



Today's Prayer

Listen or read the Prayer for the Day and join in with thousands of others saying these words.

[Today's Prayer | The Church of England](#)

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Friday 9 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We are holding our annual Christmas Carol Service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral next Tuesday evening. It is a free event and starts at 7pm. There will be mince pies and mulled wine available from 6.30pm. We would love to see you there.

Ex Silentio, Kingettes, Orchestra, Wind Band, String Orchestra, Flute Choir and Clarinet Choir are all performing festive pieces. And for the first time, the whole of Year 7 have been invited to come and sing in the service.

There will of course be the congregational carols to join in with. This is always a lovely event to bring your family along to – all students from all year groups, and their families, are welcome regardless of whether they are performing in a group or not.

Storehouse Collection

Thank you for all your non-uniform donations for the Storehouse foodbank collection. We raised an amazing

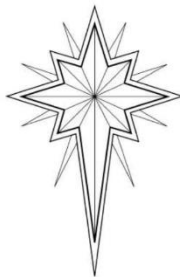
£1042.08!!!

We will be delivering our collection of food donations to Storehouse next week. Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously.



King Edward VI School

Carol Service



St. Edmundsbury Cathedral
Tuesday 13 December 2022

School of Rock

The first two nights have been bubbling with energy and dazzling with talent. Well done to everyone involved for these two spectacular nights so far.

Last few remaining tickets for tonight and Saturday evening performances are available. Grab them while you can! Available online here <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/kinged>



Christmas Lunches

Please purchase Christmas Lunch tickets from Student Services. Lunches take place on Wednesday 14 December for Years 7 & 8 and Thursday 15 December for Years 9,10 & 11. The cost is £4.60 and the amount will be debited from your Cashless Catering Account on the day they purchase their ticket.

Student Absences

For safeguarding reasons, please remember to report your child's absence every day by 9am. This can be done by leaving a voice message on 01284 761393, option 1, or by emailing attendance@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk.

Arriving to school on Time

Please ensure your child to arrives in school by 8.50 for them to be in their Tutor rooms by 8.55. School gates close at 8.50. If your child arrives after this time, please encourage them to use the Grove Road entrance. Students persistently arriving late to school may receive an afterschool detention. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Year 11 Mock Exams

4 January - 18 January 2023

Year 11 mock exams will start the day that school returns after the Christmas holidays. All students will be given their individual timetables via their tutors on Monday 12 December 2022. Any that have not been collected will be posted home by the end of the week.

There may be occasions, over the 11-day period, where students (particularly those with extra time) may have shorter lunch breaks and finish after the end of school in order to accommodate all of the subjects and additional arrangements.

An exams assembly will be held on Thursday 15 December 2022 giving students details on timings, seating plans and behaviour expectations. A copy of this assembly will be put on the exams page on the school website, along with the video shown.

Please encourage your child to look at this if they are unable to attend the assembly for any reason. Students have been encouraged to visit the exams office before the Christmas holidays. should they have any concerns or questions about these exams.

School Photo Orders

Have arrived in school and will be distributed by tutors for students to bring home.

Book Advent continues

Please see the end of this newsletter for Days 3 – 7 of our Book Advent.

Did you know that in Iceland they have the tradition of Jolabokaflokkur, or “Christmas Book Flood” in English. This is where they give and unwrap new books on Christmas Eve, and then cosy up with family, and read into the night. Why not try it this year as a family?

Don't forget the Book Fair



The Bookfair is based in the Library until Wednesday 14 December 2022,. Open 9-4pm every day. We are trying to hold this amazing book fair as **CASHLESS!**

Vouchers can be purchased online any time before the Fair, or the QR Code can be used via the App during the Fair. Please go to the [Scholastic website for more information](#) or contact our Librarian Ms Peddel sep@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk for more information.

With huge reductions on most books, there will be lots on offer, so grab a bargain in time for Christmas! Apologies that we can't welcome parents during the school day but feel free to visit after lessons finish at 3.35pm.



Scan the QR code to pay for your books online or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

Employing Children aged 13+ years – the Law

If your child is considering part-time work at weekends or during school holidays, you need to be clear on Child Employment law. Children must be 13 years or over to work part-time, have your permission and an authorised Work Permit to be employed, including in a family business. [Please have a look at this presentation](#) which summarises key information on Child Employment law.

LGBTQ Youth Group

Following the success of the November event.



Email info@outreachyouth.org.uk for more information if your child would like to attend this group tomorrow.

Christmas Food Boxes and Activity Packs.

In addition to the HAF Suffolk, Holiday Activities previously advertised, to increase the support of families this Christmas, West Suffolk Council with additional funding from Bury St Edmunds Town Council have released a number of Christmas Food Boxes and Activity Packs. These boxes contain all the ingredients for Christmas Dinner and Boxing Day lunch as well as activities to do over the festive period.

Schools are able to nominate eligible families, so if you feel you could benefit from this service, please get in touch with your Head of Year or Pastoral Support Manager. This is in addition to a storehouse food parcel, which we can also offer all year round.

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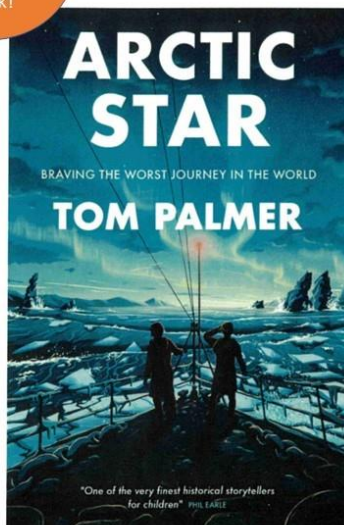
Deri O'Regan



Dates for your Diary Term Dates for 2023-2024 are now available on the website	
Weds 7 – Sat 10 Dec 22	School of Rock performances. Get your tickets here!
Weds 7 – Weds 14 Dec 22	Book Fair
Tue 13 Dec 22	Carol Service at the Cathedral 7pm all welcome
Wed 14 Dec 22	Christmas Lunch Year 7 & 8
Wed 14 Dec 22	Year 11 Parents' Evening part 1 (online)
Thu 15 Dec 22	Christmas Lunch for Years 9, 10 & 11
Thu 15 Dec 22	Year 11 Parents' Evening part 2 (online)
Sat 17 Dec 22 – Mon 2 Jan 23	Christmas Holidays
Tues 3 Jan 23	PD Day (school closed to students)
Wed 4 Jan 23	First day of term
Wed 4 – Wed 18 Jan 23	Year 11 Mock Exams
Mon 13 – Fri 17 Feb 23	Half Term

Book Advent Calendar Days 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7

Book Advent Calendar 5th December 2022



ARCTIC STAR

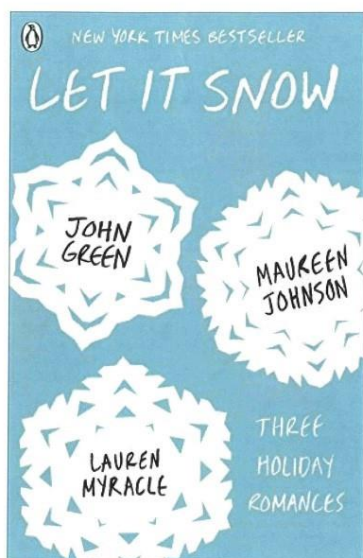
WINTER 1943
FRANK, JOSEPH AND STEPHEN ARE ROYAL NAVY RECRUITS ON THEIR
FIRST MISSION
AT SEA, SECOND WORLD WAR
PART OF THE ARCTIC CONVOY SAILING TO RUSSIA
DELIVERING SUPPLIES TO SOVIETS...

THEY WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR NORTH, IN TREACHEROUS WATERS
FACE ENEMY ATTACKS AND LIFE-THREATENING COLD AND STORMS...

WILL ALL THREE MAKE IT HOME AGAIN?

Book Advent Calendar 6th December 2022

LET IT SNOW



THE WORST BLIZZARD FOR FIFTY YEARS

THREE WINTRY LOVE STORIES

ONE MAGICAL NIGHT

It's Christmas Eve and the worst blizzard for fifty years has blanketed Gracetown. But as well as snowflakes, love is in the air - and appearing in the most unexpected ways . . .

Who'd have thought a freezing hike from a stranded train would end with a delicious kiss from a charming stranger? Or that a trip to the Waffle House through four feet of snow could lead to romance with an old friend? Or that the path to true love begins with a painfully early morning shift at Starbucks?

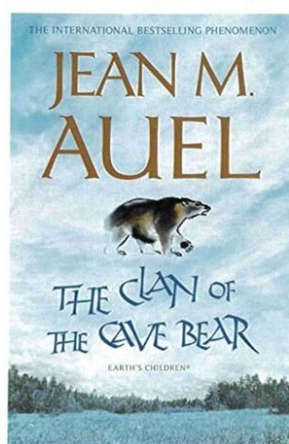
Touching, hilarious and filled with festive cheer, the magic of the holiday season shines on these three interconnected tales of love, romance and breathtaking kisses. The perfect book for a cold winter's night for any fan of *The Fault in Their Stars*, *The Sun is Also a Star* and *Eleanor and Park*.

An
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Book!

Book Advent Calendar 7th December 2022

THE CLAN OF THE CAVE

BEAR

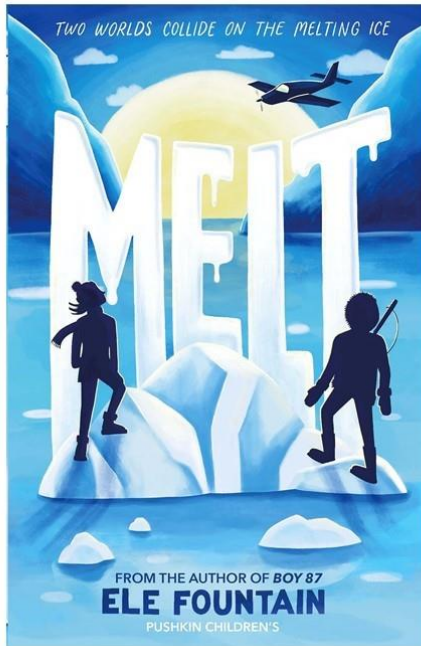


THE FIRST BOOK IN THE INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING EARTH'S CHILDREN SERIES, AN EPIC WORK OF PREHISTORIC FICTION BELOVED BY GENERATIONS OF READERS. AUDEL TAKES US BACK TO THE DAWN OF MANKIND AND SWEEPS US UP INTO THE AMAZING AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF AYL A, ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE HEROINES EVER IMAGINED.

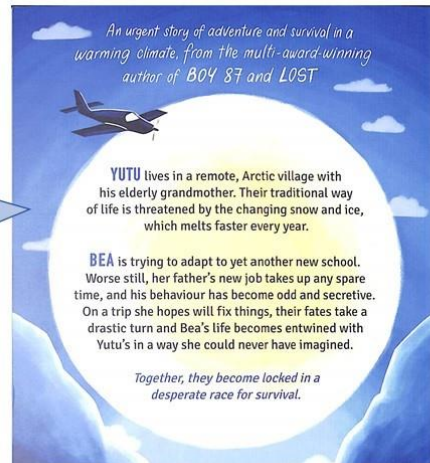
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This book is recommended for our older and more mature readers only. Accelerated Reader recommends it for Year 10 and above. It comes with a strong content warning.

Book Advent Calendar 8th December 2022



Adventure back into the past, experience a time of war, friendship and hope... how will it end?



An urgent story of adventure and survival in a warming climate, from the multi-award-winning author of BOY 87 and LOST

YUTU lives in a remote, Arctic village with his elderly grandmother. Their traditional way of life is threatened by the changing snow and ice, which melts faster every year.

BEA is trying to adapt to yet another new school. Worse still, her father's new job takes up any spare time, and his behaviour has become odd and secretive. On a trip she hopes will fix things, their fates take a drastic turn and Bea's life becomes entwined with Yutu's in a way she could never have imagined.

Together, they become locked in a desperate race for survival.

THE MELT

An Accelerated Reader Book!

Book Advent Calendar 9th December 2022

FROZEN

Ice, dragons, adventure... What more could you want to escape into this winter? Intrigue, discovery, snow and the desire for the sun to shine on their cold, snowy faces

An Accelerated Reader Book!



More than a century after a disaster wiped out most of humanity and covered the earth with ice, 15-year-old Nat yields to the voice in her head urging her to embark on a journey to the mythical land of Blue. Book 1 of 3.



Battling each other, the earth and more, a great read

Thought for the Week

'The beauty of Christmas is not in the presents but in his presence.'

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