



READING MATTERS

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

Summer 2026

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.

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Mrs Lathall Reading Co-ordinator

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.

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 _____

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

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.

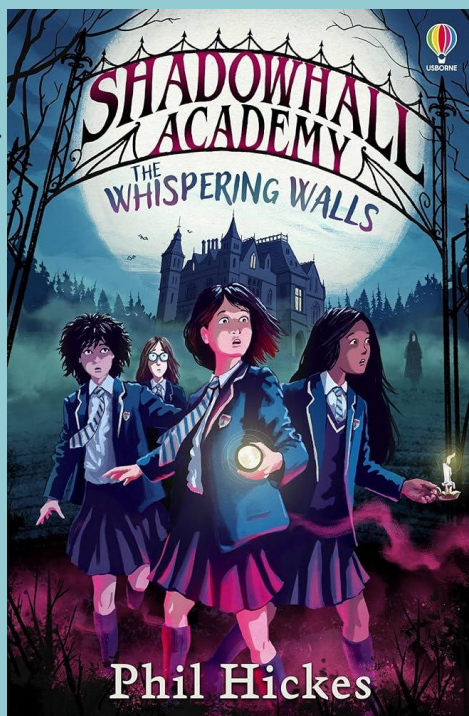


Bookbuzz

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 child in Year 7 a copy of the book *Shadowhall Academy: The Whispering Walls* by Phil Hickes.

Welcome to Shadowhall Academy, where spirits haunt the school halls. A brilliantly spooky new series from the author of *Aveline Jones*. When Lilian Jones starts at creepy, cold and bewilderingly large Shadowhall Academy, she's nervous about making friends and finding her way around, but those turn out to be the least of her

worries when strange things start happening at school. Tapping in the walls, unsettling tales of missing students, and rumours that the school is haunted... When mysterious figures start appearing at night, looking exactly like the girls themselves, Lilian suspects there may be more to the bizarre happenings than just stories, and her school is hiding real secrets. Realising her new friends could be in danger, Lilian sets out to solve the mysteries of Shadowhall Academy once and for all...



Reading Celebration

On the 16th 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.

Accelerated Reader

the most words in years 7 and 8 will be rewarded with a chocolatey treat!

Some fantastic reading has taken place during AR lessons. The classes who read



WBD 2026

In March we celebrated World Book Day. The children were overjoyed to discover they were not being taught Maths by their usual teachers, but instead a range of Wallys from Where's Wally!

Throughout the day, a variety of book related events were planned for everyone to get involved in. Each lesson began with part of a story being shared. As the day progressed, we were all very excited to hear more of the story before predicting how we thought it might end.

During tutor time, years 7 and 8 got involved in The Masked Reader whilst years 9-13 tested their book knowledge with a quiz. There were some incredible entries in the Reading Rocks competition. Congratulations to Emilia F who won first prize with a wonderful selection of beautifully painted rocks. Second place went to Archie B who painted a wonderful Aslan from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. In third place we had Rosie G with a fabulous Snoopy. Well done to all who entered for demonstrating the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Participation.

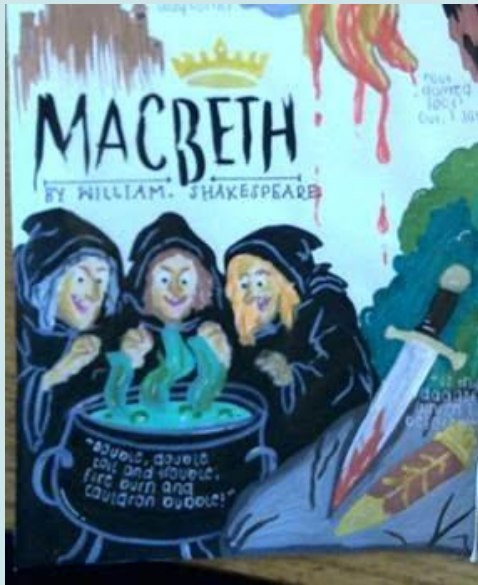


WORLD BOOK DAY



Year 9 Macbeth

Mrs Lathall's year 9 English class were asked to design a new cover for the play, Macbeth. Their design needed to reflect the themes of the play and a key quotation. I'm sure you'll agree, they have done an incredible job!



Millionaire readers

Lots of wonderful reading took place last term with some students managing to read over a million words! Well done to the following students:

Year 7

Pola K 3,178,126

Fred T 3,166,547

Bryan A 2,844,060

James T 2,612,392

Chico L 2,451,186

Yna S 1,756,980

Maximilian I 1,618,738

Alice C 1,522,027

Isaac C 1,032,625

Barney A 1,321,572

Kacper K 1,131,109

Katie H 1,161,738

Sellena P 1,032,625

Year 8

Mara S 2,592,089

Christeena R 2,273,434

Christo K 2,033,712

George M 1,455,932

Euan Connolly 1,375,518

Nikola N 1,311,933

Eniowo O 1,251,704

Breanna Q 1,078,315



STAR Reading

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.



Useful Websites



Great for book recommendations by age, tips on reading together, and themed book lists.



Offers reviews, extracts, and "If you liked this, try..." suggestions - great for finding similar books your child might enjoy.



Via your local library. Free access to eBooks and audiobooks using a library card - perfect for on-the-go reading.



Oxford Owl for Home Includes free reading materials, tips, and resources for parents to help with comprehension skills.



Child-friendly news stories to help with non-fiction reading and critical thinking.

Helping Your Child Love Reading

1. Make Time to Talk About Books Encourage your child to discuss what they're reading - characters they like, plot twists, or new vocabulary. Even a 5-minute chat builds connection and comprehension.

2. Let Them Choose Support their reading preferences - graphic novels, audiobooks, magazines, and non-fiction all count. Ownership leads to engagement.



3. Be a Reading Role Model If your child sees you reading regularly - whether it's a book, magazine or recipe - it helps normalise reading as part of everyday life.

4. Set Small Goals Help them set achievable reading goals, like reading a chapter a night or finishing a book by the weekend. Celebrate small wins. **Use Technology Wisely** If your child prefers screens, try e-books or apps like Audible or BorrowBox to keep them engaged.



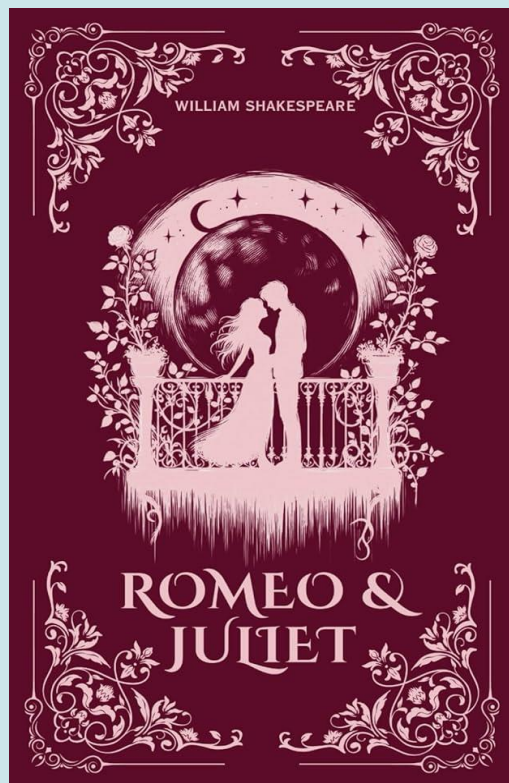
Romeo and Juliet

On Monday 6th July during period 3, we have a theatre company coming into school to perform Romeo and Juliet for our year 8 students.

They have been studying the play this half term so watching the performance will hopefully really help secure their understanding of the play.

The cost is £4 and this has been set up on Arbor.

Children who are in receipt of free school meals do not need to make the payment.



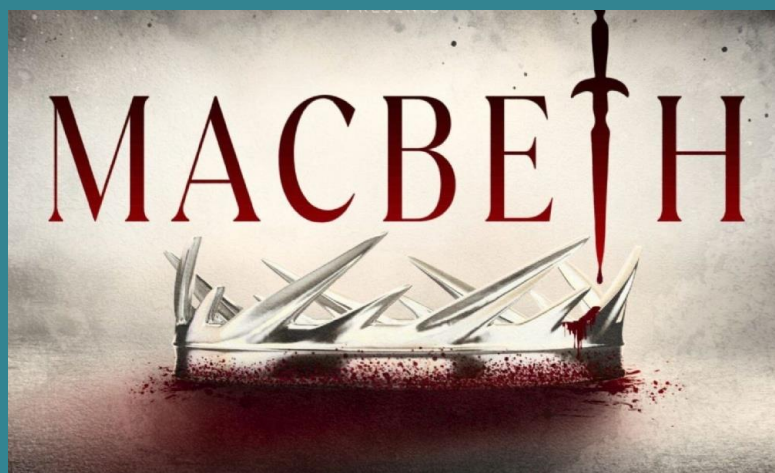
Macbeth

On Monday 6th July during p1, we have arranged for a theatre company to come and perform Macbeth for our year 9 students.

This is a GCSE text so it is important that students have a secure understanding of the plot and how the characters interact.

The cost is £4 and this has been set up on Arbor.

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I'd love to hear your book recommendations. Please email me at Lathall.I@allsaints.notts.sch.uk with your top reads!

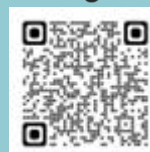


You can also send me any reading related news that you'd like me to share. I look forward to hearing from you.

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