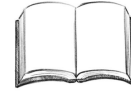


Library News



We have been thrilled to welcome some new additions to the library this term (see image below!) and we are always on the lookout for new titles to keep the library well-stocked with exciting new reads. If you have a suggestion for the library then don't forget to head on over and put it in the suggestion box.

In other library news, we were given the honour of attending the grand opening of Corfe Hills' Little Free Library. Mr Dyer and some of our students enjoyed a lovely afternoon with hot chocolate and a book chat in the Corfe Hills Library, before choosing a book to keep from the Little Free Library.

The Outdoor Library is a community resource and is open to all, so please take a book to read when you're passing! A massive congratulations to Mrs Lynch, Corfe Hill's Learning Resource Centre Manager, for organising and implementing this wonderful addition to the school.



Mrs Edwards joins the library!

Hi there, my name is Mrs. Edwards and I am the new librarian at Lockyer's. I have worked in schools for over 20 years and being a librarian has always been my dream job, so I feel really lucky to be here! I have just finished reading 'The Shark Caller' by Zillah Bethell. It was brilliantly written and the plot twist took me completely by surprise. (I won't say too much so I don't give anything away.)

I have an amazing group of student librarians who help me to keep the library tidy, fix books and add new books to the computer system when they arrive and we work hard to make sure its the best possible library it can be.

We love it when the library is filled with people quietly enjoying the books and magazines that we have so please do come along if you haven't already.

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Read on for book recommendations, reading challenges and more!



Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Mini Challenge will be running on The Reading Agency's children's website from 1 December 2025 to 20 February 2026. A wintery extension to the 'Story Garden' theme that so many of our pupils got involved with over the summer.

Children need to read 3 books and review them on the website, and they will get a special online badge for their profile and new digital winter certificate of achievement.

Take part in the Winter Mini Challenge: <https://orlo.uk/vD6AP>



Interested in a Super Winter Challenge?

A challenge to read a certain amount of books in a period of time is a great way to keep our reading momentum going but how can we help to expand our reading diet? What can fuel us into branching out into different avenues of stories and experiences? A reading challenge of a different sort! See if you can tick off any of these challenges from readbrightly.com over the winter months:

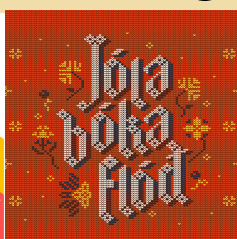
- Read a book that is set in the snow. ❄️
- Read a book while enjoying your favourite hot drink. ☕
- Build a pillow fort and read a book inside it. 🛖
- Warm up! Read a book set at the beach. ☀️
- Read a book published the year you were born. 📅
- Read a book with a cover you're not completely crazy about. 😐

Grown Up Book Swap

Books for everyone! We have set up a Grown-Ups only Book Swap that premiered at our Parents' Evenings and it was a great success! There's nothing better than having a bookshelf to peruse whilst waiting for an appointment and we were so pleased to see many parents bringing books of their own to leave on the swap table. We look forward to continue swapping at more events in the future!



Have you heard of Jólabókaflóð?



A wonderful Icelandic Christmas tradition which translates as 'Yule Book Flood'. Originating during WW2 when many foreign imports were restricted but paper was cheap, the gifting of a book on Christmas Eve and *then spending the evening reading* has captured the hearts of book lovers worldwide!

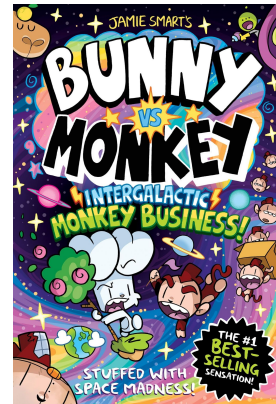
What to Read Next?



Year 5 Recommendation

Bunny VS Monkey: Intergalactic Monkey Business! by Jamie Smart
Reviewed by Tobias

I like this book because it is hilarious, addictive and the characters are so cute! Every chapter is funny, especially the ones where Monkey is working with aliens. I think the best character is Pig, but I also like Skunky and Le Fox (Le Fox got turned into a ghost in book 3, but then turned back to a solid creature). My least favourite part of the book was the part where Monkey ate a disgusting sandwich for social media, but only got 1 Like! I would recommend this book because it is perfect for all ages! This book is full of laughs, screams and Monkey being a hooligan. This book is an excellent read for every human being!



Year 7 Recommendation

Lottie Brooks Vs The Ultra Mean Girls by Katie Kirby

Reviewed by Sophie

Lottie Brooks is a teenage girl who finds herself in trouble with the TUMGG (The Ultra Mean Girl Gang) after Lottie had a big fight with her ex-bestie Amber. Lottie and her gang (TQOEG) try winning Amber back but nothing seems to be going right. When Amber declares a rap battle it all falls apart for Lottie.

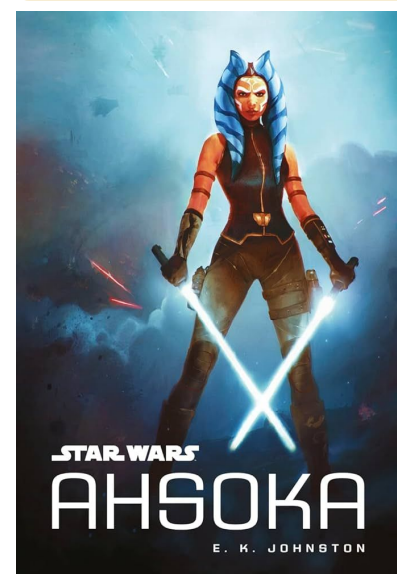
Can she sort everything out or will her whole world start to crumble?



Staff Recommendation by Mr Joyce

Ahsoka by E.K. Johnston

Ahsoka is an exciting adventure that follows Ahsoka Tano after the fall of the Jedi. Hiding from the Empire, she must be brave, smart, and true to herself while facing danger at every turn. The story is full of action, suspense, and heart, showing how Ahsoka grows stronger and wiser. Fans of Star Wars will love seeing her story continue, and even newcomers will be drawn into her thrilling journey.



2026 - The National Year of Reading!

As we get ready to say goodbye to 2025, we look ahead to what is promising to be an exciting year with the government commissioned campaign: The National Year of Reading 2026. At Lockyer's we are looking forward to getting involved with the 'Go All In' campaign and organising more exciting reading opportunities for our whole community! If you would like to find out more about the campaign, follow this link: <https://www.goallin.org.uk/>



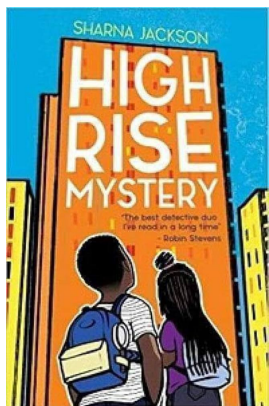
Everyone knows the benefits of reading: it expands your world, sharpens your mind. It might even make you more creative or successful.

Look out for events such as: Read for Good Readathon (sponsored read), World Book Day, Book swaps, and more!

The National Year of Reading 2026 has a simple but ambitious vision: to (re)connect people of all ages with reading as a meaningful, modern, and social activity. Reading is not only a skill for school or work but a practice that brings relevance and joy to everyday life, connecting people with stories and ideas that reflect their cultures, interests, and needs.

The ambition is that the National Year of Reading 2026 will make lasting change to the reading habits of the nation to reverse the decline in reading for pleasure and unlock one of the most powerful tools for equity and opportunity: a love of reading that lasts a lifetime.

What our classes are currently reading



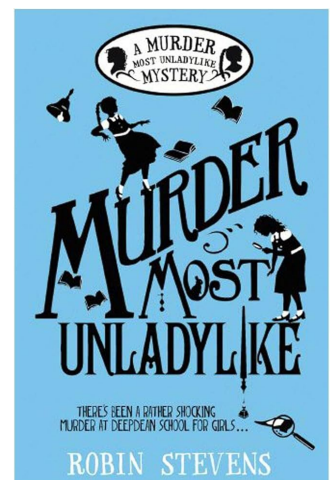
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