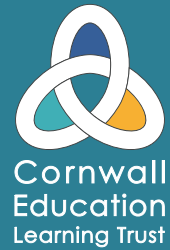


February 2026

READING TOGETHER NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/carers

We're back with our second newsletter for the National Year of Reading. We wanted to get this out to you before half term so you can attempt the CELT World Book Day competition.

Have you started the 10 minute challenge? It's not too late and every minute counts towards a child's future success.



THE 10-MINUTE CHALLENGE

Can your family read together for just 10 minutes every day? That's all it takes!

Why 10 minutes?

It fits into the busiest lives

Children look forward to it when it's part of the routine .Over an hour each week adds up!

It shows reading is important AND enjoyable.



Story Telling

Did you see **Mr Pollard** telling stories each evening during National Story Telling week? Darcey, Reggie and Bertie from Port Isaac Academy certainly did!

If you missed them and want to catch up then you will find them on website below

[Click here for website](#)



Why read together?



Children who are read to daily before age five can start school with a 1.4 million word advantage. In these crucial early years, their brains are building over 1 million neural connections every second.



Reading aloud boosts language, attention, memory and emotional development, while storybooks expose children to up to three times more vocabulary than everyday conversation.



Just as importantly, sharing a story helps children develop key skills like listening, patience, focus and following a sequence.

A few minutes of reading together each day can make a lifelong difference.

This Month's Fun Challenge CELT Reading Champions Hall of Fame Celebrate World Book Day with us!

This World Book Day, we're launching the CELT Reading Champions Hall of Fame!

We'd love every child to create one page about a book they've enjoyed and tell us why others should read it.

Ideas:

- Draw a favourite scene
- Write a letter to a friend
- Create a comic strip
- Write a poem
- Make a "Top 5 Reasons to Read This Book" list
- Draw a character portrait

Be as creative as you like!

Rules

- One page only (A4 or A5)
- Handwritten or hand-drawn only
- Any book you've genuinely enjoyed
- One entry per child
- Bring it to school by Thursday 5 March 2026

What Happens Next?

All entries will be displayed in school. Each school will then choose one Reading Champion whose page will earn a place in the CELT Hall of Fame and be celebrated across all CELT schools.

Best of all, it's completely free. Just grab some paper and get creative!

We can't wait to discover your favourite books!

Book recommendations

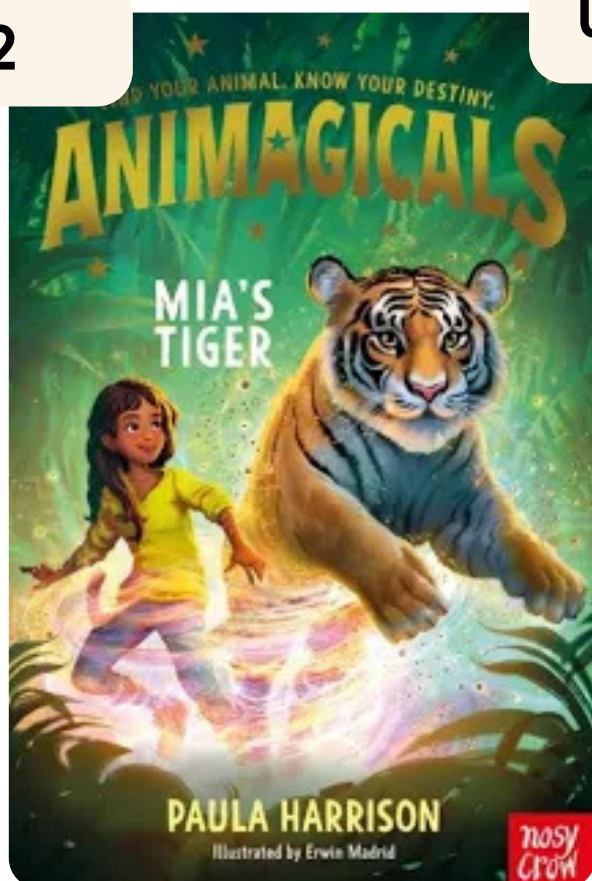
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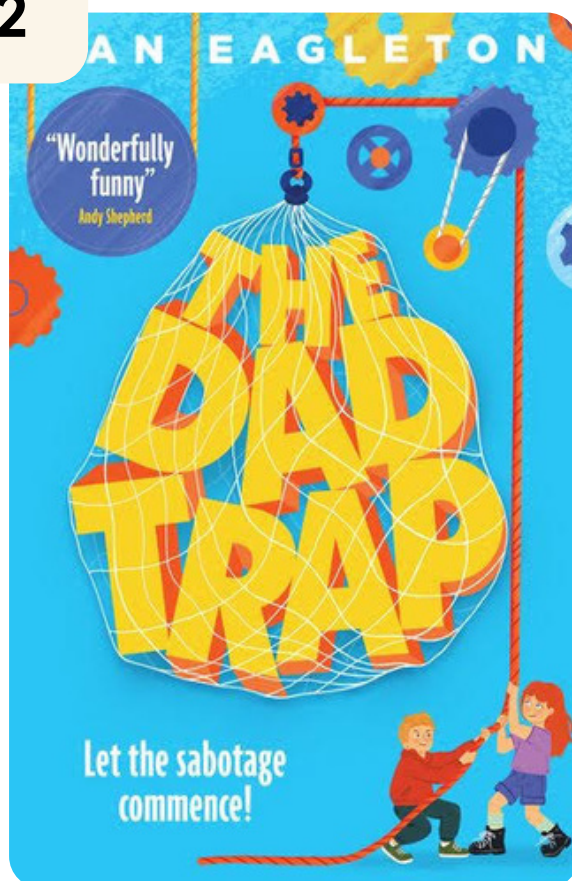
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Our reading story by the Best Family, St Mewan

We love reading, especially whilst sat in boxes!

The Happy Families series that Father Christmas brought us is a firm favourite at the moment.

We like Mr Creep the Crook because he is funny and we like the 'fool proof plans' that he draws

