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To enter, simply scan the QR Code on p.14, visit our website, or head to our Facebook page.

This month's competitions are proudly supported by Chillies Indian Fusion, The Eatery and Glen Ashley.

What's new

New - Our Trade page has a new competition open to all businesses. You can enter by scanning the QR Code and if you are selected you will win 3 months of FREE advertising on the trade page.

We have an updated list of book recommendations for all ages.

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Encouraging exercise in Essex: local pupils advocate to get the community active

Pupils from Woodville Primary School in South Woodham Ferrers, were recently invited to Hylands House to meet with over 200 health sector leaders, policy makers and influencers to share their thoughts on an initiative designed to encourage more active lifestyles in Essex.

Paul White, Deputy Headteacher at Woodville Primary School, said: "This was a wonderful opportunity for our children. Pupil voice is something that is really important to us. Through their discussions with important changemakers, they have learnt the power of speaking up to better their community; we look forward to seeing how their suggestions are integrated into policy. Thank you to Active Essex for enabling the next generation to get involved with creating a healthier and more active community!"

Before the school's visit, children worked with teachers to outline ways to promote active lifestyles while benefitting their community. This included putting up posters promoting healthy lifestyles, increasing the number and variety of sports clubs available in the area, and raising money for the NHS through sports fundraising initiatives.

Jenson, a pupil at Woodville Primary School, said: "It was really exciting to go to Hylands House and talk to so many important people about how to help children be more active. We told them that sometimes we don't have enough clubs or places to play, and we shared our ideas to make it more fun. Thank you to everyone who listened to my friends' and my ideas. I hope it helps everyone be happy, healthy and active!"

Woodville Primary School encourages its children to be active both inside and outside of school. Its pupils have access to a range of physical clubs, including Cross Country, Football, Dance, Gymnastics and more. To learn more about the school, its curriculum and extracurricular offerings.

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Stories to share with children *by Hazel Murrell*

We are a quarter of a way through the National Year of Reading and have seen some brilliant books being published so far. With various reports and statistics showing the importance of reading for children, I thought this would be a good opportunity to review some of the best books that have been published these last few months, in the hope that they inspire some reading together time with the younger generation.

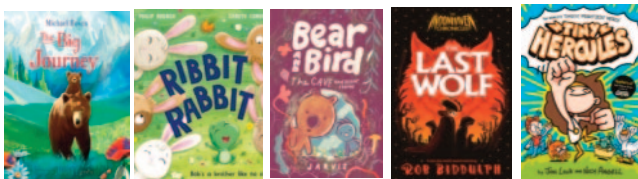
Starting with picture books to share with the younger children, these create important moments where they can feel safe to explore stories together with you, to ask questions and learn about the world around them. A beautiful picture book providing lyrical texts and gorgeous illustrations is **The Big Journey** by master storyteller *Michael Rosen and Daniel Egneus* (9781526671578), seeing the return of Big Bear and Little Bear. This is a story of courage and resilience as they undertake their journey to their new home and will want to be read over and over again.

For a story that make you giggle **Ribbit Rabbit** by *Philip Ardagh and Gareth Conway* (9780702329265) is perfectly pitched for Easter. A fun and warm picture book to celebrate family, what ever it looks like. The most important thing of all is that the love they share, a perfect message for this time of year.

When it comes to early readers for children learning to read for themselves, it doesn't get much better than the Bear and Bird series which contain short stories about the two friends, in particular the recently published **Bear and Bird: The Cave and Other Stories** by *Jarvis* (9781529531220) From not being able to remember why they have circled today in red in the calendar and assuming that they are meant to be celebrating each other's birthday, to trying to summon up courage to enter the Creepy Cave to retrieve a lost ball, these stories are charming and heartwarming.

For the older and more confident readers **The Last Wolf** by *Rob Biddulph* (9781035037315). Jax, Jovi, Esau and Fourth live for full-moon adventures, sneaking out after curfew, dodging the Nighthawks and roaming the empty streets of Moonhaven. But when a rare werewolf attack rocks the town, the friends become prime suspects. With the Nighthawks closing in on anyone who was out after dark, they're forced to run – setting off a chain of rumours, secrets and betrayals. An edge-of-your-seat illustrated adventure story with short chapters that will help engage reluctant readers, and full of twists and turns.

Reading can come in all forms, and I am a huge advocate for graphic novels as they are accessible, enjoyable and introduce additional skills such as decoding pictures and sequential storytelling. One that sticks out this year is **Tiny Hercules** by comic duo *Jon Lock and Nich Angell* (9781035059645). I can see this bold, bright and funny book being a hit both inside school and at home, appealing to fans of Dog Man and the Phoenix Comics.



For more book recommendations go to <https://ourtownswf.co.uk/book-reviews/>

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The event was kindly opened by our Town Mayor, Councillor Alan Shearing and six lanes started the fun, swimming in relay for forty minutes followed by five minutes of "mayhem" all swimming together and giving our Rotarians; Inner Wheel members and other helpers no small task to accurately count the lengths swam.

Although the main aim of this event is to have fun and be healthy, it raises money for charities through our Charity Account and this year the Mid and South Essex Hospitals Dandelion Appeal Charity, which enhances end-of-life care across local hospitals, will be the principal recipient. And 50% of the monies raised by each team can be paid to a charity of that team's choice.

Our sincere thanks go to all participants- schools-youth organisations- family groups and our helpers in running this event which is a challenge for our small Rotary Club. Special thanks to our sponsors who enable us to meet the expenses of running the event (cost of pool hire etc), maximising the monies going to worthy charitable causes.

As always, if you are interested in finding out more about Rotary and whether you can possibly help the men and women in our Club better to serve our community, please look at our website www.swfrotaryclub.co.uk and Email info@swfrotaryclub.co.uk



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The Future of Our Shed: A Call to Action



Sir John Whittingdale OBE with John Bevan paying a visit to SWF Men's Shed

On Friday, 20th March, we welcomed Sir John Whittingdale OBE for a flying visit to the South Woodham Ferrers Men's Shed. Our Chair, John Bevan, walked him through our ambitious vision for the future, even sending him home with a laser-imprinted coaster and an Essex Shed mug.

Sir John left impressed, but the reality behind the scenes is stark: The Shed is at a crossroads.

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If you have not been to the Shed in a while, please come back and see us. If you have never been, there's no better time to start. Help us ensure that the South Woodham Ferrers Men's Shed stays a fixture of this town for years to come.

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