

LIBRARY NEWS

Spring has sprung and May Day marks the start of summer.

An exciting last term is underway with a new round of Reading Leaders. In March, annual World Book Day celebrations whipped up a reading frenzy around the school.

With exam season upon us it is now time to refocus. If revision stress becomes too much, why not take time out with a good book?

The library team would like to wish all Year 11 and 13 students the very best of luck in their exams and the same to Year 10 and 12 students in their mocks. Happy half-term reading when it comes!



Year 9 Reading Leaders with their Year 7 Reading Partners at the end of their 10-week programme. A programme designed to provide literacy support, improve reading skills and share the love of reading. A new cohort of year 7 students have recently embarked upon their reading leader journey.

The Carnegies shortlist books are here!

The Carnegies are the UK's longest running and best-loved book awards for children and young people and aim to spark a lifelong passion for reading by connecting more children with books that will change lives.

The 2026 Carnegie Medal for Writing shortlist has been whittled down from 19 longlist titles, and are all available to borrow from the library:

Ghostlines by Katya Balen (Bloomsbury Children's Books)

Not Going to Plan by Tia Fisher (Hot Key Books)

Popcorn by Rob Harrell (Piccadilly Press)

The Boy I Love by William Hussey (Andersen Press)

Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody by Patrick Ness, illustrated by Tim Miller (Walker)

Wolf Siren by Beth O'Brien (HarperCollins Children's Books)

Twenty-Four Seconds from Now by Jason Reynolds (Faber & Faber)

Birdie by J. P. Rose (Andersen Press)



Watch this space for when the winner is announced in June.

READING LIST LINKS

Year 7 Fiction [Year 7 Reading List 2026.docx](#)

Year 8 Fiction [Year 8 Reading List UPDATED.docx](#)

Year 9 Fiction [Year 9 Reading List UPDATED.docx](#)

KS3 Non-Fiction [KS3 Reading List Non-Fiction.docx](#)

Year 10/11 Fiction [YRS 10&11 READING LISTS.docx](#)

KS4 Non-Fiction [KS4 Reading List Non-Fiction.docx](#)

Year 12/13 Fiction [KS5 FICTION Reading List.docx](#)

KS5 Non-Fiction [KS5 Reading List - NON fiction.docx](#)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Carnegie Children's Book Awards – May/ June 2026

World Environment Day – 5th June 2026

Empathy Day – 11th June 2026

Refugee Week – 15 – 21st June 2026

National Writing Day – 19th June 2026

Pride Month – June 2026

WORD

MILLIONAIRE

Congratulations to not one but several Word Millionaires!

A massive well done to Aaliyah S, Faustina A, Padme W, Esme S, Ginevra G, Ava H, Gloria I, Starr-Sofia S, Irine S, Maidah S, Anaisha B, Aoife O'R-B, Natasha N, Beatrix F, Izabelle F and Sigourney D. They have all recently reached Millionaire status. An amazing achievement! Who wants to be the next Word Millionaire? Keep on reading!

And as if a million isn't enough we have three students, who have reached multi-millionaire status. A huge congratulations to Emily G, Oluwatosin F and Trinitee A who have surpassed the two-million-word mark and are reading their way to three million. Mighty reading efforts!



When you buy a physical book from [lovereading4kids](http://lovereading4kids.com), 25% of the cover price will be given to our school.

Buy something for our library from the Year of Peace wish list! Gift a book today.

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/wishlists/8f2d6c3f5df3a2ef2babffe553bbb5a4>



World Book Day was celebrated on 19th March this year in various forms across the school, from dress-up day, Who's behind the Mask? "book cover" door designs and Book Island in the library. Well done to everyone who made World Book Day 2026 such a fantastic event and congratulations to all our winners!

The day was a complete success! It started with the evaluation of the form doors. All forms were asked to design their door related to a book of their choice. Some of the favourites are displayed below.

There was also the Who's that behind the Mask – a competition that was held where certain teachers (and a student) were asked to read a passage from Katya Balen's October, October whilst wearing a mask. Students had to guess the correct reader in the quickest time possible as a form. The winning form was **8F (Mrs Cousins)**!

Students and teachers were asked to dress up as book characters, All costumes were amazing! Best Dressed Prize, as nominated by the students, went to **Ms Maple-Waller**, dressed as the Wicked Witch of the West.

In the library we hosted Book Island and are delighted to announce year 10 student **Eve Croke** as this year's winner.



In the last newsletter we proudly announced that one of our Year 7 students won the Verse Novel Challenge competition run by the National Literacy trust. Here is the haul of new books that we were able to purchase for the library and here is Letticia receiving her new books.



Following on from Letticia's reading challenge success, we are running our very own exciting Reading Challenge to tie in with the forthcoming 2026 World Cup. The **GOAL** is for students to read and review at least one book written by an author from one of the 48 countries participating in the World Cup or a book that is set in one of those countries. World Cup review forms are available in the library. Please submit your review to one of us in the library week ending July 10th. Students will be rewarded for each review they submit and each entry will be entered into a prize draw.

Would you like to see more new books on our shelves, then please nominate our school library and a chance to win a book token for yourself: **Win £1,000 / €1,000 for your school's library! | National Book Tokens**



AUTHOR VISIT – TAM SIN WINTER

We are delighted to announce that Tamsin Winter, award-winning author of *Being Miss Nobody* and *Jemima Small Versus the Universe* will be visiting on 6th July. All of her titles are available in the library so feel free to pop in and browse. There will also be the opportunity to pre-order or purchase your favourite one to have signed by the author on the day.



If you are interested in hearing more from other authors talking about their favourite books why not take a look at the latest Bookdrop newsletter.

<http://authorfy.com/bookdrop-newsletter/>

Blue Peter Book Badge

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