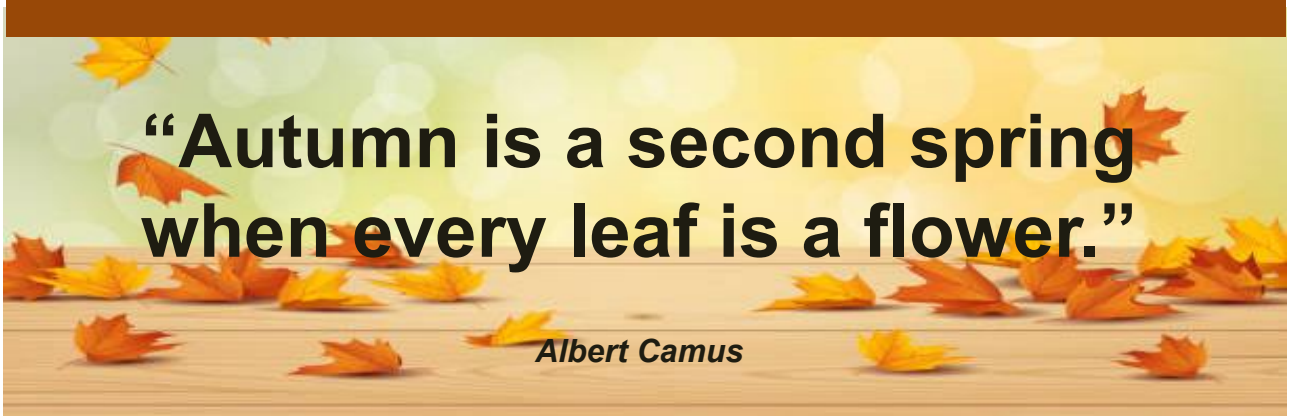
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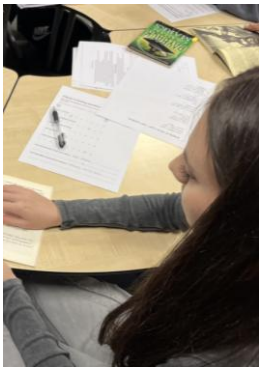
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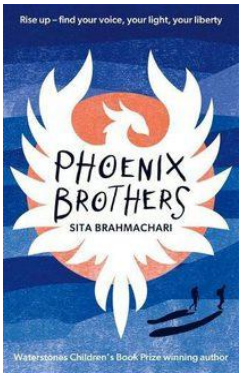
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“The aim of the library is to create the environment and facilities where students and staff may read, study and seek information.”

BOOKBUZZ 2026

This term our Yr7 students have had the opportunity to choose a free book to take home as part of the Bookbuzz reading programme from BookTrust. There are 16 amazing books to choose from which include non-fiction, comic books and fiction titles.

To find out more about this wonderful programme visit:

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-we-help/programmes/bookbuzz-secondary/



All about the books – watch the author video here to find out more…





READER LEADERS!





As part of their involvement in the Paired Reading programme 22 of our Yr12 students took part in **Reader Leader training** in the last term.

This training this year was provided in-house by Ms Beard and Mrs Newton. The Yr12 Leaders learnt how to be reading mentors and gain knowledge in phonics, word knowledge and the reading process as well as understanding barriers to learning and how to be an effective mentor.

Sessions have now begun every Thursday for 20 Yr8 students and will continue through to next Spring.





Y9 Reading Circle

Following on from the success of the Yr9 Reading Circle programme last year we have revived it again for 2026/27. The Yr9 Reading Circle runs every Thursday form time for a select group of Year 9 students.

Supported by Mr Leghorn and Mrs Newton Library Manager and 3 Yr12 students the aim of these sessions is to help with practicing reading and comprehension skills in readiness for their GCSE's.

The positive impact this has on the student's reading ability is measured via assessments carried out by the English Department during the academic year.

READING REBOOT BOOKCLUB

Following a successful bid to the SLA (School Library Association) we are now officially taking part in the School Library Association Reading Reboot programme.

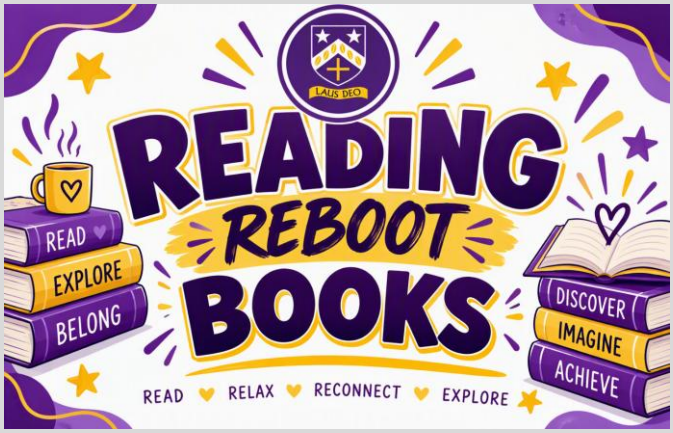
https://www.sla.org.uk/Public/News/Articles/2026/Unboxing_Reading_Reboot.aspx

This is a reading programme fully funded by the Charlotte Aitken Trust and developed by the School Library Association.

Reading Reboot is a high impact reading programme designed for Year 8 pupils. Through school librarian-led social book clubs, the programme offers a generation of young people the opportunity to build their own lasting relationship with books and reading.

Free choice and no academic pressure - Reading Reboot is about supporting young people to discover the joy of reading on their own terms. expertly curated by the SLA and publishers. There is no requirement to read for achievement.

The programme will run for 30 weeks and includes 200 brand new FREE books. 100 books are specially curated by the SLA and the other 100 will be selected by our own students.



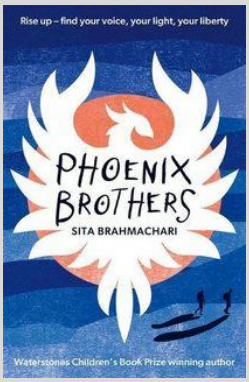


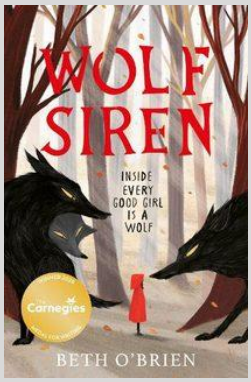


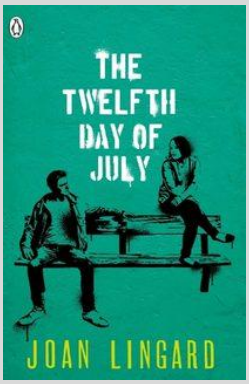
READING TEACHERS – READING PUPILS IS BACK!

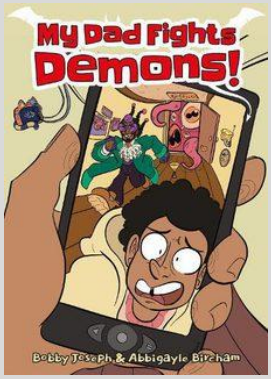
Reading Teachers = Reading Pupils (RTRP) is Cheltenham Festivals' flagship outreach project designed to inspire teachers and pupils to read for pleasure because children who read for pleasure experience high levels of well-being, engage in learning and are successful in life.

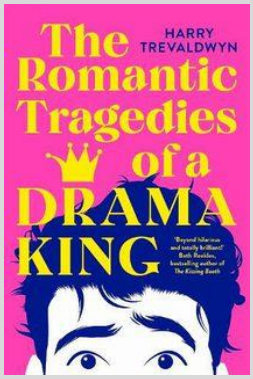
We can't wait to get stuck into this year's titles and share our thoughts with students.











You can find out more about this fantastic programme and relevant resources here: https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.org/our-projects/reading-teachers-reading-pupils

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SCREEN FREE DAYS

Teenagers spend a lot of time on screens, and too much screen time can have negative effects on their health. To help our students minimise their time on laptops we have introduced 2 screen free break and lunchtimes in the library. **Every Tuesday Thursday & Friday** we encourage everyone to pick up a book, play a board game or just chat with friends.

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/social-media-and-mental-health/



Great news for Kings Heath!

Alongside next year's renovation works to weatherproof and modernise the building, we've now had confirmation that the library will be resourced to open five days a week, up from the current four days. The changes will also remove the current lunchtime closure, making it easier to plan your visit or to just drop in when convenient.

This is another positive step in securing the long-term future of Kings Heath Library and will help even more of our community access and benefit from all it has to offer.

Opening hours from Jan 2027:
Mon 9am-5pm
Tues 10am-6pm
Thurs 9am-5pm
Fri 9am-5pm
Sat 9am-5pm



LOCAL HEROES

We are extremely lucky to have three wonderful independent bookshops right here in Kings Heath.

How Brave is the Wren – York Road
The Heath Bookshop – Kings Court (opposite ASDA)
The Book Tower – Poplar Road





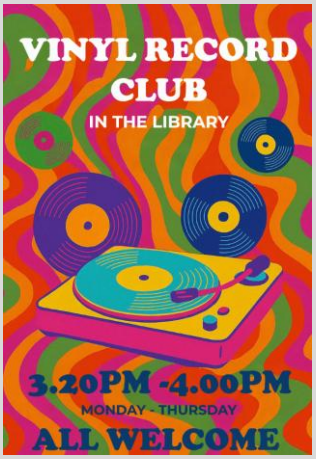


These shops offer a fantastic selection of books to cover all reading tastes and they also have a variety of events running throughout the year including book talks, author visits and story-telling sessions. Why not check them out next time you're on the High Street and support your local bookshop…

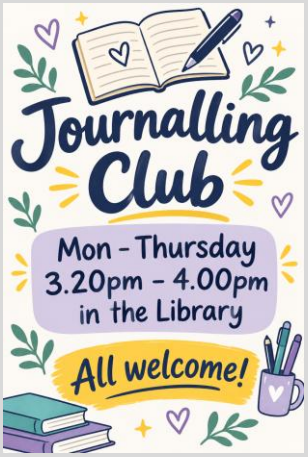
Bookshop.org

LIBRARY CLUBS

We now have 4 incredible extra curricular clubs that take place in our school library. Whatever your interests we have something for everyone!



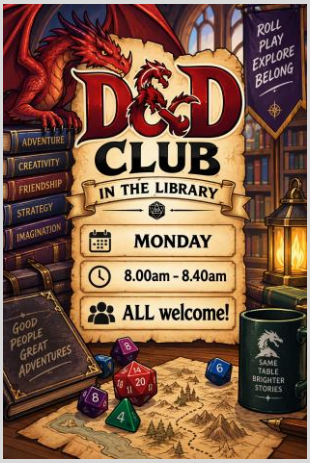
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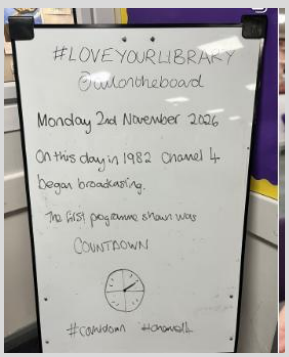
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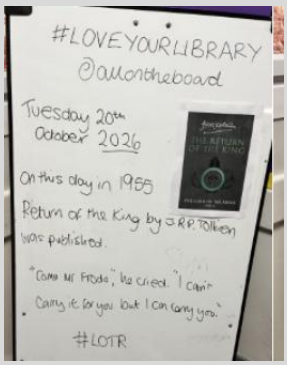
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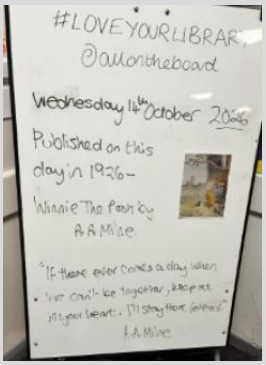
Our **@allontheboard** feature is as popular as ever. We love sharing what's being celebrated around the world with topics such as awareness days, famous birthdays, historical events and much more being covered.

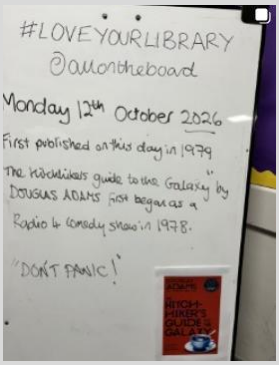
You can keep up with our daily **@allontheboard** messages as well as all the other events going on in the library via our Facebook and Instagram pages.

@bishopchallonercathloiccollege and @bishopchallonerolc









BOOK SUGGESTIONS



Do you have a favourite author, book genre, hobby or subject at school and would like to see more books about this in the library?

We have a brand-new suggestions box and cards and would love to hear what you'd like to see in your school library.

Just pop in and grab a card and post it in the box.

We buy new books throughout the year and always check your suggestions before placing our orders.



Northfield Quiet Reading Club

Read what you want for an hour, then chat or read some more.

6:30pm - 8:00pm
2nd Wednesday of the month

Northfield Arts Forum Shop,
Northfield Shopping Centre, B31 2JU



Books



E-Books



Audio Books with Headphones



Comics



Magazines



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Hosting an event/class? Share across our social media & let people know ADD for FREE: www.bvoices.uk/events

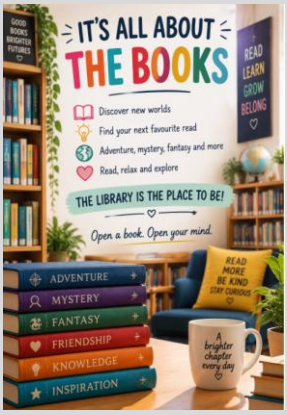
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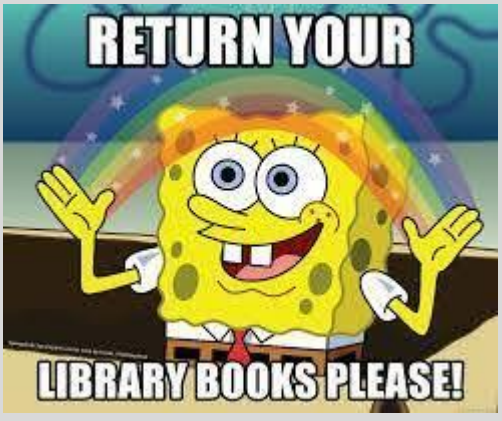








This terms library displays have included: Black History Month, What's On in Birmingham and Kings Heath, Non-Fiction November, Manga and Graphic Novels and our beautiful BRUM ❤



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

Please remember to check at home for any overdue library books.

We don't charge fines but won't allow students to loan any more books until they have returned any books still outstanding on their account.

Turn on the Subtitles

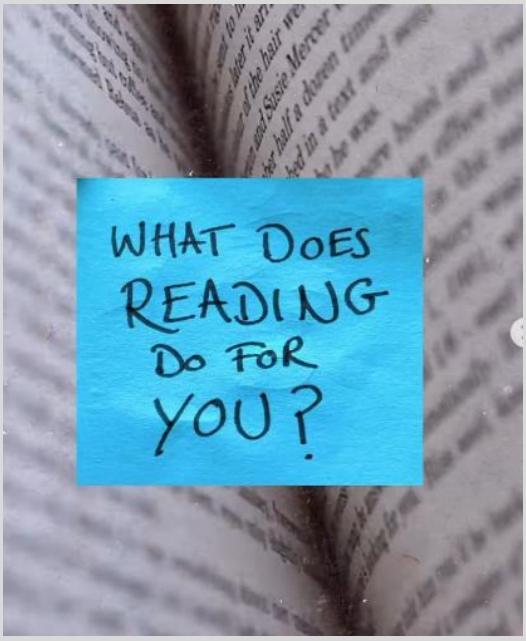


Turning on quality subtitles means your child will read a staggering number of words.

Put them on and your child will read the equivalent number of words that are in all the Harry Potter books, all of the Lord of the Rings, all of the Chronicles of Narnia and everything Roald Dahl wrote, combined!

Research has shown that it can double the chance of your child leaving school as a proficient reader. You can turn them on for the whole family or most streaming services will now allow you to do it just for children's profiles.

WHAT DOES READING DO FOR YOU?



I READ TO... we asked some of our students how reading makes them feel.

Their responses were wonderful and showed us just how important reading is to boost your mood and as part of your self-care. You can find out more about **MOOD BOOSTING BOOKS** and lots of other great reading resources on The Reading Agency website.

https://readingagency.org.uk/

When I read I feel like I'm leaving my body and my world. I feel transported into the book and the characters.

Reading gives you the opportunity to live a 1000 different lives through the characters you encounter. It helps you understand the world around you with a wider perspective.

I like reading as it makes me feel like I am in another world.

I like reading as it relaxes me. I just read the words and it takes me to another place.
I love to read!

Reading makes me feel like I'm in another reality. I helps with my vocabulary which is important to help me get good grades in my essay based subjects.

I read to escape to other worlds that I'll never be able to go to in real life.

Reading is fun! I become sympathetic towards the characters and that helps my connection with the story.

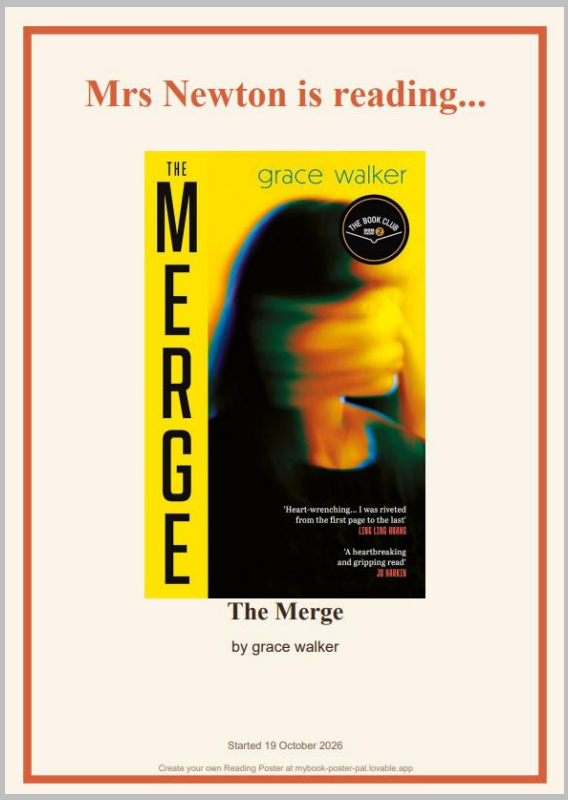
WHAT ARE WE READING?

"Sharing stories and books is an essential part of a child's healthy and successful development, and the best thing is that it's never too early to start sharing book."

"As children grow, the opportunity to share stories naturally extends into the classroom and school library space."
Literacy Trust Blog Jan 2025

Here at **Bishop Challoner** we encourage all our staff to share their most recent reads. They can do this via posters displayed on their classroom or office door or through their email signature.

For more information and suitable resources on what and how to read with your child please visit:
https://wordsforlife.org.uk/





READ, REVIEW, REPEAT

Every time a student loans a book from the school library we ask them if they would like to write a book review.

Book reviews are a great way to encourage your child to:

- reflect on what they have read
- think about how that made them feel
- what characters, scenes or themes stuck out to them?
- Is it a book they have enjoyed that someone else might also like to read?

Creating a book review is also a great way to support their writing skills. It encourages them to think and chat about a book they like.

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day will...

- Improve focus and concentration
- Have a world of imagination and creativity opened to them
- Be exposed to 1.8 million words a year
- Develop a love for learning
- Learn how to develop empathy
- Have stronger writing skills
- Have a broad vocabulary
- Improve test results
- Improve critical thinking skills
- Improve and strengthen memory
- Have better general knowledge
- Improve communication skills
- Have reduced stress levels

EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS & ONLINE MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

This term we have continued to promote the benefits of e-books and other online reading resources to our students. All our students have been given information about an app called **Libby.**

LIBBY APP - Birmingham Public Libraries

To access their e catalogue (**Overdrive**) you just need to register via the link below: **It will then give you access to the Libby App.**

Once you have registered and receive a SELFREG number you just need to email : enquiries@libraryofbirmingham.com and request an account.

It takes just a couple of minutes to do this and then you will have access to some great resources - new titles, trending titles, classics, non - fiction and over 1700 magazines - all FREE to borrow.

https://birmingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN

E-BOOKS APPS

e-books are a great way to access books, magazines and audiobooks. There are loads of great e-books apps around for you to access a huge range of resources.

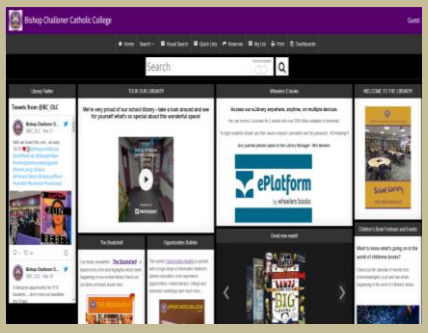
KINDLE – The Kindle App has a selection of **free** books available including many classic titles. If you have **Prime membership** you can access even more titles via Prime Reading including magazines.

PROJECT GUTENBURG - Project Gutenburg is a library of over 70,000 ebooks. Although, primarily US titles there are some interesting books choose from.

OBOOKO – Free online fiction and non-fiction titles for ages 13+

ONLINENEWSPAPERS.COM – Thousands of newspapers listed by country and region.

ONLINEMAGAZINES – Thousands of magazines listed by category.



ACCESSIT – Check out our library dashboard to see what's new in our library.

https://uk.accessit.online/bsh09/#!dashboard



WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY?

We love a new book and especially when they arrive just in time for cosy winter evenings..

We try to cater for everyone's reading interests and we aim to provide a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles of all abilities. If we don't have what you want in stock please do let us know and we'll order it in.

To find out what's new in the library you can search our library catalogue here:

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DONATIONS

Do you have any unwanted board games, craft items or vinyl records you would be happy to donate to our school library clubs?
The clubs are a great way for our students to socialise and make new friends. Your donations could help students discover new hobbies, be creative and have fun.



LIBRARY OPENING TIMES



Mon - Thurs - 8.00am - 4.00
Friday - 8.00am – 2.30pm