

The Toose, Abbey Manor Park
Yeovil,
Somerset
BA21 3SN
Headteacher: Mrs C Hodgson BA (Hons)



Tel: 01935 474538
Email: office@preston.ppat365.org
www.prestoncofeprimary.co.uk
Preston Primary Academy Trust

18th April 2023.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome AF Steadman, best-selling author of 'Skandar and the Unicorn Thief', to Preston Primary School on Tuesday 25th April 2023 for an assembly with Year 5 & 6 pupils. This event will celebrate the release of her second book, 'Skandar and the Phantom Rider'. In this fun and interactive assembly, students will create their own characters and find their own elemental magic!

As part of the visit, copies of Steadman's work will be available to purchase at the event and will be signed by the author as a memento of the day. If you or your child would like to purchase a book, please send them into school with the money in a sealed envelope. The books on offer are as per following page. This is completely optional, and all Year 5 & 6 children will take part in the assembly whether they buy a book or not.

We can't wait to share this exciting and enriching experience with Year 5 & 6 students and thank you once again for your continued involvement.

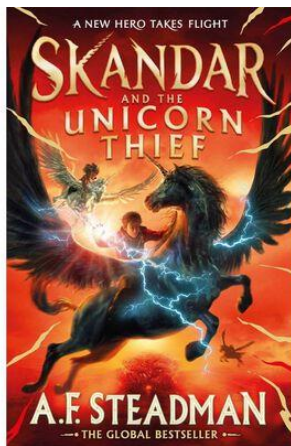
Yours sincerely,

E Feltham

Miss E. Feltham.
Love of Reading Lead.

Preston Primary Academy Trust. Registered address: The Toose, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 3SN.
A charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England Wales (Company number: 8727883)





*Published by Simon and Schuster Children's Books
Paperback / 2nd February 2023 / £7.99*

Soar into a breathtaking world of heroes and unicorns as you've never seen them before in this fantastical middle grade debut that is already taking the book world by storm.

Skandar Smith has always yearned to leave the Mainland and escape to the secretive Island, where powerful unicorns roam free. He's spent years studying for his Hatchery exam, the annual test that selects a handful of Mainlander thirteen-year olds to train to become unicorn riders. But on the day of Skandar's exam, things go horribly wrong, and his hopes are shattered ... until a mysterious figure knocks on his door at midnight, bearing a message: the Island is calling you, Skandar Smith!

Skandar is thrust into a world of epic sky battles, dangerous clashes with wild unicorns, and rumors of a shadowy villain amassing an army. But Skandar is not like the other riders . . . and the closer he grows to his newfound friends and community of riders, the harder it becomes to keep his secrets. Set in a beautifully realized world of treehouse cities, mysterious training grounds, magical battles and unicorns that are far from cute, Skandar and the Unicorn Thief will enthrall readers with a new fantasy world they'll wish they could visit.



*Published by Simon and Schuster Children's Books
Hardback / 27th April 2023 / £12.99*

The Island shall have its revenge . . .

Skandar Smith has achieved his dream to train as a unicorn rider. But as Skandar and his friends enter their second year at the Eyrie, a new threat arises. Immortal wild unicorns are somehow being killed, a prophecy warns of terrible danger, and elemental destruction begins to ravage the Island.

Meanwhile, Skandar's sister, Kenna, longs to join him – and Skandar is determined to help her, no matter what. As the storm gathers, can Skandar discover how to stop the Island tearing itself apart – before it's too late for them all? Get ready for more action, unforgettable characters, and mesmerizing world building.