



STALBRIDGE LIBRARY

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The BOOK WORM!



How much do you know about your “Community Library?”

Are you aware that the library is only able to remain open because it is run by volunteers?

Have you any ideas for the library or want to know more?

There is an Open Meeting in The Hub, 6.00pm 21st May. Please join us.



Don't miss the chance



to have have your say!





Grab Your Wands:

It's International Harry Potter Day!



Dust off your robes and polish your broomsticks! Every year on May 2, witches, wizards, and Muggles (that's non-magical folk like us!) around the world come together to celebrate International Harry Potter Day.

Whether you're a brave Gryffindor, a loyal Hufflepuff, a wise Ravenclaw, or a cunning Slytherin, today is the day to let your inner magic shine on May 2?

You might be wondering, "Why this specific day?" Well, according to the books, May 2nd is the anniversary of the Battle of Hogwarts. It's the day when Harry and his friends finally defeated Voldemort and brought peace back to the wizarding world. We celebrate today to remember the bravery of our favorite characters and the power of friendship!

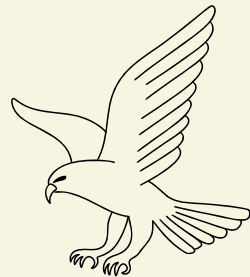
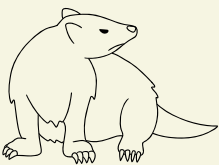
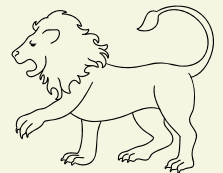
How to Celebrate Like a Pro

You don't need a ticket for the Hogwarts Express to have a magical day. Here are a few ways you can celebrate at home .

- Host a Great Feast: Whip up some "Butterbeer" (cream soda with butterscotch syrup) and snack on some "Chocolate Frogs" or "Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans." Just watch out for the earwax-flavored ones!
- Master Your Charms: Grab a stick from the backyard or a chopstick from the kitchen and practice your wand movements. Remember: it's Levi-O-sa, not Levio-SA!
- Have a Read-A-Thon: Pick up your favorite book in the series.

Did You Know?

Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." – **Albus Dumbledore**



Visit Your Local Library!

Libraries are basically the real-life version of the Hogwarts Library (minus the Restricted Section... maybe). Check out Stalbridge library today for all the books you can carry.

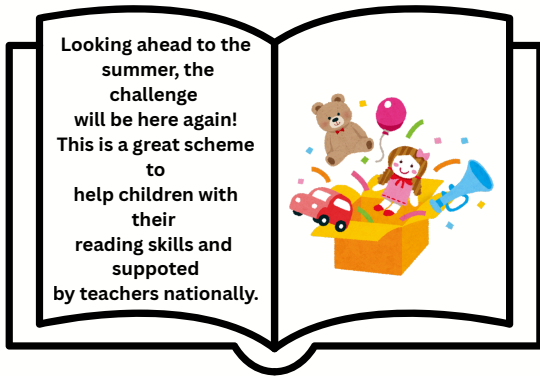
Happy International Harry Potter Day! May your day be filled with magic, mischief managed, and absolutely no Dementors

There is a deliberate mistake on this page. Can you spot it?

Answer on page 3.

LET'S GET PREPARED!

Read to the Beat



Summers Reading Challenge

More details will pop up as we inch closer to the summer school break. Your little bookworm must be a library member to join the fun, so if they're not signed up yet, now's the perfect time! Plus, you'd be doing us a solid favour as our community library's rocking along on just one computer for sign-ups, and things get wild as the term wraps up!



Here a few ideas if you pop into our library. If not on the shelves, books can always be ordered online, and you will be notified when ready for collection

Best fun books for children's literacy are those that captivate young imaginations while subtly growing their reading skills. Here's a curated list of delightful titles to engage young readers:

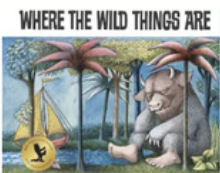
"The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt

A charming and witty story where crayons come to life with their own personalities, helping children explore self-expression and cooperation.



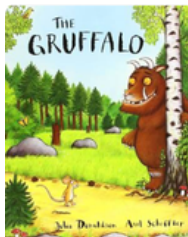
"Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak

A treasured tale that follows Max on a wild adventure, inspiring creativity and imagination.



"The Gruffalo" by Julia Donaldson

A playful story with a rhythmic flow and clever twists, great for building language and early reading confidence.



"Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White

A warm story about friendship and loyalty, filled with rich words and thoughtful themes.

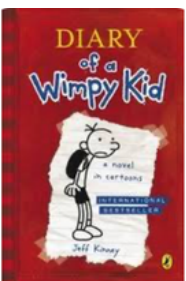


"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney

A funny and relatable series that keeps even hesitant readers turning the pages.



These stories bring fun while supporting literacy growth, making them wonderful picks as children prepare for the upcoming challenge.



Quiz Answer: the name should read Albus Dumbledore

Stalbridge Sold

Back in the whirlwind days of September 1918, just before the Great War took its final bow, Lord Stalbridge decided to auction off the Stalbridge Estate piece by piece. Nearly every building from cozy cottages to bustling businesses, went under the hammer, giving locals the chance to purchase a slice of home sweet home! But for some, it was like an eviction notice from history, losing rentals held for generations. Fast forward a century, and the Stalbridge History Society rolled up its sleeves, diving deep into dusty archives to create a marvellous exhibition in 2018 celebrating this pivotal moment.

Not ones to rest on their laurels, the Society decided to immortalize their detective work in book form. With the dedication of members, they enriched their original findings using the 1921 census (available in 2022!) plus gems from the Stalbridge Archive and the Dorset History Centre. This tome, 'Stalbridge Sold – A Town Under the Hammer', is a treasure chest of history, bursting with tales and snapshots of life in Stalbridge and Stalbridge Weston around the time of the sale. At 348 pages, it is a riveting read, packed with original photos and illustrations, making it a delightful romp through the annals of time!

On Saturday, April 25th, The Stalbridge History Society hosted a delightful coffee morning at the Hub, showcasing some impressive displays related to their book.

During the event, their chairman, Jan Wardell, presented the library manager, Margaret Jackson (left in the photo), with a copy of "Stalbridge Sold." Inside the cover page, there was a commemorative certificate marking the occasion.

This book will always be available for reference in the community library.

