

# The Daily Reader



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## WORK STARTS ON CREATING A NEW LOOK SCHOOL LIBRARY

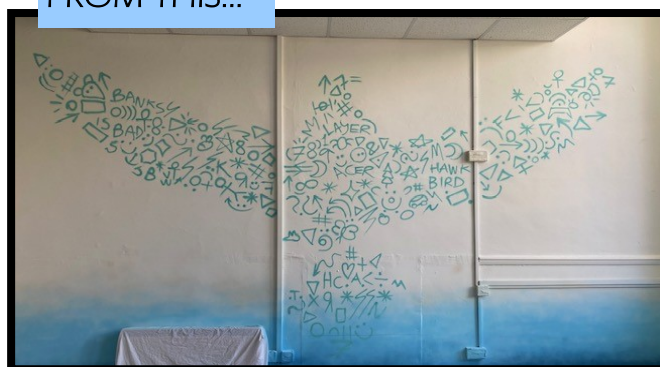
The walls of the old ICT Suite are now awash with colour as work has started on the relocation of our school library. Bristol-based mural artist, Andy Council, has now completed a magnificent image of a hawk, complete with well-known Hawkesbury landmarks.

Andy came to the school in May to hold a series of workshops and to conduct research to see which items to include. Among the places of interest are the school, St Mary's church, the war memorial and the skate park. Westonbirt Arboretum and Badminton House also feature on the wings.

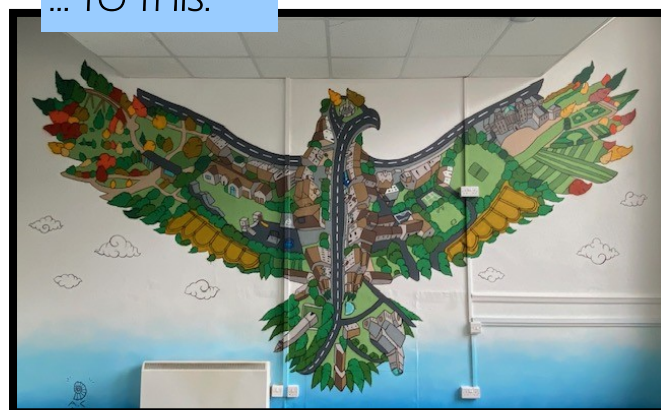
The plan is for the library to be moved from its existing site in the 'Bookery' outside Hawk class. Spitfire Homes, who commissioned the artist, are currently working on a scheme with their interior design team which will compliment the mural and provided the finishing touches to the new library.

The PTA have been actively involved in the project as well. We would like to thank them for their help in raising money for new books. Thanks must also go to Nicky Adams for her support in bringing new life to our old bookcases, which will help refresh our reading shelves in the school.

FROM THIS...



... TO THIS.



Inside:

- Reading sponsorship raises a large sum to buy new books
- Artist workshop inspires pupils
- Members of Hawkesbury's staff share some of their favourite books
- Literature Festivals this September.

# READING SPONSORSHIP EVENT RAISES MONEY FOR NEW BOOKS

The children at Hawkesbury School have read their way to raising lots of money in an exciting initiative co-ordinated by our fantastic PTA. The Ready, Steady Read was a reading challenge set up by Usborne Books that invited children to be sponsored for achieving a range of reading targets during the spring.

Once the sponsorship was collected in, we were awarded an additional 60%'s worth of book titles. Our initial spending total was £1289, but this was later raised to a remarkable £1761 thanks to some generous late donations.

The school is now able to buy a range of exciting new nonfiction titles that will soon grace the shelves of our new library.

We would like to thank everyone for their support with this project. There are so many wonderful nonfiction titles now available for younger readers and this project has enabled us to buy an impressive 187 books.



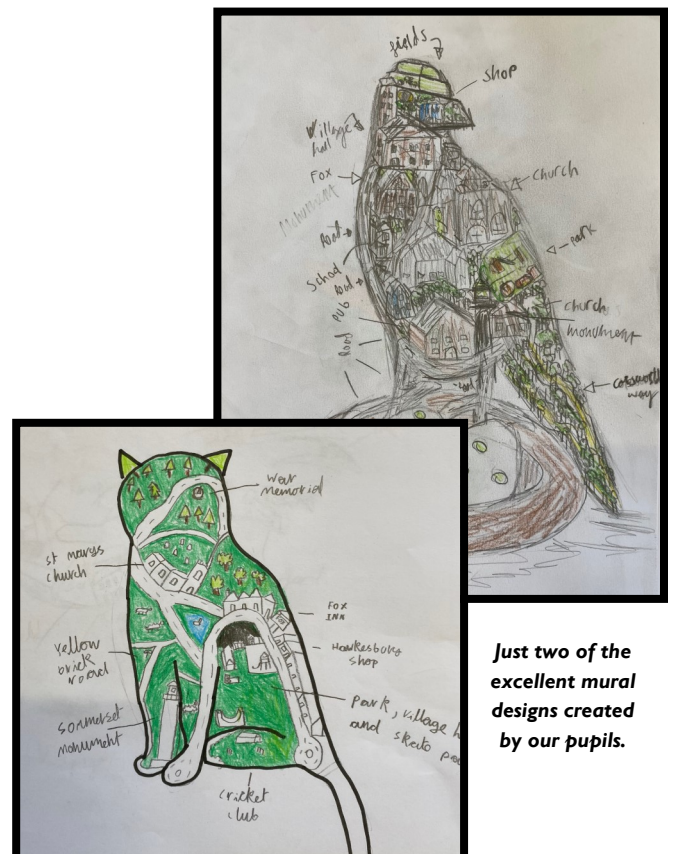
## ARTIST WORKSHOP MAKES A SPLASH

Andy Council, the mural artist selected to create the artwork in our new library, came to Hawkesbury School last month to deliver a series of workshops to all the classes.

He shared his portfolio of past projects, including work carried out in Bristol, London, Belfast and Mexico. He then went on to explain his process of creating artwork. Pupils asked him a range of excellent questions about his techniques, the decisions behind his ideas and his preferred style.

In the second half of the workshops, children were asked to choose an animal and create their own drawings in Andy's style. They were also shown a slideshow of local Hawkesbury landmarks that they could add to their image.

Our artist was clearly very impressed by the quality of the children's work as well as the creativity that they used when coming up with imaginative ideas for their detail.



***Just two of the excellent mural designs created by our pupils.***



# RECOMMENDED READS

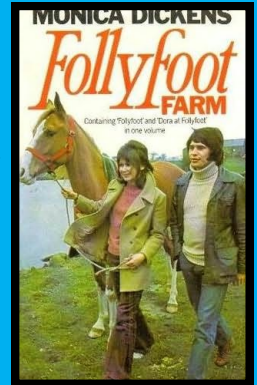
Here are some more books that are favourites with the staff at Hawkesbury.

## Mrs Baxter

I have always been very interested in horses and anything connected to them. As a young girl, I spent my days dreaming of owning my own horse and going on adventures with them.

A friend of mine, who was also a horse fanatic, introduced me to the series of Follyfoot Farm books by Monica Dickens. Follyfoot Farm is a retirement home for old or unwanted horses, invariably horses rescued from a cruel fate or cruel owners. It's run by the Colonel who is helped by his stepdaughter, Callie, and two stable-hands, Dora and Steve.

If you are interested in horses and adventures, I can highly recommend these books.



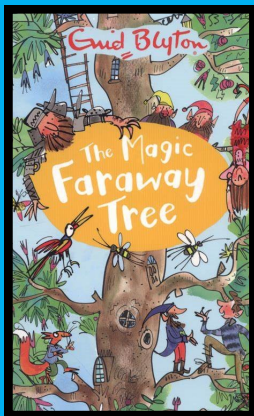
## Mrs Gabb

This has been my favourite book since I was little, and still a firm favourite now.

The story takes you on a magical adventure through lots of different places like the Land of Spells, the crazy Land of Topsy-Turvy and the land of Do-As-You-Please, where the children ride a runaway train!

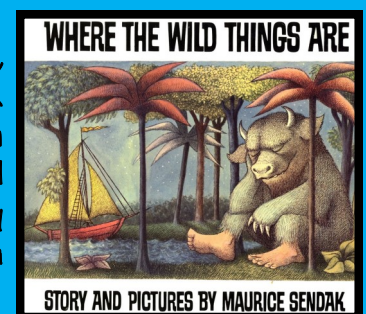
Jo, Bessie and Fanny take their cousin Rick on an adventure he'll never forget to the magic Faraway Tree, where he meets Moon-Face, Silky the fairy and Saucepan Man.

This is an amazing book that captures the imagination.



## Mrs Mockford

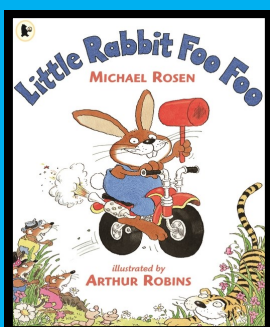
I clearly remember when my lovely Reception teacher, Miss Heales, showed us a beautiful new book she had that she said was really special. She read it to us, and I remember being utterly transported to an imaginary world by the words and pictures. I was thrilled, enchanted and just a tiny bit scared. The book was Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. It had just been published and was brand new. It's a book that has certainly stood the test of time!



## Mrs Heirani

My favourite book as a child was 'Little Rabbit Foo Foo' by Michael Rosen.

I would ask to read it every night. I loved how the story rhymed and the pictures were so detailed and made me laugh with all the character's expressions. I read it to my children now!



# LITERATURE EVENTS

If summer is the season for fantastic music festivals, then autumn is the time of year to celebrate great literature. Here are details of two events that are certainly worth a visit, one of which is on our very own doorstep!

## FOR YOUNG READERS



Books and stories come alive this autumn as Bath Children's Literature Festival RETURNS from **Friday 29 September – Sunday 8 October!**

Over 100 of the hottest debut, local and national writers, creators and illustrators from the world of young people's books will join us in places and spaces across the city of Bath. Don't miss out on your favourite authors and illustrators including **Sir Lenny Henry, Robin Stevens, Cressida Cowell,**

**Rob Biddulph, Holly Jackson, Dapo Adeola and Nathan Bryon, Nikita Gill, Katherine Rundell, Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet, Holly Bourne, Chris Riddell, Tom Holland and Dermot O'Leary.**

To find out more, follow this link: [Bath Children's Literature Home Page - Bath Children's Literature Festival : Bath Children's Literature Festival \(bathfestivals.org.uk\)](https://bathfestivals.org.uk)

## FOR ADULTS

### HAWKESBURY UPTON LITERATURE FESTIVAL (HULF)

HULF are now doing several events a year rather than having an all-in-one-day event in April.

Upcoming events include:

**Saturday 30th September 2023 (2-5pm)** - "Research & Inspiration: The Stories Behind the Stories" in the Bethesda Chapel

**Saturday 2nd December 2023 (2-5pm)** - Christmas Special in the Bethesda Chapel

**Saturday 27th April 2024 (10.30am-5pm)** - "A Sense of Place" at St Mary's

All talks include a number of guest authors and interesting speakers, plus a book stall and refreshments.

HULF also has a stall at the Hawkesbury Show on 26th August, with a few authors on the stand, and that's a great place to come and find out more about our events.

For more information, follow this link: [Hawkesbury Upton Literature Festival | A Cotswold community's celebration of books and reading \(hulitfest.com\)](https://hulitfest.com)



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