

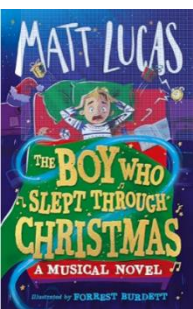
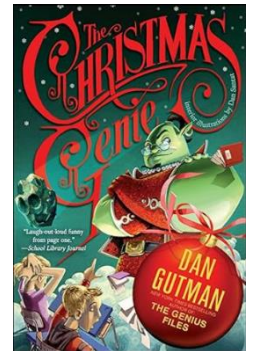


# UKS2@ Malvern Reads ...

## Christmas 24

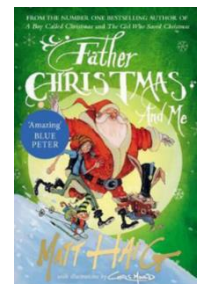
### Brilliant books

It's the last day of school before Christmas and Alex, Chase, and the rest of Mrs. Walter's class couldn't wish more for the final bell to ring. But the day takes a crazy turn when a mysterious meteorite crashes through the classroom window—and a genie pops out! Bob, as he's called, is willing to grant only one wish for the class to share, and if they can't agree on something before the bell rings in an hour, they'll get nothing at all. What follows is a debate that is at turns thought-provoking and hilarious.

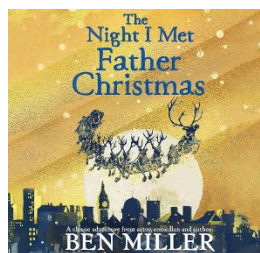


Leo LOVES Christmas. And this Christmas needs to be absolutely perfect, because it's the first one without Mum. Only it all keeps going wrong! Soon Leo decides he's had enough – he makes a heartfelt wish that it would all GO AWAY. Then Leo wakes up on what SHOULD be Christmas Day – and it's gone!! All of Christmas! But Leo isn't going to let it escape that easily . . .

Amelia lives in the magical town of Elfhelm, newly adopted by Father Christmas and Mary Christmas. When the very jealous Easter Bunny launches an attack to ruin Christmas, it's up to Amelia, her family and the elves to fight off the forces of evil.



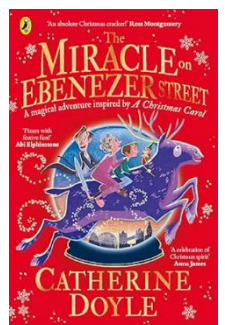
But can they keep Christmas alive?



Jackson knows all about Father Christmas apart from . . . how did Father Christmas become Father Christmas?

That all changes when, one Christmas Eve, Jackson meets Father Christmas and so begins an enchanting fairy-tale into a magical snowy landscape, where Torvil, a mean-spirited and miserly elf, is about to discover the true meaning of Christmas. This might not have been the story Jackson was expecting but, as Father Christmas tells him, no good story ever is...

When George stumbles across Marley's Curiosity Shop, he finds a magical snow globe. George and his Scrooge of a dad are soon swept on an incredible adventure to Christmas, past, present and future. With help from an enthusiastic elf, a rather grumpy purple reindeer and a mischievous Nan, can George find a way to bring the joy of Christmas home once again? A fabulous festive story about Christmas, family, and magic!



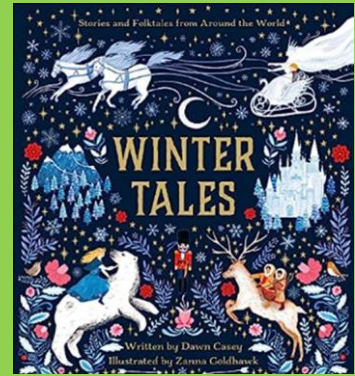
I loved this retelling of A Christmas Carol, perfect for children.

Catherine Doyle has created something special as always... There's a purple reindeer!

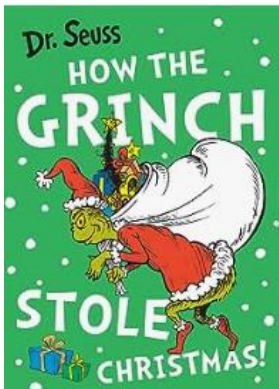
Winter Tales is a fully illustrated treasury of stories celebrating the wonders of the wintry season throughout the world. With its beautifully detailed artwork the folktales are made magical.

## Culture

Great reads to expand minds



## Oldie but Goodie

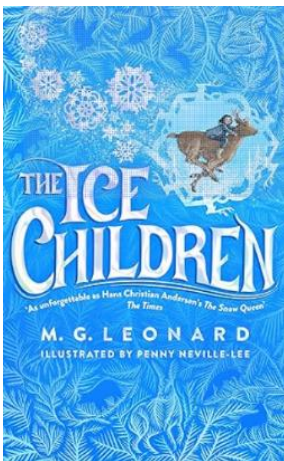


"The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season! Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason..."

With a heart two sizes too small, the Grinch is the meanest creature you'll ever meet. He hates Christmas and the whole festive season. But when he hatches a dastardly plot to steal Christmas, he's in for a big surprise!

With rhymes and characterful illustrations, this classic seasonal story has become a favourite and teaches readers the true meaning of Christmas. 'Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more.'

## Book Review



At the dawn of December a small boy disappears from his house and is found frozen in the city park. His big sister thinks a mysterious book is to blame and when more children are frozen she becomes detective. Determined to find the truth and rescue her brother she is thrust into a wintry wonderland full of beauty and danger. She must make a promise to winter in order to save the ice children and the future.

### **Young Adult / KS3**

Christmas Eve Ebenezer receives a visit from the ghost of his dead business partner, Jacob Marley. Marley warns Scrooge that unless he learns to be less greedy and self-serving that Scrooge will be condemned to wander Earth weighed down with heavy chains. Marley tells Scrooge that three spirits will visit him. First, the Ghost of Christmas Past. Second, the Ghost of Christmas Present. Finally, the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. Scrooge begs for another chance, and suddenly wakes in his own bed. Forever after he honours the spirit of Christmas with kindness, generosity and warmth.

