Stanwix Primary School

Together we learn, together we grow, together we thrive.

Friday 9th October 2026

JOY | AMBITION | KINDNESS | BELONGING

WELCOME

Dear parents/carers,

What another successful and busy week we have had at school! Our school photographers have been with us this week, capturing those all-important individual photographs. These are such lovely moments to look back on in years to come and help us to capture special memories of our children as they grow. We were also incredibly proud of the children who represented Stanwix at the football tournament this week. Their brilliant sportsmanship, teamwork and positive attitude really shone through. Well done to all involved and thanks to Mrs Adams for taking the children. Our Year 5 children have also had a fantastic time on their trips to Moorforge, making the most of opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. Year 2 have also enjoyed having visitors to school, learning about how Stanwix School has changed over the years. Meanwhile, Early Years and Year 1 have been impressing us with their fantastic phonics skills, and Years 3, 4 and 6 have been wowing staff with their ambitious use of vocabulary during Reading Fluency and Ready Steady Read sessions. We are so proud of the reading culture we are continuing to build across school and the wealth of opportunities our children have to develop their skills, curiosity and confidence both inside and outside the classroom.

We are also very excited to launch our brand-new school website! A huge thank you to Mrs Barry for all her hard work behind the scenes to make this happen. Please do take a look when you get the chance — we hope you enjoy exploring it! Finally, we had another successful Parent Partnership meeting this week. We always welcome new faces, so please do get in touch if this is something you would be interested in being part of.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Edminson
Deputy Headteacher

UPCOMING DATES

- Tuesday 13th October (am)- Year 5 Harvest Festival Assembly.
- Tuesday 13th October- Year 3 Tullie House Visit
- Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October- Parents Evening
- Wednesday 21st October- FOSS Bingo Night 6pm
- Thursday 22nd October- Year 4 Tullie House Visit
- 2nd- 6th November Cycle Wise in Year 6
- Tuesday 3rd November- EYFS Open Evening

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

Our Safeguarding Team in school:

Mr D Glynn- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)/ Headteacher
Miss R Edminson- Deputy DSL/ Deputy Headteacher
Mrs J Barry- Deputy DSL/ School Business Manager
Miss M Harkins- Deputy DSL/ Assistant Headteacher
Mrs A Shields- Deputy DSL/ SENCO
Mrs A Watson- Pastoral Coordinator

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance this week was: 97.4%

School attendance is incredibly important and the target for all pupils as a minimum is 95%. We are grateful to everyone for supporting good attendance.

RS	RW	1M	1RT	2A	2SW	3H	3B	4H	4R	5C	5B	6B	6R
97%	99%	99%	97%	99%	95%	95%	98%	97%	99%	100%	97%	98%	97%

Punctuality is also vital. The school doors open at 8:50am and close at 9:00am when registration is taken and lessons begin. Being 5 minutes late each day adds up to over 3 days lost over a year. Where lateness is a repeated concern, we will look at reasons and offer support for improvement.

COMMUNITY NEWS






Breakfast & After School Club
DONATIONS
Help us refresh our toys, games & crafts!
Play
Learn
Make friends
Have fun!
We are looking to refresh and restock some of the toys, games and craft resources in our Breakfast and After School Club.
Before we purchase any new items, we would be very grateful for any donations of pre-loved toys, games and craft materials that are still in good condition.
We are keen to make sure our resources reflect the children's interests and provide them with the best possible experience. Any donations would be greatly appreciated, particularly items that children will be excited to play with and enjoy alongside their friends.
We would especially love:
Barbies and accessories
Dolls and accessories
Dressing-up clothes
Complete jigsaw puzzles
Board games (with all pieces included). Things like Guess Who?, Cluedo and Exploding Kittens would be fantastic!
Screwball Scramble
Children's books (especially Julia Donaldson stories and similar books)
Pokémon figures
Marvel and Star Wars action figures
LEGO sets with instructions
Craft materials and supplies
Sylvanian Families
Hot Wheels cars and tracks
Give your pre-loved toys a new home!
If you have any of the above items at home that are no longer being used, we would be delighted to give them a new lease of life.
Please drop donations at the School Office.
Donations are entirely voluntary, but any items you can sparre will be very much appreciated and enjoyed by the children.
Kindness
Joy
Ambition
Belonging
Play
Create
Imagine
Grow
Together
Thank you for your support!

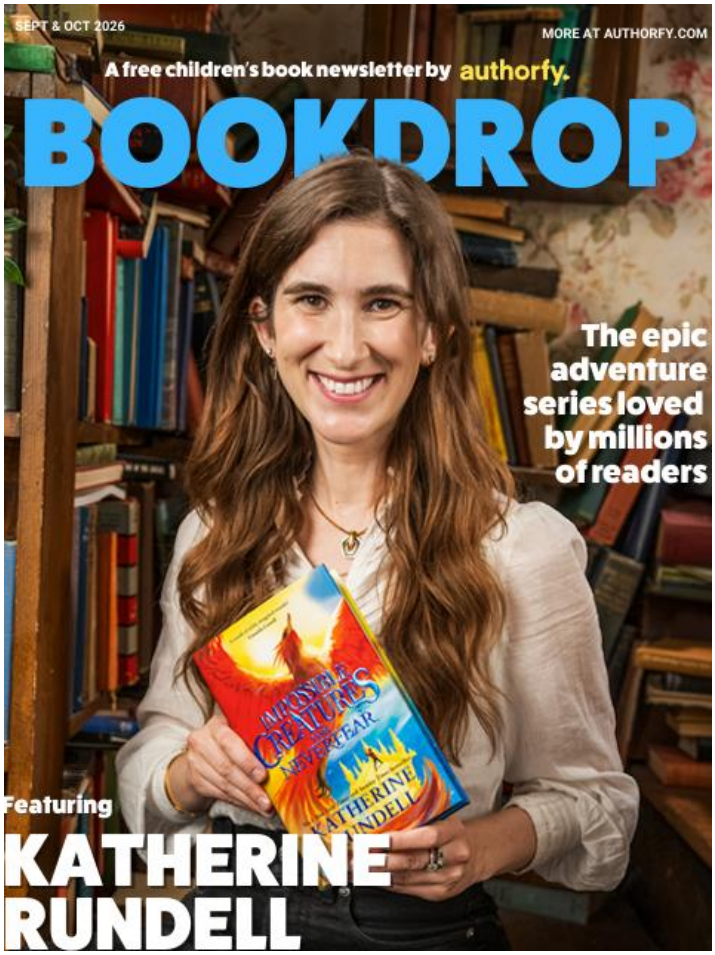

ORGAN RECITAL
WITH JORDAN ENGLISH
Assistant Organist at
St Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
STANWIX
October 18th at 4pm
14 classical organ pieces including Spitfire Prelude, Crown Imperial, Nimrod
TICKETS
£5
IN CHURCH OR ON THE DOOR
St Michael's
St Mark's
Carlisle

SEPT & OCT 2026

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BOOKDROP



The epic adventure series loved by millions of readers

Featuring

KATHERINE RUNDELL



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Q&A

WITH KATHERINE RUNDELL

There's a place where all the wildest stories began, and that place is the Glimouria Archipelago – the setting for Katherine Rundell's globally bestselling and award-winning 'Impossible Creatures' series. It follows the story of two children's epic adventure to transform the world, and in book 3 'The Neverfear', they face fearsome giants, win a daring race, and outwit deadly enemies to save those they love most. In a world where the creatures of myth still live, this is a dazzling, daring and deep-thinking series, sure to delight readers aged 9+.

Q What inspired you to write the 'Impossible Creatures' books?

About ten years ago, I had the idea of a girl with a coat that allowed her to fly, but only when the wind blew. I knew that I wanted to write a world large enough for that girl to fly in; one that readers would want to return to again and again.

Q Which mythical creature would you most like to meet in real life?

I'd love to meet a jaculus dragon: small enough to fit in a teacup but with enough fire to burn down a city. My jaculus is called Jacques, and he has the personality of a slightly drunk, frequently irate professor.

Q What is your favourite thing about writing these books?

I loved researching the mythical creatures; hunting in libraries and old archives for creatures like the borometz, a sheep that grows from a tendril in the earth, and the kludde, a bloodthirsty wolf-dog with ears of fire.

Click here to watch Katherine's videos



NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Picture Books & Early Readers



Out 27th Aug

Welcome back to Colin's Castle – where Colin and Duck have noticed a VERY strange noise! Soon there is only one place left to look... the DUNGEON!



Out 3rd Sept

The start of a spellbinding illustrated series featuring Witchy Boo, a little ghost with a BIG magical secret! Perfect for fans of 'Isadora Moon'.



Out 10th Sept

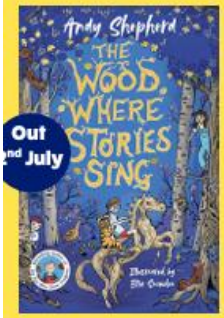
The fabulously funny, deliciously anarchic and decidedly silly new picture book from award-winning creator Sam Usher. **WARNING: This book contains A LOT of silliness**



CLICK HERE TO READ EXTRACTS FROM THESE BOOKS

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Middle Grade: ages 7+



Out 2nd July

Iggy and his brother Cal still can't believe that they have the most wonderful adventure playground at the bottom of their garden - Wildtop Wood, a place that's full of mystery and magic.

Full of unexpected adventure, wonder and wildness, and just a little touch of magic!



Book 1

The second book in an enchanting new series from the author of the bestselling THE BOY WHO GREW DRAGONS

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Out 8th Oct

A ghost ship is haunting the Seventy Seas in a spinetingling new case for the pirate detectives - spot the clues and race to uncover the truth behind the ghostly sightings!

Two terrible pirates... Two brilliant detectives



'Buck & Ears is the funniest book of 2026!' - Elle McNicoll

Book 1

An illustrated pirate mystery series for readers 6-9, crammed with puzzles and clues

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Out 24th Sept

Can you help Werelock - the world's greatest (and only) werewolf detective - and his raven assistant, Scratch, on a daring rescue mission?



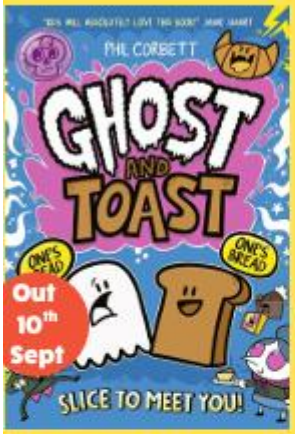
Books 1 & 2

A werewolf-filled take on Sherlock Holmes who needs the reader's help to crack the case!

Filled with puzzles, clues and riddles to work out.

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NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS:
Middle Grade: ages 9+



Out 10th Sept

One's dead! One's bread! When Ghost arrives at a haunted mansion, what he doesn't expect to find is a talking slice of bread. Introducing . . . Toast!

A hilarious new graphic novel from the author of KITTY QUEST

'Kids will absolutely love this book!' - Jamie Smart, creator of BUNNY VS MONKEY

'A spooktacular slice of fun!' - Rob Biddulph

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Out 3rd Sept

Take a trip through the sideways door and let supernatural secrets come alive in these chilling tales of terror! But be warned - your world may never be the same again...

A gloriously original collection from the author of STITCH HEAD

For readers who like their stories on the unsettling side

Perfect for fans of Chris Priestley or Jennifer Killick

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Out 24th Sept

The ghastly tale of a spoiled child, a crumbling manor and a life-changing potion... Perfect for fans of 'The Beast and the Bethany' series!

A whimsical twist on the classic tale by RL Stevenson

Expect gothic humour, chaos and mayhem, potions and laboratories, monsters inside and out...

'I can't wait to read it again.' – Lemony Snicket

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