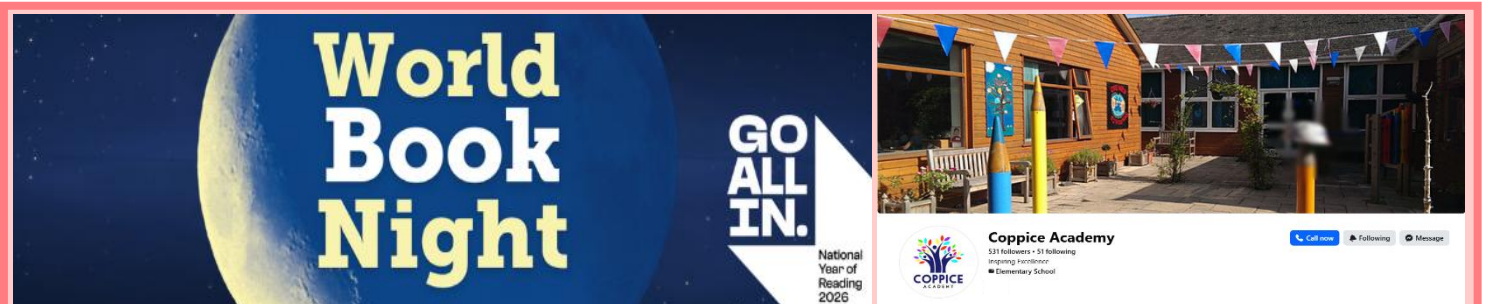
Sign up for FREE to The Secret Book Quest via the link below and join Pip, Zena and Libro the cat on a unique reading adventure through 10 themed zones.

You will receive your very own Secret Book Quest journal, the first sticker in your collection and a bookmark to record the secret codes for the new digital zone.

Explore your local library, or bookshops, discover your first book, and begin your quest!

To find out more about/sign up for The Secret Book Quest Reading Challenge go to:

<https://www.tsbq.co.uk/>



We're excited to "Go All In" during the National Year of Reading 2026! This year, we'll be uniting adults across the UK with reading, by encouraging everyone to join in the **#ReadingHour from 7-8pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. Dedicate time to reading alone, having a book club meeting, listening to an audiobook, or reading to children at bedtime. Join all of the Coppice Academy community and share what you are reading on "World Book Night" on our post on our school Facebook page.

**GO  
ALL  
IN.**

National  
Year of  
Reading  
2026



# World Book Day

# Harry Potter



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**WE ARE A  
READING SCHOOL**



As part of our commitment to the National Year of Reading, we decided to take the challenge of "Go All In" this World Book Day extremely seriously. The day was a massive success, as I am sure you are already aware and, have no doubt seen, the feature shown on BBC Midlands Today.

We wanted to create an immersive experience for all the pupils to allow them to dive head first into a magical setting from one of the most successful children's book series of the last few decades.



However, the true successes of the day, for us, were the wonder in the children's eyes when they first entered the building and saw the school's transformation and hearing their conversations throughout the day as they moved from one workshop to another. Their discussions about the Harry Potter books and movies showed a real love for the world that J K Rowling created

and it was fantastic to hear them debating about the similarities and differences and their opinions about them, even as they ate their lunches in our own version of Hogwarts Great Hall.



Quidditch was, unsurprisingly, a massive hit and definitely something we will continue to play (although, maybe slightly less intensely) as Mr Smith was exhausted after 30,000 steps in one day and being left with very little voice!



During the matches, Mr Smith kept a close eye on proceedings and a Quidditch Cup Player of the Match from each class was chosen!

Check out everything else we got up to in the "World Book Day" section at the end of this Reading Newsletter...

# What Should I Read Next?

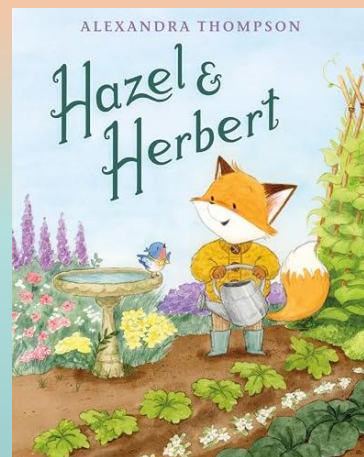


## Reading Genre Focus

In this reading newsletter, we look at Easter themed books for younger readers and Detective themed books for our older readers.



**DETECTIVE**



When a young fox rescues a baby blue bird, her life is upended by the sudden new addition.

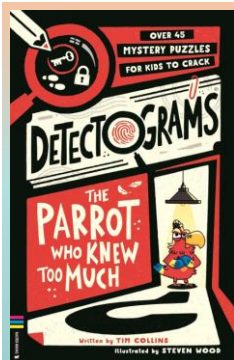
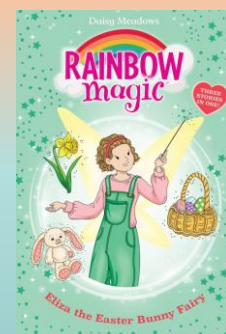
Hazel discovers an egg while out for a walk in the woods, and much to her surprise - Tip! Tip! Tap! - out pops a baby bird. She names him Herbert, and from then on, he sticks to her like jam on toast. But Hazel likes her routine, and Herbert's always underfoot. No matter what she's doing, Hazel simply can't get a moment's peace. What's a fox to do?

This adorable picture book has a life lesson for both young readers and any adults who read the story with a young reader. The life lesson highlights the fact that sometimes a new addition to your life might, at first, be chaotic but maybe you really do need them to make it more complete.

Eliza the Easter Bunny Fairy is looking forward to helping the Easter bunny this spring. But mean Jack Frost has stolen Eliza's magical charms. Now springtime won't begin and the Easter bunny won't wake up in time to deliver the eggs. Can Rachel, Kirsty, Gracie and Khadijah help her get her charms back before Easter is ruined?

This magical story is a fun Easter treat for Rainbow Magic fans this Spring.

'These stories are magic; they turn children into readers!' ReadingZone

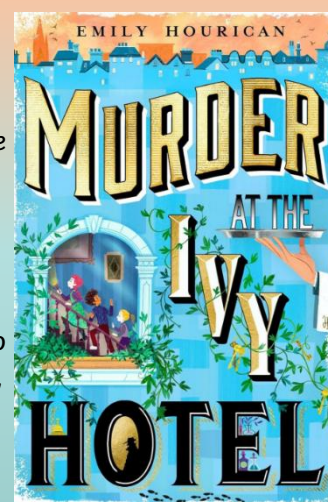


Police Inspector Cross and her officers have been called out on a mysterious case. They've traced the notorious Dempsey Gang to a warehouse, but they've arrived too late! The gang have sped off into the distance with stolen bars of gold. All they've left behind are a few stray scraps of paper and a very noisy parrot, who seems to be squawking cryptic clues about where the gang went next. Now, it's up to the reader to crack the case, solving one Detectogram at a time.

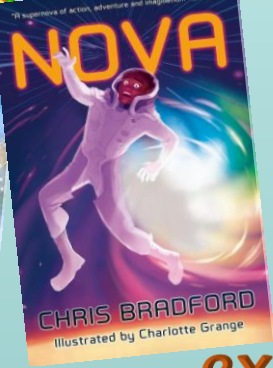
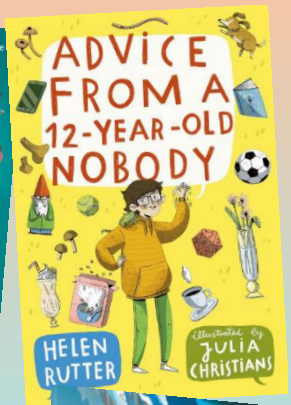
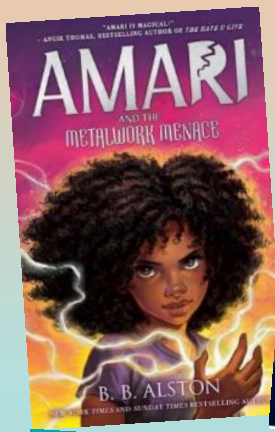
Packed with a mix of 46 logic, visual and text-based puzzles. From clues to unravel, maps to navigate, suspects to examine and codes to crack, there's plenty of fun and perplexing puzzles to be solved in this brain-busting mystery for young super sleuths.

Twelve-year-old Meredith and ten-year-old Macy feel like the luckiest girls around. The Ivy Hotel in Dublin is old, beautiful and beloved, with a tight-knit staff that feel like family, and they get to call it home. Their mum is the General Manager, and the girls have made friends with long-term residents - like Colin, the quiet little boy who plays piano, and Agatha, the eccentric older lady who stays in a plush suite with her dog, Milo.

The girls love spying on fancy events, sneaky treats from the restaurant and knowing all the secret stairs and corridors that guests never see, where the staff move around invisibly, making sure everything runs like clockwork...This is going to come in handy. Because within the cosy walls of the Ivy Hotel, there is also danger, intrigue and threat. Just as the hotel's new owners arrive, ready to sniff out any excuse to make cuts and fire staff, the girls are faced with their biggest task yet: a murder to solve!



## Other new books to...



...explore  
and enjoy!

## Home Reading Reminder...

Just a quick reminder that in order to maximise the impact our reading curriculum has on your child's progress. **We ask that:**

- **You listen to your child read each evening and sign their planner.** Each day in school your child will get up to 2 ticks – one for having their planner and the other for it being signed to prove they have read. If they manage this at least 3 times a week, they are in with a chance of winning Reading Champion – where they are gifted a book, to keep and enjoy, from our fantastic vending machine!
- **You ensure your child has their home reading book in school every day,** along with their planner, to enable us to ensure that they are being suitably challenged and supported in their reading progress.



**Note:** *If your child has finished their Home Reading Book or has accidentally left it at school, please do still hear them read a book of their, or your, choice and still note it in their planner so that teachers can gain an insight into book tastes and interests across the class and school.*



**BIG CAT**



Home Reading support places a vital role in helping consolidate the learning that goes on in school and so we want to support and enable you to have meaningful conversations with your child about what they have read. This embeds and extends vocabulary and comprehension skills that will be essential for their education and later in life.

# National Book Token Competitions...

NATIONAL  
BOOK  
tokens



Wind your way through the Enchanted Wood and climb the Magic Faraway Tree, for an adventure beyond your wildest imagination...

Joe, Beth and Frannie find the Enchanted Wood on the doorstep of their new home and when they discover the Faraway Tree they fall into all sorts of adventures! Join them and their new friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the Fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Spells, the Land of Treats, or the Land of Do-As-You-Please?

To celebrate the release of The Magic Faraway Tree film, coming to cinemas on 27th March, one lucky reader will win our mega magical bundle: all four books in Enid Blyton's enchanting series, a glowing moon lamp, a botanical reading light, and a cosy bean bag. It's the perfect prize for children who are excited to discover the story on screen, or are ready to enjoy Enid Blyton's classic introduction to fantasy and adventure, with delightful illustrations by Mark Beech.

3 runners-up will each receive a copy of The Enchanted Wood and a botanical reading light.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/win/win-a-mega-magic-faraway-tree-bundle>

One boy's quest to change his future, defy the odds, and restore magic to his home. It's the day of the Deciding in the swampy town of Bogsmarsh. The day every twelve-year-old learns who they are going to be forever. Sitting in the Decider's study, Youngest Faircrest is declared remarkable at only one thing: just how unremarkable he is.

Determined to prove he is so much more than that, Youngest does the only sensible thing: he heads to where no one else dares, to reclaim Bogsmarsh's stolen magic (if it even exists) – from a flying, stinging, yellow-eyed ancient sorcerer (knowing Youngest's luck, she probably does exist)! Together with his best friend Agnes and piglet sidekick Satchel, Youngest is about to face monsters, mysteries, and mayhem... Could it be that Youngest is more remarkable than he's been made to feel, and capable of more than he ever dreamed?

The debut novel by award-winning comedy writer Ollie George Clark, for ages 8+. A perfect blend of humour, adventure and heart that comes together to create a spellbinding story of courage, friendship and self-discovery.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/discover-first/get-one-of-100-copies-of-youngest-faircrest-and-the-search-for-a-sorcerer-before-it-hits-bookshops>





**Our recommendation comes from Miss Wright...**

The book I would recommend is "Plants to the Rescue" by Dr Vikram Baliga. It is a visually stunning look into the world of plants, trees and fungi that are solving some of the world's biggest problems. From growing vegetables in a sustainable way, without soil! To facts like banana skin is an alternative treatment for sun burn! I would recommend this book to children and adults alike. 5 out of 5 stars!



## Easter Traditions Around the World

Easter is celebrated in various ways around the world, each with its unique traditions and customs. Here are some of the most notable Easter traditions from Europe:

**Sweden:** Children dress up as witches and collect treats from householders with a copper teapot.

**France:** The Easter Bunny is replaced by church bells, which sprout wings and deliver sweets to children.

**Italy:** Italians celebrate with friends, serving Italian Easter Bread and Torta Pasqualina.

**Norway:** Norwegians eat over 20 million oranges on Easter weekend, believing they are a sign of spring.

**Greece:** Many families sit down to a traditional lamb dinner and will have bowls of hard boiled eggs that they take in turns to bang together to see whose egg will crack and whose will survive.



**Portugal:** Sugared almonds are traditionally eaten and given as gifts at Easter.

**Ukraine:** Pysanky eggs are not just decorative items; they carry deep cultural and religious significance. The tradition of decorating pysanky dates back to pre-Christian times, where the egg was honored during Rite-of-Spring festivals. The designs often feature motifs from Slavic folk art.

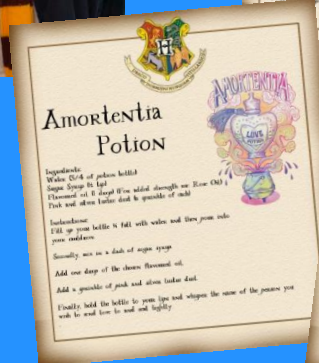
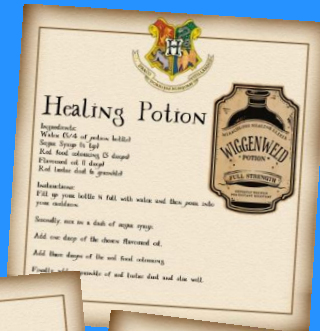
Maybe you could try adding some of these traditions into your Easter celebrations.



Throughout the day, each class took part in six different workshops:

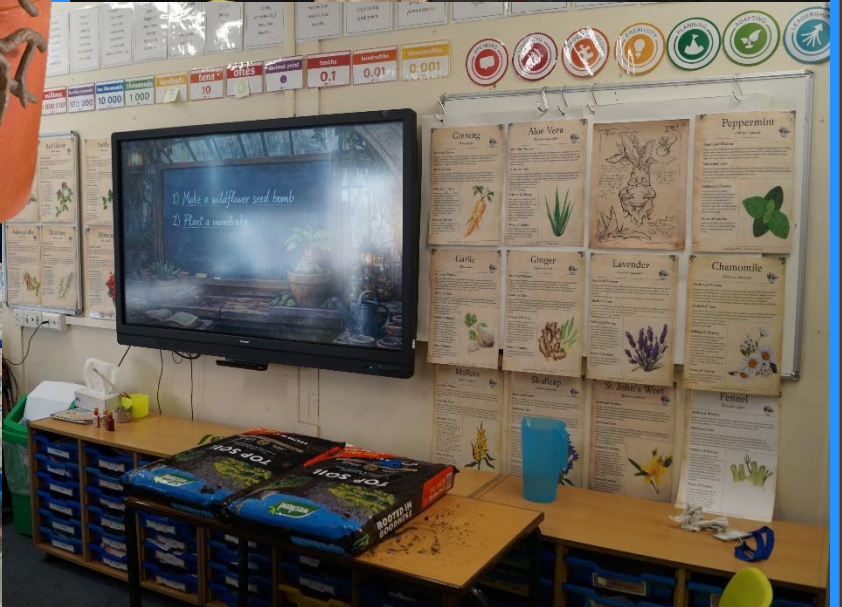
## Potions

In this workshop each pupil made either a Amortentia, Polyjuice or Healing potion and got to sample the favoured drink of those that visited the pub in Hogsmeade village – Butterbeer!



## Herbology

Professor Sprout (a.k.a Mrs Didcote) helped everyone create a wild flower seed bomb and plant lettuce seeds (because Mandrake seeds were too difficult to purchase!)



## Magical Family Trees

For this workshop, every pupil got to create their own magical family tree – focusing on magical traits and special skills as well as choosing their animal familiar and wand core.

**Wand Cores**

**The Best Cores (Powerful & Flexible)**

- Phoenix Ashes: Your spells crackle like a campfire.
- Dragon Heartstring: Your wand turns right before a big success.
- Clasp of a Snake: Your wand is hard and always leaves a bit of snake.
- Golden Thread: Your spells feel heavy and strong, like lightning in a stick.
- Wool from a Unicorn: Your spells feel heavy and strong, like lightning in a stick.
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**The Best Cores (Strong & Protective)**

- Dragon Heartstring: Your spells crackle like a campfire.
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**The Worst Cores (Impetuous & Tricky)**

- Wool from a Unicorn: Your spells glow with a soft, silvery light.
- Clasp of a Snake: Your wand turns right before a big success.
- Dragon Heartstring: Your spells crackle like a campfire.
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**Signature Family Artefact**

**Emerging magical items**

- The **Antler Horn** of a unicorn is a great gift. It never runs out of corn.
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**Family Core and Traits**

**The Green & Powerful (Combat/Strength)**

- Dragon Heart: Tough and Loud.
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**The Blue & Quick (Speed/Trick)**

- Dragon Heart: Tough and Loud.
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**The Wise & Curious (Knowledge/Research)**

- Dragon Heart: Tough and Loud.
- Dragon Heart: Tough and Loud.
- Dragon Heart: Tough and Loud.

**The Kind & Whimsical (Social/Thought)**

- Dragon Heart: Tough and Loud.
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**My Magical Family Tree**

Wand Core & Meaning: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inherited Family Talent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Core & Traits: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Heirloom Artefact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Magical Familiar: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: Inheritance: Maternal  
 Family Talent: \_\_\_\_\_

Father: Inheritance: Paternal  
 Family Talent: \_\_\_\_\_

Inheritance: Maternal Grandmother  
 Heirloom Artefact: \_\_\_\_\_

Inheritance: Paternal Grandfather  
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 Heirloom Artefact: \_\_\_\_\_

Founder: Maternal Grandmother  
 Family Core: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Core Traits: \_\_\_\_\_

Founder: Paternal Grandfather  
 Family Core: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Core Traits: \_\_\_\_\_

Great-Grandmother  
 Family Core: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Core Traits: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Family Core: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Family Core: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Core Traits: \_\_\_\_\_

Great-Grandfather  
 Family Core: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Core Traits: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Familiar: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Heirloom Artefact: \_\_\_\_\_

## Care of Magical Creatures

Hagrid (a.k.a Mr Fraiser) led this exploration into the magical creatures of the wizarding world where A-Z guides were completed about a variety of species, including their strengths and weaknesses, skills and habitats.

**Care of Magical Creatures**

**Bowtruckle**

Appearance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Magical Abilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dangers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extra Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hippogriff**

Appearance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Magical Abilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dangers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extra Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

**Phoenix**

Appearance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Magical Abilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Habitat: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dangers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extra Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

Hagrid

Children working at desks

## Sorting Hat and Patronas

It was in this workshop with Professor McGonagall (a.k.a Miss Carr) that everyone discovered their Hogwarts House and chose their Patronas and created a bookmark to record that information.

**Sorting Hat**

**Gryffindor**

You might belong  
 in GRYFFINDOR,  
 where dwell the  
 brave at heart.  
 They are daring,  
 nerve and  
 chivalry set  
 Gryffindor apart.

**Ravenclaw**

Or you are in  
 wise old RAVENCLAW,  
 if you have a  
 ready mind.  
 Where those of  
 wit and learning  
 will always find  
 their kind.

My Patronus is...  
 Characteristics: \_\_\_\_\_

My Patronus is...  
 Characteristics: \_\_\_\_\_

...and of course, as previously mentioned, **Quidditch!**

Our final event of World Book Day was the chance to meet the postal workers of the wizarding world – owls! This experience was open to parents and pupils and was provided by The Owl Experience, based in Staffordshire.

They brought 5 owls for us to learn about and, for some lucky few, they had the chance to hold one of the owls. We were privileged to meet several native owls as well as some from other places around the globe. A favourite with everyone was the gorgeous barn owl.



<https://theowlxperience.net/>

Enjoy looking through some of the pictures below, especially the ones where the barn owl decided to do a flying tour of the school hall, only stopping to land next to the hall projector remote control.



