

## St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Primary School

### Celebrating Reading!



‘There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is the best of all.’ - Jacqueline Kennedy.

‘You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.’ - Dr Seuss

### St Thomas' Bookopoly & Reading Brick Road Reading Awards

Children in KS2 are making fabulous progress, reading their way across our 'Bookopoly' Board, where familiar colours and railway stations correspond to book genres. This term, we have awarded 119 Bronze Awards, 44 Silver Awards, 20 Gold Awards and 4 Platinum Awards!



In EYFS and KS1, children continue to have the opportunity to read/share books according to author surname, collecting awards as they go. We have awarded 101 Bronze Scarecrow Awards, 40 Silver Tin Man Awards, 13 Gold Lion Reading Awards, 4 Ruby Reading Awards and 2 Emerald Awards!

### Gift a Book at Christmas Scheme 2025

We are extremely thankful to you all for your kindness and generosity. In the New Year, we will be ordering books from our 'Wish List'. You can still make a donation via Parent Pay until 22nd December 2025. So far, we have had £175 donated!

**Christmas books make perfect last-minute presents!**

### *Peter Rabbit Christmas is Coming inspired by Beatrix Potter*

Peter Rabbit is very excited - it's nearly time for Christmas! He can't wait to eat mince pies, decorate a tree and open all his presents. Join Peter and all his friends every day in December as they count down to Christmas and have lots of fun adventures along the way. Featuring 24 brand new stories and an activity to enjoy every day of Advent, this beautiful picture book makes the perfect Christmas gift and will become a festive tradition for Peter Rabbit fans young and old.

### *The Christmas Tree Mouse by Joseph Coelho*

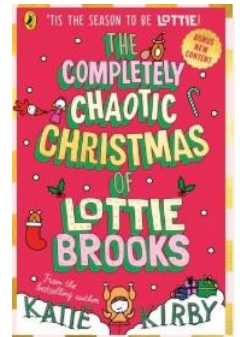
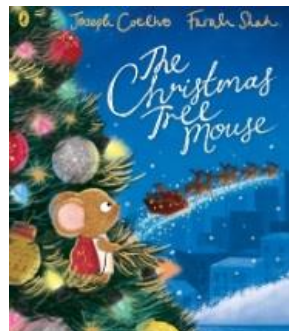
The Christmas Tree mouse is on an important mission. A mission to help Santa! Every Christmas Eve, this tiny mouse brushes away Santa's snowy footprints, nibbles up the mince pie crumbs, and - most importantly - checks on her Santa HQ tablet that all the correct presents are under the tree. But when Christmas Tree Mouse discovers that baby Ola has received the wrong present, it's a CATASTROPHE! Can she use all her special training and determination to save the day? And might Santa himself make a special appearance?

### *Charlie and the Christmas Factory inspired by Roald Dahl*

Why is Matilda worried about being on the naughty list? What happens when years after the creation of his original marvellous medicine George's granddaughter Gigi decides to make her own potion? And how does Charlie plan to celebrate Christmas at the chocolate factory? Perfect for Christmas Eve, this magical and hilarious collection features 12 brand-new short stories based on their author's favourite Roald Dahl characters.

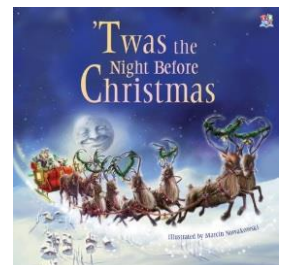
### *The Completely Chaotic Christmas of Lottie Brooks by Katie Kirby*

'Tis the season to be Lottie! Unlike some of the other book characters in this list, Lottie Brooks LOVES Christmas. She can eat as many 'KitKat Chunkies' as she likes and there's no school for a few weeks. But this year it feels like things could be a bit different. All of the Brooks clan are visiting, and it could all get rather CHAOTIC. Will Lottie get the Christmas she wants, or will she have to hide somewhere until it's all over?



### Audio Book

'Twas the Night Before Christmas is a poem that was written by Clement Clarke Moore (American writer) and first published on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1823. It is a perfect poem for that very special Christmas Eve 'read'.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ex4rK\\_nlr\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ex4rK_nlr_o)



### Last words

This is my very last newsletter after nearly four years as the School Librarian. It's been an absolute pleasure to support children across our Primary School, imparting a positive influence on children's enjoyment and love of reading. I wish Mrs Claire Ware, my successor, every success in developing our fabulous libraries further.

Mrs C. Emery, School Librarian