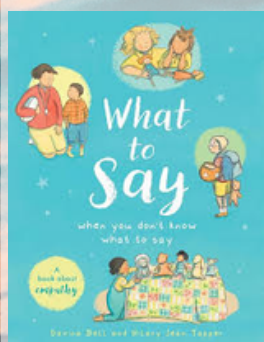




This month's recommended reads both relate to the Empathy Day Festival that takes place in June, which encourages the development of empathy through reading and stories.



What to Say When You Don't Know What to Say, by Davina Bell, and beautifully illustrated by Hilary Jean Tapper is a wonderful book about empathy that will encourage discussion between adults and

children about negotiating life's challenges, such as going somewhere new or saying sorry. The book shows children how to handle their feelings with empathy, even when things are difficult.

The **Letter with the Golden Stamp** by award-winning author, Onjali Q. Rauf, is a heart-warming and powerful story about a young carer and the community in which she lives, and her determination to help her family. Audrey is a secret carer for her seriously ill mum, and her two younger siblings. And, just like the author, she loves collecting stamps! The book shines a light on the huge challenges faced by young carers, and at the back of the book there is a section for, and about young carers. A brilliant, empathetic, page-turner of a book for children in Year 4 and above.



Both books will be on display in the library with other books that encourage empathy.
Mrs Hampshire, Librarian.

Key Dates

1st-30th- Pride Month
1st- 30th- Gypsy, Roma and Traveler History Month
4th-11th- Empathy Day Festival
5th- World Environment Day

Important Dates

Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

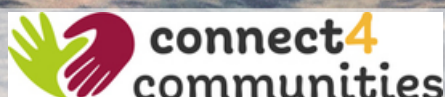
Every June since 2008, people from across the UK have celebrated Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month. The theme for 2026 is **Onwards With Hope**, and looks to explore how transformative hope can be within Romany Gypsy, Roma, Irish Traveller, New Traveller Showmen, and Liveaboard Boater communities, and what we need to do together to build a brighter future.

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Being kind to each other creates a kinder world – but being kind to the planet gives us a world to live in!

The focus this year is on climate action, and how we can all play a part in protecting our planet and creating a better future. It reminds us that climate change can feel big, but the small things we do like saving energy, reducing waste, caring for nature, really do add up. Because our actions and our choices can make a difference!



Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

The Connect4communities - Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provides support to families whose children are eligible for benefit-related free school meals (FSM), across the county throughout the Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays. Other children and families may also be eligible to access this programme.

[SUMMER 2026 HAF SCHEMES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW AND BOOK FROM MONDAY 22 JUNE 2026](#)

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With Warm Wishes,

Laura Gradidge- Family Wellbeing Coordinator