

## Book Recommendations - A Christmas Special

We love reading books and would like to share some of our favourite Christmas books with you. We hope you enjoy some of our recommendations.



### **Mrs Bastin**

I would like to recommend the book **'Dear Santasaur'** written by **Chae Strathie** and illustrated by **Nicola O'Byrne**. I love this book because I love dinosaurs! This story is about a little boy called Max who has a T-Rex dinosaur friend at the museum, and they write letters and e-mails to each other. Max would like to know if Santa delivers presents to dinosaurs and his T-Rex friend wishes he could ride in Santa's sleigh. I like the character Max because he has a wonderful imagination, I also like reading all the letters that they write to one another. One day Max gets a special letter inviting him to a Roar-Some party!



### **Mrs Clague**

#### **'The Night Before Christmas' by Clement C. Moore**

It is a family tradition in our house that I read this poem every Christmas Eve to my children. It is about someone who gets woken up by the clattering noise of the sleigh and so they are able to spy on Father Christmas as he delivers the presents to them. My favourite bit is when Santa laughs and the author says his belly shook 'like a bowl full of jelly'. It gets us excited about Santa's visit that night and when we go to bed we listen carefully for the sleigh bells and reindeer hooves.



### **Miss Dyer**

The Christmas book I'm recommending is **'Socks for Santa'** written by **Adam & Charlotte Gillian** and illustrated by **Lee Wildish**. This story is about a boy called George and his Christmas Eve plan to take gifts to Santa. George sets off on a journey to the North Pole. I love this book because it's a rhyming story which are my favourite type of story. My favourite characters are the animals of the North Pole, Polar bears, Reindeers and Puffins.

I also like the main character George as he's so kind and thoughtful going to give gifts to Santa to say Thank you for all the gifts Santa has given him. The illustrations of what the puffins get up to on each page make me laugh.

Will George reach Santa with all his gifts?



### **Mrs Wenman**

**Room for a Little one** by **Martin Waddell**. A beautiful story of the birth of Jesus as told through the eyes of a kind Ox. There's always room for a little one says kind Ox, and that very night under the star lit sky a little one was born. I have brought my story into school to share with you all.

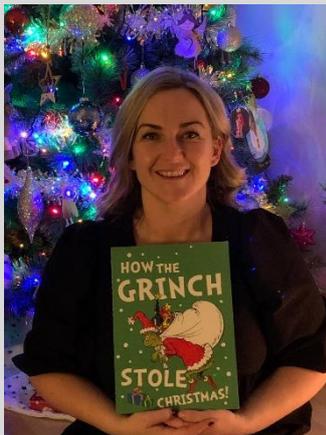


### Miss Rowe

I would like to recommend the book **“Santa is Coming to Devon”** written by **Steve Smallman** and illustrated by **Robert Dunn**.

This is my favourite Christmas book because it tells you all about Santa’s journey and how he gets to our homes in Devon.

In the story, it tells you what happens on his journey and how he even got stuck on the top of Exeter Cathedral after a snow storm. I wonder if you could spot your house as he flies over Torbay. I love to see all the beautiful illustrations in this book because they help me visualise Santa’s journey on Christmas Eve.



### Mrs Coombe

I would like to recommend the book **‘How the Grinch stole Christmas’** written by **Dr. Suess**.

I love to read this book every Christmas Eve.

It is about a Grinch who hates Christmas so much, he tries to steal it!!! However, he soon learns what Christmas is all about! It has the loveliest ending!



### Miss Lewis

**‘The Snowman’** by **Raymond Briggs**

This is a classic traditional Christmas story which I love. It’s about a young boy who builds a snowman in his back garden and by magic he comes to life. It’s full of love and imagination and is beautifully illustrated.



### Mrs Agboma

**‘Winnie and Wilbur meet Santa’** by **Valerie Thomas** and **Korky Paul**.

We all love books in our house and always read more stories around Christmas time. This story is particularly magical because the children in the book actually get to meet Santa! The illustrations are detailed and colourful and I love the pop up page at the end, it makes the book extra special.