

# BOOK TALK #theJSway

December 2025

HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!



## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

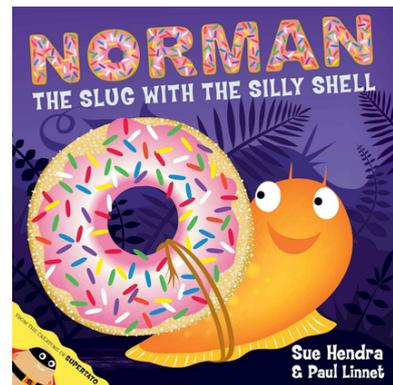
As we head into the festive season, we encourage families to visit their local library to explore a lovely range of Christmas-themed books. From cosy winter stories to festive favourites, sharing seasonal stories is a wonderful way to enjoy reading together at home. A trip to the library can be a simple and enjoyable way to celebrate the season and inspire a love of books in our children. 🌲📖

For information about all libraries in Coventry, check out this website: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/libraries-1/join-find-use/5>



## CLASS CORNER

Year 1 have been enjoying the book 'Norman The Slug with the Silly Shell'. They have been writing some super descriptive sentences to match this funny story!



## WINTER READING CHALLENGE!

It's back! Sign up to take part in the Winter Reading Challenge taking place between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025 and 20th February 2026!



## READING DIARY REMINDERS

- All JS children are to read at home a minimum of 3 times a week to practise their developing reading skills.
- Children can read a couple of pages, a chapter or the whole book. As long as they are reading regularly, there is no expectation on how much they read.
- Adults should write a written comment in the diary to reflect on their child's reading - there are prompts in the reading diaries to support you with this.
- Children will have the opportunity to change their reading book twice a week if they have finished their book or are not enjoying it.
- Re-reading books is good! It helps children read more fluently and develop their understanding more.

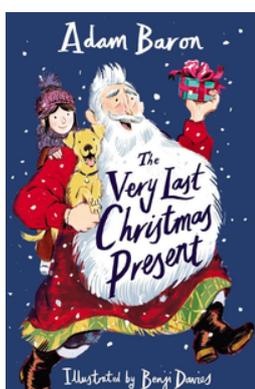
## READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Here are some new Christmas themed books for you to enjoy at home...



Tomas' problem-solving has to take centre stage when the car and then the wheelbarrow become snowbound, threatening the delivery of presents. The team of Tomas, Lolli, Grandad and the dragons have to work together as well as use a good handful of dragon magic!

The illustrations by Sarah Warburton provide a real Christmas feast to explore - each page is crammed with detail from the different dragons to the snow scenes and the inside of Grandad's shed. If you are reading this book aloud (and this book cries out to be read aloud), you'll find that the book captures the festive spirit of giving alongside a good dose of dragon mischief and charm.



The Very Last Christmas Present is a gentle, heartwarming festive tale that captures the magic, wonder and warmth of Christmas. Written by Adam Baron and beautifully illustrated by Benji Davies, this story introduces Kado, Father Christmas's loyal, but very junior, pup who suddenly finds himself with an enormous responsibility: delivering the one present Santa accidentally forgot!

The adventure that follows takes children on a vivid, globe-spanning journey. From icy landscapes with prowling polar bears to sweeping African plains and deep blue oceans, each setting is brought to life through Davies's atmospheric illustrations.