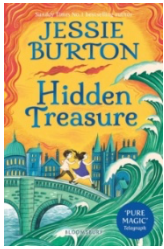




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## Lower School Reading List

### Easter 2026



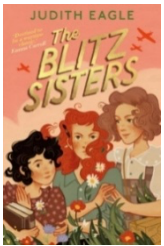
#### **Hidden Treasure: *Jessie Burton* (F BUR)**

For the people who live on the banks of the Thames, the river is a living, breathing thing. Bo and Billy are two children who have never met. Billy is an orphan and Bo's dad died when she was small. Both children are poor, but they have each found half of a priceless treasure, given up by the river. A treasure which – when the pieces are reunited – holds the power to give back to one of them the most precious thing they have ever lost. But should the treasure be put back together again? And why has the river given it up now?



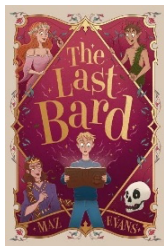
#### **Crow Thief: *Fiona Dixon* (F DIX)**

Crow works for the leader of the criminal underworld, stealing from the city's wealthy ruling class. But when a routine job takes Crow to the home of a mysterious sorcerer, his whole life is turned upside down – and after a planned heist goes wrong, he finds himself a new position as the sorcerer's apprentice. Before long, Crow is introduced to the ancient art of dream magic. But when Crow learns of an ancient strain of nightmare magic that threatens to unleash devastation on Starsgard, he must make a terrible choice... and decide who he can really trust.



#### **The Blitz Sisters: *Judith Eagle* (F EAG)**

War has been declared and the lives of three sisters, Lydia, Peggy and Teddy, are about to be turned upside down. As bombs rain down on London, the girls will lose their homes, their things, their loved ones... But they will find lost kittens, friendships with fellow rebels, the power of art, the strength and love to carry on, and a greater sense of family than ever. And with each other's help and with the radical changes to society that war brings, the three sisters will discover the essence of who they truly are.



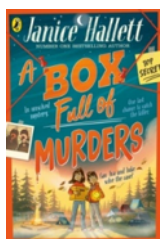
#### **The Last Bard: *Maz Evans* (F EVA)**

Will Davenant has known more tragedy than laughter, but there's a new twist in his family story when he inherits his grandfather's Complete Works of Shakespeare – and the Bard's characters spring from its pages. As Shakespeare's last living relative, Will can summon the book's heroes. With his late grandfather's home under threat, Will, his new friends and Ani from next door must fight for their future in a comedy of errors. Can love's labours win? Or will it all be much ado about nothing?



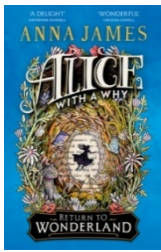
#### **The Children Of Wolf Rock: *Natasha Farrant* (F FAR)**

For Minna, Kass and Tom Stormy Loch Academy proves to be a safe haven from their chaotic home lives, giving them all a chance to roam the valleys and lakes on their doorstep. But then they come across Addie, an older ex-student, hiding out in the wild... At first, they believe her stories, but when she goes missing, the lies she has told start to emerge. With Addie at risk, Minna, Kass and Tom must travel to London to uncover her past. The journey is dangerous but bravery and adventure runs through their bones...



#### **A Box Full Of Murders: *Janice Hallett* (F HAL)**

When Ava and Luke discover a mysterious box of papers in their attic they are instantly curious about secrets it might hold. As they read through letters, diary entries and newspaper cuttings they realize that a decades-old, still unsolved, murder mystery is unfolding right in front of them... Ava and Luke decide to try and crack the case themselves. But as they work through the clues, it soon becomes clear that the mystery isn't something left in the past: the killer is still out there - and might be closer than they think...



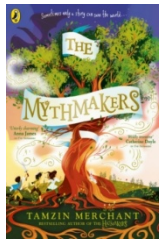
### **Alice With A Why: Anna James (F JAM)**

Alyce – with a Y – lives with her grandmother, the original Alice, having lost her father during the Great War. When a mysterious invitation to a tea party hits her square in the face, Alyce realises her grandmother's strange stories of a place called Wonderland might have some truth to them after all. But the land Alyce finds herself in feels different from the Wonderland of her grandmother's stories. The Sun King and the Queen of the Moon are fighting over a stolen hour, and soon Alyce is tasked with setting it right.



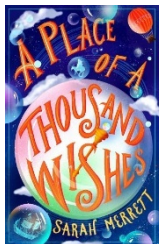
### **The Body Under the Piano: Marthe Jocelyn (F JOC)**

Aggie Morton lives in a small town on the coast of England in 1902. Adventurous and imaginative but deeply shy, Aggie hasn't got much to do since the death of her beloved father, until the fateful day when she crosses paths with twelve-year-old Belgian immigrant Hector Perot and discovers a dead body on the floor of the Mermaid Dance Room! Aggie and her new friend will need every tool at their disposal to solve the case before Aggie's beloved dance instructor is charged with a crime Aggie is sure she didn't commit.



### **The Mythmakers: Tamzin Merchant (F MER)**

Gwyn has never wanted to act like a lady, she much prefers fighting with her wooden sword. When her father takes her to join the royal court at Tintagel, Gwyn meets Merlin. They flee Tintagel together, and before long, the young prince, Arthur, joins them. So begins an epic journey across ancient Britain, involving giants, mermaids, unicorns and witches - and their discovery of a truly monstrous plan. The friends must prevent the mythical Oakheart - the foundation of all magic in the land - from being stolen. Or magic will be lost forever...



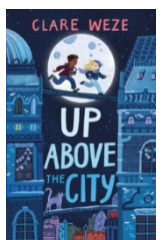
### **A Place of a Thousand Wishes: Sarah Merrett (F MER)**

1899. Mason makes the world's best ice cream, but a sinister and dangerous stranger wants to destroy his business. But then Mason receives an invite to the mysterious manor of Darlington the Miraculous, a Wish Maker who creates stunning bubbles that can float wishes to the skies and make them come true. Darlington has his own reasons for wanting to fulfil Mason's wish - they share some very special magical gifts - but he hasn't reckoned with the sinister stranger!



### **The Lions' Run: Sara Pennypacker (F PEN)**

Petit éclair. That's what the other boys at the orphanage call Lucas. He longs to show how brave he can be. The chance arrives when he saves a litter of kittens from cruel boys and cares for them in an abandoned stable. There he meets Alice, who is hiding her beloved young horse from German soldiers. Soon Lucas begins to realise they are not the only ones in the village with secrets. Emboldened by the unlikely heroes all around him, Lucas is forced to decide how much he is willing to risk to make the most courageous rescue of all.



### **Up Above the City: Clare Weze (F WEZ)**

It's the school holidays, and Jake has nowhere else to go but to work with his mum, where he is bored and lonely. When he unexpectedly stumbles upon a mysterious girl, Jake discovers a secret about London and witnesses an astounding scientific breakthrough. The strength of this feeds into the way he feels about his own future. But as Jake embarks on a nerve-racking adventure high above London to help her, dangerous forces begin to close in on him...



### **Always Angel: Kimberley Whittam (F WHI)**

Angel finds school hard. She talks back to teachers, she storms out of lessons, and she's had more detentions than any other Year 8 student - ever. But really, Angel wants to be good. She wants to fit in, she wants to make friends, and she even wants to win the school baking contest. But it's hard to be good when everyone expects the worst. And with her mum not well enough to look after her, and Angel making more and more bad choices, she's starting to run out of chances.

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