



# READING MATTERS

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path".  
(Psalm 119:105)

Summer 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year!

Yet again, the year has flown by. It seems like five minutes ago our new year 7 students were arriving and settling in and now they have finished their first year. What a busy year it has been! This year we introduced our tutor time reading sessions. Every Thursday, the children have been reading short stories and using the reciprocal reading strands to predict, clarify, question and summarise the events. We also introduced Reading Eggs to help support some of our students with their reading. Those involved have really enjoyed using the program to develop their reading skills.

As we approach the summer, I wish you all a very restful break (let's hope the sun finally makes an appearance!) and I hope you all get to enjoy doing some reading.

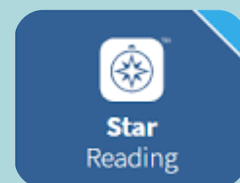
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Mrs Lathall Reading Co-ordinator

## Year 7 and 8 STAR Reading Tests

Pupils in years 7 and 8 completed their third and final STAR

reading test this half term. Your son/daughter will have their new reading age written in their planner.



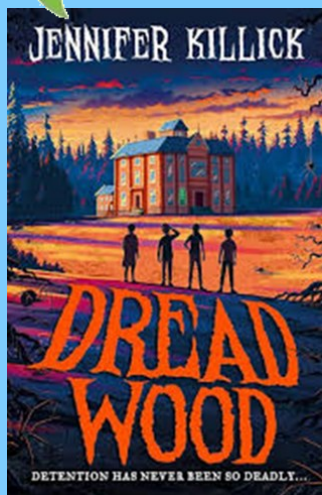
## Bookbuzz

Bookbuzz is a reading programme from BookTrust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading in 11 to 13-year-olds. As a school, we have purchased every student in Year 7 a copy of the book "Dread Wood" by Jennifer Killick.

Pupils will start reading the book in their English lessons and will then be given their copy to take home and finish reading over the summer holidays.

*"When classmates Angelo, Hallie, Gustav and Naira are forced to come to school on Saturday, they already think it's the worst day ever. But they're wrong. Things are about to get seriously scary!*

*What has dragged their teacher underground? Why do the creepy caretakers keep humming the tune to Incy Wincy Spider? All alone and trapped at school, the gang's only hope is to figure out why they are being targeted. But they'd better be quick. Because something is lurking in the shadows and it's out for revenge..."*



## Tutor Time Reading

This half term, during tutor time, pupils in years 7,8 and 9 are reading Flight 715 by Anthony Horowitz. Year 10 have read A Career in Computer Games also by Anthony Horowitz.

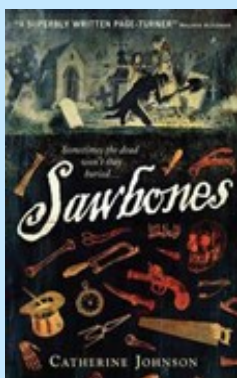
# Summer Reading



## BINGO CHALLENGE

Have a go at completing our Summer Reading Challenge to be in with a chance of winning a gift voucher. Complete all of the tasks and ask a parent/carer to sign the sheet. Hand your completed grid to your English teacher in September. You can find a grid on our VLE to print off.

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| Read outside on a sunny day.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:                 | Read to someone younger than you.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed: | Read a poem.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:   | Make a den and read inside it.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:                    | Read in the dark using a torch.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:      |
| Write your own story and read it to someone.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed: | Read to someone older than you.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:   | Read in the park.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:  | Read whilst travelling somewhere.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:                 | Read before you eat your breakfast.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:  |
| Read instructions for something.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:             | Read on a Monday.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:                 | Read some non-fiction.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:                                       | Read to someone over the phone or via video chat.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed: | Read under a tree.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:                   |
| Read whilst eating a snack.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:                  | Read a book that you borrowed.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:    | Read in an unusual place and get someone to take your photo.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed: | Read an article.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed:                                  | Read a story set in another country.<br><br>Date:<br>Signed: |



Our year 7s have all read *Sawbones* by Catherine Johnson in their English lessons this half term. It is an historical fiction novel that weaves together mystery, intrigue, and adventure. We have all been hooked and enjoyed following the adventures of Ezra and Loveday. Don't forget to take a quiz!



Some fantastic reading has taken place during AR lessons. The classes who read the most words in years 7 and 8 were rewarded with a chocolatey treat. Well done to 7b1 and 8b2!

## Millionaire Readers

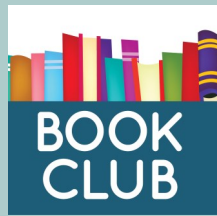
Lots of wonderful reading took place last term with some students managing to read over a million words! All of our millionaires are awarded a badge from Mr Cuomo to wear on their blazer. Well done to the following students:

### Year 7

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|------------|-----------|
| Alex I     | 1,358,262 |
| Ann V      | 1,337,451 |
| Harrison W | 1,270,403 |
| Ameya A    | 1,587,160 |
| Brianna A  | 1,303,008 |
| Lamin K    | 2,292,095 |
| Zachary C  | 2,022,050 |
| Nuala G    | 1,250,242 |
| Maria P    | 1,238,006 |
| Olly W     | 1,106,602 |
| Edwin J    | 1,075,507 |
| Evie M     | 1,327,411 |
| Jakia S    | 1,011,906 |

### Year 8

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Lewis W     | 2,135,067 |
| Godwin S    | 4,031,109 |
| Karina K    | 3,109,416 |
| Liam D      | 2,106,617 |
| Bethany C   | 1,607,027 |
| Monika W    | 2,006,784 |
| Daniel D    | 1,615,048 |
| Vanessa P   | 1,336,566 |
| Alice S     | 1,220,801 |
| Kashinath S | 1,133,329 |
| Diya D      | 1,076,025 |
| Poyraz T    | 1,207,160 |
| Finley W    | 1,349,251 |
| John K      | 1,093,736 |
| Elijah A    | 1,025,896 |



Every Wednesday during lunchtime, we run a book club for students to attend. The group started the year reading 'Pax' and 'The House with Chicken Legs' (both of which they thoroughly enjoyed!) The group then turned their attention to fundraising to enhance the selection they had for Book Club. They decided to complete a

'sponsored read' and the students went above and beyond to raise as much money as possible.

They managed to raise over **£175** which is outstanding! With the money, the group have decided to purchase updated copies of 'Coraline' and a new book, 'Pages & Co's Tilly and the Book Wanderers'. With the remaining money, they are going to purchase Book Club badges as a way to celebrate and showcase the club.

Miss Dunstan would like to say a big thank you to all members of Book Club for making Wednesday lunch times the highlight of her week! She feels very privileged to spend time with such passionate, enthusiastic individuals.

## Reading Celebration

On the 11<sup>th</sup> July we held our annual reading celebration evening. This event is held to recognise the achievements our students have made over the course of the year with their reading. Each year, one student is nominated for the Sue Jackson Reading Award. This award recognises the consistent effort and dedication that a student has made with their reading over the course of the year. Winners of this award have their name engraved on the award which is then on display in the Library.

This year's recipient is someone who has worked incredibly hard with their reading since September. They have shown commitment and dedication to improving their reading. They are a millionaire reader and have taken and passed a phenomenal amount of quizzes. They have also been a dedicated and enthusiastic member of Book Club. They worked extremely hard to raise money for Book Club and managed to raise over £70 themselves (the total was 175). Not only did they do a tremendous amount of reading for the sponsored read, but spent time every day collecting money.

Their passion and enthusiasm are inspiring.

So, the winner of this year's award was... Ameya A.

**Well done Ameya!**

I'd love to hear your book recommendations. Please email me at [Lathall.I@allsaints.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Lathall.I@allsaints.notts.sch.uk) with your top reads! You can also send me any reading related news that you'd like me to share. I look forward to hearing from you.

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