



READING MATTERS

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

Summer 2025



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 we were welcoming our new year 7 children and now they have almost finished their first year. What a busy year it has been! We've enjoyed sharing lots of wonderful reading and celebrated reading across school.

As we approach the summer, I wish you all a very restful break. I hope you all get to enjoy doing some reading.

L Lathall

Mrs Lathall Reading Co-ordinator

In order to widen your reading diet, try to select books from the categories below. Pupils who managed to complete their bingo card will be entered into a prize draw at the end of the year. Simply remove your completed card from the back of your booklet and pass it to your teacher.

Name _____

Reading Challenge

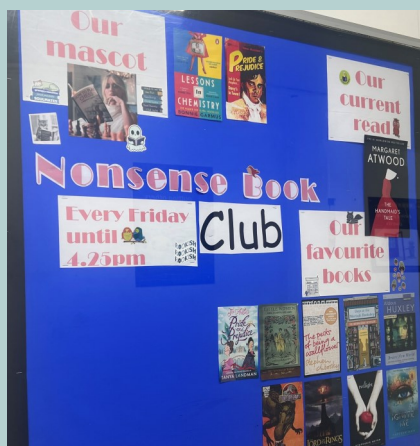
As we approach the end of this academic year, please be encouraging your son/daughter to complete the bingo grid on the back of their AR logbook. All entries will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a gift voucher.

A book by a male author.	A book by a female author.	A book from a genre that you wouldn't normally read.
Date:	Date:	Date:
Signed:	Signed:	Signed:
A book that has been made into a film.	A book recommended by a Teacher or friend.	A classic.
Date:	Date:	Date:
Signed:	Signed:	Signed:
A book set in a different country.	A book with a name in the title.	An autobiography or biography.
Date:	Date:	Date:
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The Nonsense Book Club

This year some of our Sixth Form students along with Miss Granger formed "The Nonsense Book Club!" They meet after school on a Friday and have read three books this year.

They started with "Lesson in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus before moving onto "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen and finishing the year with "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood. They've enjoyed lots of debate and discussion and the odd chocolate brownie!



Reading eggs

Every Tuesday and Wednesday during tutor time, a group of students get support with their reading using Reading Eggs. Reading Eggs is a program that focuses on teaching phonics and sight words using interactive games and activities. As the students complete activities, they are awarded eggs. The following students have worked incredibly hard and managed to collect a staggering number of eggs. Victoria H, Ozman M and Ghadeer A H



BOOK CLUB

Every Tuesday during lunchtime, Miss Dunstan runs a book club for children in KS3. They have read an array of books this year including: "Bad Girls" by Jacqueline Wilson, "Coraline" by Neil Gaiman, "The Haunting of Charity Delafield" by Ian Beck and "Shine" by Candy Gourlay. They have also enjoyed some of our past Book Buzz books including "The Haunting of Aveline Jones" and "Dread Wood".

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



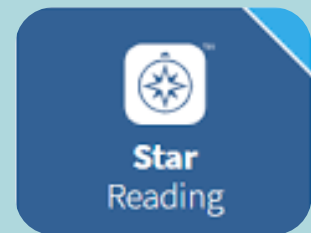
Bookbuzz is a reading programme from BookTrust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading in 11 to 13-year-olds. As a school, we have purchased every child in Year 7 a copy of the book "The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger" by J.T. Williams. Year 7 will start reading the

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

"The streets of Georgian London can be dangerous. Not everyone is what they seem... Lizzie Sancho and Dido Belle live very different lives. Lizzie works at her family's buzzing Westminster tea shop, while Belle leads a quieter life at the majestic Kenwood House. Their worlds collide when disaster strikes at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane and Lizzie's father's life is put under threat. Why is someone after Ignatius Sancho? And who is the shadowy figure on the theatre balcony? Friendship, a fight for freedom and a race against time to solve the mystery before danger strikes again!"

STAR Reading Tests

All children in years 7 and 8 will be completing their final STAR reading test this half term. Your son/daughter will have their new reading age written in their planner.



Accelerated Reader™

Some fantastic reading has taken place during AR lessons. The classes who read the most words in years 7 and 8 will be rewarded with a chocolatey treat!



Millionaire Readers

Huge congratulations to all of our millionaire readers. All of our millionaires are awarded a badge from Mr Cuomo to wear on their blazer.



Year 7

One Million Words

Ashton R	1,371,803
Angela R	1,162,230
Antonia C	1,513,358
Thomas N	1,430,246
Ashley R	1,226,957
Eleanor L	1,223,964
Rithin R	1,313,888

Two Million Words

Christeena R	2,649,882
Gia Del M	2,354,094
Eleanor D	2,210,034

Four Million Words

Eniwo O	4,095,618
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Well done to Eniwo for reading the most words in year 7!

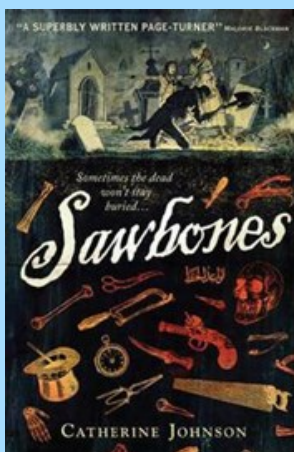


Year 8

Elijah I	1,321,335
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Well done to Elijah for reading the most words in year 8!

Our year 7s are currently reading **Sawbones** by Catherine Johnson in their English lessons. 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.



A Level English Literature

Our year 12 English Literature A level students have now chosen their coursework texts. English literature coursework involves analysing literary texts, exploring literary genres, and engaging with literary theory and criticism. It allows students to delve into their personal interests and develop their own interpretations of texts. I'm sure you'll agree, they have chosen a wonderfully diverse range of texts to study.

Reading Celebration

On the 17th July we will be holding our annual Reading Celebration event in school. This event is held to recognise the achievements some of our students have made over the course of the year with their reading. Invitations to the event will be sent out over the next couple of weeks. If your son/daughter is invited to attend, please could you return the slip at the bottom of the letter so we know how many will be attending. Each year, one child is nominated for the Sue Jackson Reading Award. This award recognises the consistent effort and dedication they have 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.



WORLD BOOK DAY

A highlight of every year is celebrating World Book Day across school.

Every lesson began with the teacher reading out part of a story. As the children moved

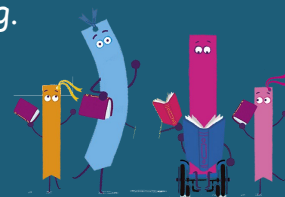
through the day, they learnt more about the characters and plot. At the start of their last lesson, they were given the opportunity to discuss how they thought the story might end before hearing the final part of the story. I'm sure we'll all think twice before going in a photobooth again!



We also announced the winner of our Book in a Box competition. Huge congratulations to Grace S who was our Year 7 winner with her incredible Demon Dentist and Emilia F in Year 8 for the wonderful A Very Hungry Caterpillar. Both won a £10 book token. I'm sure you'll agree, their entries were amazing. Second place went to Gia M in Year 7 for her wonderful Willy Wonka. Well done to all who entered.

Everyone was awarded a Proud Podium for their efforts.

It was a wonderful day and a great opportunity for us all to celebrate our love of books and reading.



Macbeth Live!

Our year 9s have begun studying "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare which is one of their GCSE texts. To support our young people with their understanding of the plot of the play, we invited Nottingham Shakespeare Company to come into school to perform to Year 9 and Year 10 students.



It was a wonderful opportunity to see the play being performed live and the feedback from students was really positive.



I'd love to hear your book recommendations. Please email me at

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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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