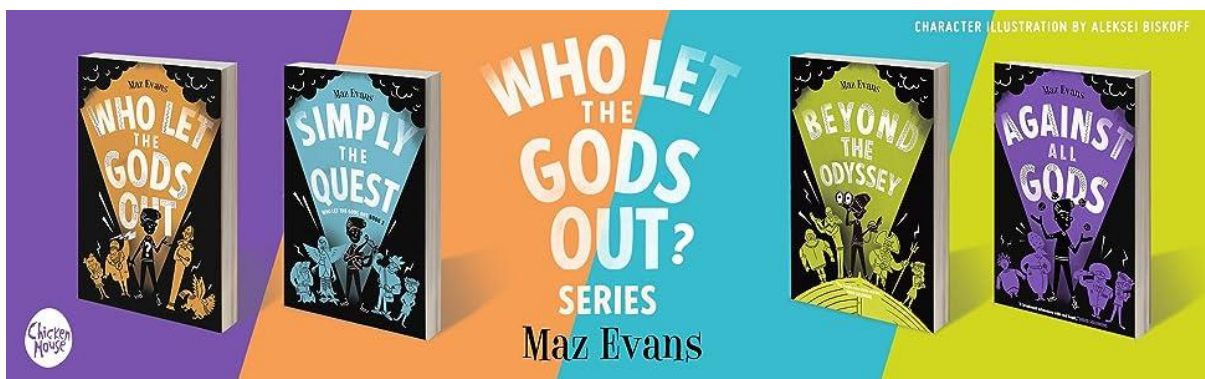
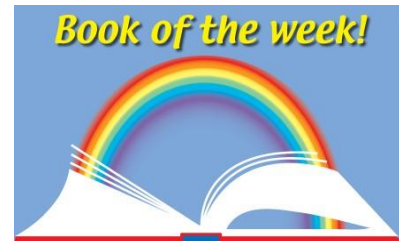
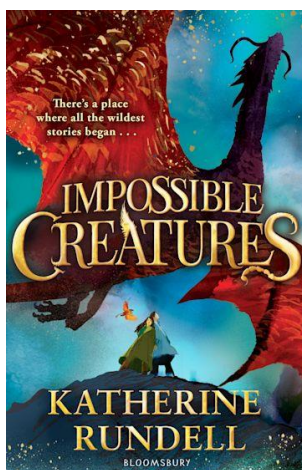


A New School Year ! Welcome to a new school year and the first edition of our reading for pleasure newsletter. I hope you managed to relax with several good books over the summer holidays. I certainly did – but more of that later. This year, our school library will be showcasing a different book each week. We get things underway with **'Who Let The Gods Out'** – the first of a series of four fantastic stories by former Malvern-visitor Maz Evans.



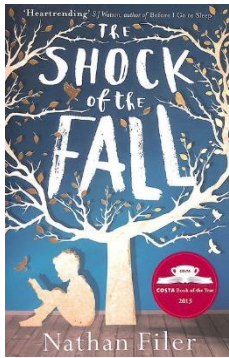
'Who Let the Gods Out': The website www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk says - *Oh my goodness, this is a rollicking good read from Maz Evans. 'Who Let The Gods Out' is a super, funny adventure story that will have kids reading long past their bedtime. Poor Elliot is having a very tough time. His mum is poorly, they have serious money problems, a devilishly devious interfering neighbour and school is quite simply a complete nightmare! So the last thing Elliot needs is for a conceited constellation to crash land smack, bang in the middle of his cow shed. Suddenly feisty, fearless Virgo enters his life with 'a damp, loud splat.'* Together they manage to set free a dangerous and incredibly evil Daemon of Death and before long it is down to Elliot to save the world. As if he didn't have enough on his plate! This book is laugh out loud hilarious. Elliot is brave and good hearted and going through such a hard time. The Gods are hilarious, quirky, fallible and bang up to date. **'Who Let The Gods Out'** is the first in a four part series – so read on to see what happens next for Elliot and his new friends.



'Impossible Creatures': Katherine Rundell's new book will be published on September 14th. My copy has been on pre-order for ages ! Here's a taster:

A boy called Christopher is visiting his reclusive grandfather when he witnesses an avalanche of mythical creatures come tearing down the hill. This is how Christopher learns that his grandfather is the guardian of one of the ways between the non-magical world and a place called the Archipelago, a cluster of magical islands where all the creatures we tell of in myth live and breed and thrive alongside humans.

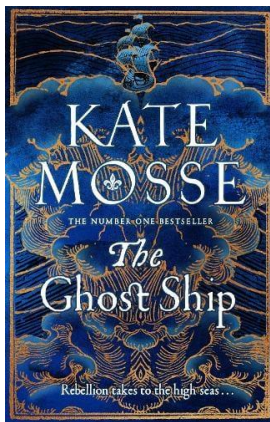
Katherine Rundell is one of my favourite authors – and her amazing **'Rooftoppers'** is just the best children's book ever ! In my opinion, it is an absolute must read !



Malvern Community Book Club: Our long-established community book club holds its monthly meetings at the Bowring Park Pub. The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th September. Our current book is 2013 Costa winner **'The Shock of the Fall'** by Nathan Filer.

Publicity for the book says: *There are books you can't stop reading, which keep you up all night. There are books which let us into the hidden parts of life and make them vividly real. There are books which, because of the sheer skill with which every word is chosen, linger in your mind for days. 'The Shock of the Fall' is all of these books.*

Recommendations: My summer reading included these four fab books: **'The Ghost Ship'** is the final book in Kate Mosse's Joubert Family Chronicles trilogy.....the Barbary Coast – 1621 – piracy, romance and revenge: great stuff! **'Wolf Road'** by Alice Roberts is a tale of adventure and friendship set in the Stone Age. This is Professor Alice Roberts' first children's book – and it's really good.



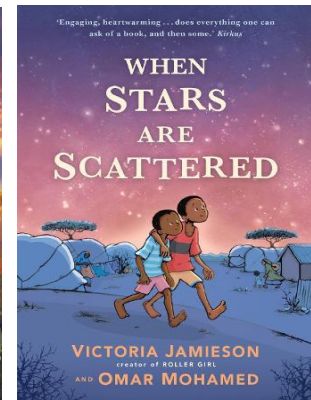
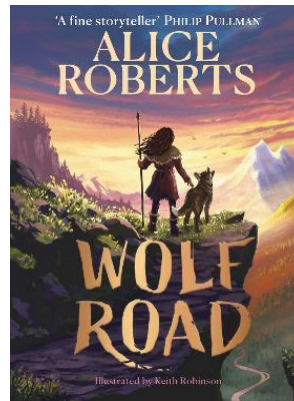
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School Library: Our library has had a bit of a revamp over the summer holidays – and is well-stocked and eagerly awaiting its first visitors. Lots of new titles have also been added. Library loan books and boxes have been distributed to classes. From Monday 11th September, the library will be open to our school community between 8.00am and 9.00am. Knowsley's School Library Service will be delivering Learning Expedition books / resources and fiction loans during the first week of the new school year.



International Literacy Day takes place on Friday 8th September. **Roald Dahl Day** is on Wednesday 13th September (the anniversary of his birth). **European Languages Day** is on Tuesday 26th September. Our autumn term **Book Fair** starts on Monday 2nd October, as does **Libraries Week** and the **Reading is Magic Festival**. And Thursday 5th October is **National Poetry Day** – this year's theme is 'Refuge'.

'Books crowbar the world open for you.' (From **'Rooftoppers'** by Katherine Rundell)

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I'm reading **Carnival of the Lost** by Kieran Larwood.

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