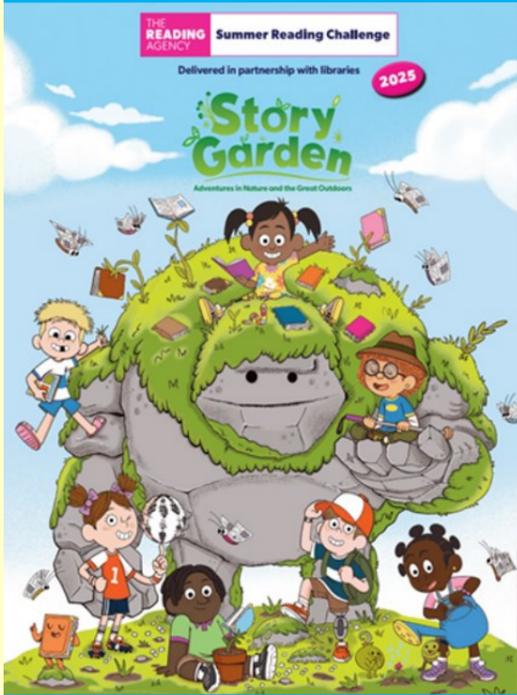




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“One benefit of Summer was that each day we had more light to read by.”- *Jeannette Walls, The Glass Castle*

JULY HIGHLIGHTS: SUMMER READING CHALLENGE, D&D UPDATE, LOAN STATS, WOMEN'S EURO 2025, SCI-FI BOOK COVER COMPETITION WINNERS.



This year's online **Summer Reading Challenge** starts on Friday the **20th of June**. The theme for 2025 is Story Garden and focus's on titles featuring animals and nature. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. Reach your goal and unlock a limited-edition online badge and a certificate. The Challenge significantly improves your reading skills and confidence. Taking part in the scheme can prevent the summer 'dip' in reading and aid students with the successful transition to new year groups and key stages.

Take part in the Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge by signing up at: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Teachers can find more information on the student reading scheme at: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src>

Staff can sign up for their own reading challenge at: <https://www.teachersreadingchallenge.org.uk>



**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS.** OUR VERY OWN YOUNG DUNGEON MASTER KELLY LEADS HIS THREE INTREPID TREASURE HUNTERS THROUGH HIS FIRST SELF CREATED D&D CAMPAIGN SCENARIO. WE CURRENTLY HAVE A TOTAL OF FIVE GREAT STUDENT DUNGEON MASTERS DELIVERING THEIR OWN ORIGINAL STORIES DURING OUR AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY BASED SESSIONS.

We finally say a sad farewell to our former year 11's. Our top 3 library loanees from the 2025 leavers group are: **Skylah Osbourne - 123 books** loaned, **Amara Wheeler - 110 books** loaned & **Ariana Nica - 46 books** loaned since September 2020. The following data totals come from the Reading Cloud Library Dashboard and cover the period from September 2024 until June 19th 2025. We have **issued 938 Fiction books** and **158 Non-Fiction books**. Those loans were made by **37.6% of the total student body**. Student access to the library has been limited during the last 12 months due to some SSA operational changes.



Our student librarians have selected a number of relevant titles to populate our new Euro 2025 book display (see above). We have also signed up for a live online author Q&A on **Friday 4th July 2025 at 11am**. The **WOMEN'S EURO 2025 Special** with Tom Palmer & Marcus Dilly: Reading the Game. A spotlight on Rocky of the Rovers, The Soccer Diaries, Secret FC & Armistice Runner. Tom discusses why writing about girls in sport matters, the history of the women's game & the top 5 books about women's football.

**This years mascot is Maddli, named after Madeleine Boll, the first ever female licensed football player in Switzerland.**



**A WOMEN'S EURO 25 Virtual Special with TOM PALMER & MR DILLY**

**READING THE GAME**

On the eve of England Women's EURO 2025 kick-off!

**4th July 11am**



**We were lucky to win 60 copies of author Ramzee's novel 'The Cheat Book'. Many thanks to Ramzee and the BookTrust for this great prize.**

**UEFA Women's EURO 2025**, the 14th edition of the tournament, will be held in Switzerland from the 2nd till 27th July. Switzerland was chosen ahead of bids from Poland, France and, jointly, Denmark/Finland/Norway/Sweden. Women's EURO 2025 final draw:  
**Group A:** Switzerland (hosts), Norway, Iceland, Finland  
**Group B:** Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Italy  
**Group C:** Germany, Poland, Denmark, Sweden  
**Group D:** France, England (holders), Wales, Netherlands



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"Summer was our best season: it was sleeping on the back screened porch in cots, or trying to sleep in the tree house; summer was everything good to eat; it was a thousand colours in a parched landscape; but most of all, summer was Dill." - Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird

## SCIENCE FICTION BOOK COVER DESIGN COMPETITION, WINNING STUDENT ENTRIES

THE ORIGINAL ARTWORKS HAVE BEEN SCANNED, COLOURISED WHERE REQUIRED & HAD GRAPHIC AND TEXT ELEMENTS ADDED USING PUBLISHER AND PRINT SD. THE ENTRIES WERE SUBMITTED IN A MIX OF PENCIL, INK PEN, COLOUR PENCIL, FELT-TIP, ACRYLIC PAINT AND IN DIGITAL FORMAT.

THE 8 WINNERS SHOULD COLLECT THEIR CERTIFICATES AND BOOK PRIZES FROM THE LIBRARY.

MIA SKELLY 7U, HAMZA IQBAL 7D, JOSIE MITCHELL 8D, EVIE KNOTT 8D, KARA MEY ALLSOPP 8R, ELLA LANGLEY 8R, KACIE MILLER 9D & KAYLEIGH WILDE 10U.

