



# The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College



Literacy Newsletter — Term 1 — Dec 2024



**We have had a fantastic time this term within the school with regards to Reading & Literacy.**

**The library continues to thrive and staff and students enjoy reading as part of their daily routine.**



# Rewards for our Top Readers

Students who have engaged in reading over this half-term have been rewarded with book tokens which they can spend on our book vending machine. Check out all of these great reads picked by our top students!





# World Mental Health Day 2024

Students completed various activities in the library to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day in October. Staff and students wore yellow items to increase awareness and encourage conversations about Mental Health.



# Black History Month

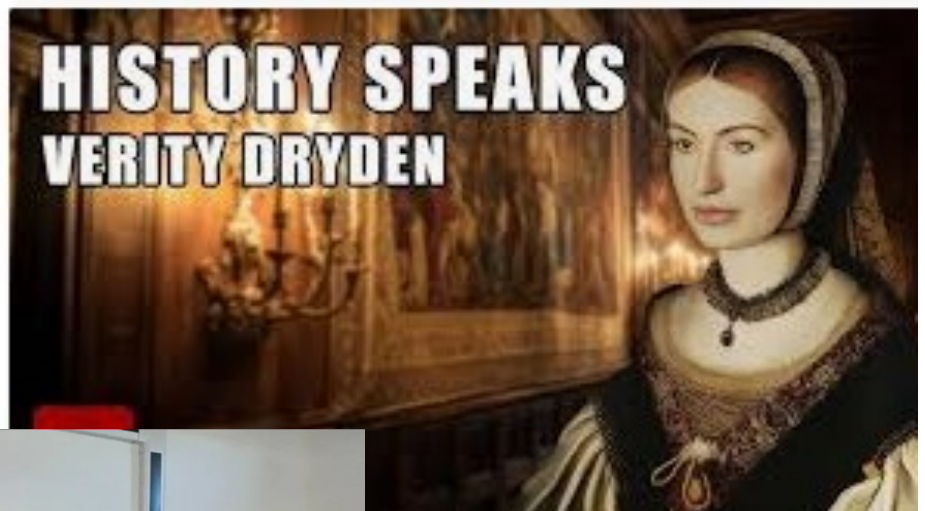


***Black History Month* happens every October. It gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. Students were able to attend the library to look at books linked to recommended reading lists. There were also multiple raising awareness for students to engage with.**



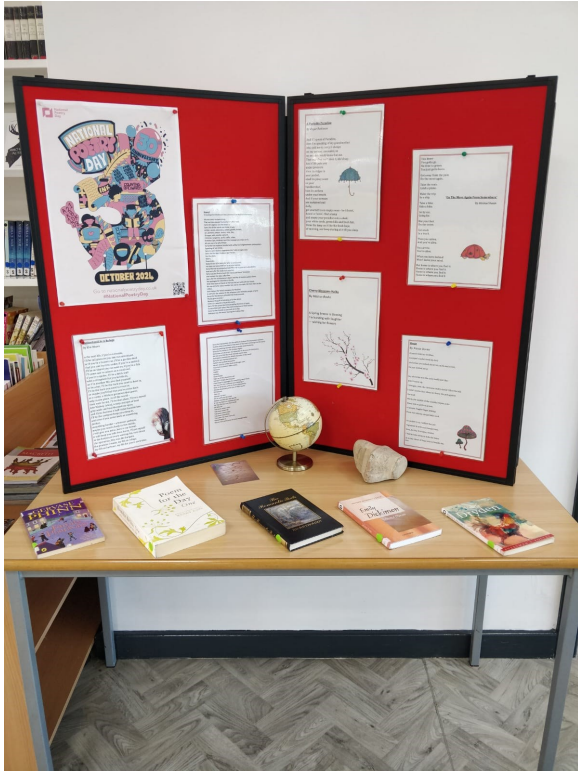
# Author Visit

Historian (former EMS student) Verity Dryden visited college on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. She delivered a mini lecture and Q & A to Year 12 History students. She published her first book 'The Tudor book' in 2023 and is currently working on her second book on Anne Boleyn. The Tudor Book is her account name on Instagram if you wish to follow her. Students thoroughly enjoyed her engaging session.

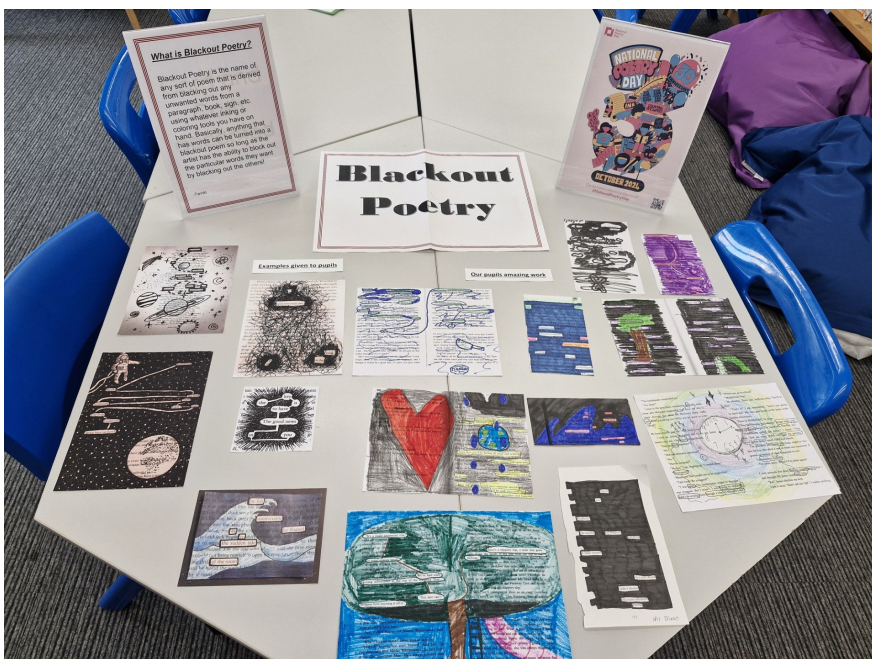




# National Poetry Day-October



Students were able to look at a range of poems in the library. The library was a hive of activity with budding poets. National Poetry Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate poetry from across the world.





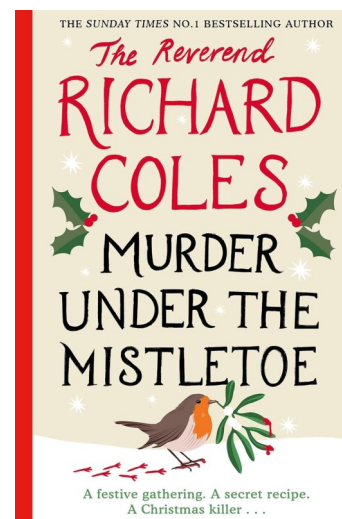
# Christmas Reading Recommendations

## Murder Under The Mistletoe

**-by Rev. Richard Coles**

At the festive feast, peace and goodwill prevail until two meet under the mistletoe. One of them falls down dead. And Daniel suspects murder has returned to Champ-ton...

Can Daniel and Detective Sergeant Neil Vanloo solve the crime and catch the Christmas killer?



Recommended by Mrs Thoburn

## The Great Reindeer Rescue

**-by Stephen Mangan**

It's Christmas Eve and one of Santa's reindeers, Dave, is fed up being stuck behind boastful Rudolph. When Santa crash lands on the roof of nine-year-old Holly's home, it causes an almighty Christmas lights explosion that blasts the reindeers to far-flung corners of the Earth. It's up to Dave and Holly to fly round the world to rescue all the reindeers.



Recommended for KS3



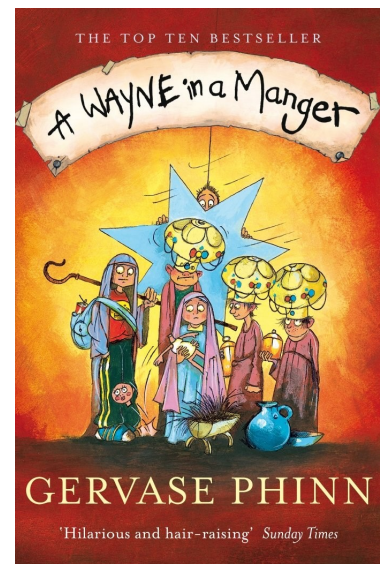
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## A Wayne in a Manger

-by Gervase Phinn

Discover some wonderfully funny and touching nativity play anecdotes, including children forgetting their lines, ad-libbing, falling of the stage, picking their noses and showing their knickers.

Recommended by Scarlett M



## The Boy Who Slept Through Christmas

-by Matt Lucas

Leo loves Christmas, and this Christmas needs to be absolutely perfect, because it's the first one without Mum. Only it all keeps going wrong! Soon Leo decides he's had enough so he makes a heartfelt wish that it would all go away. When Leo wakes up, Christmas is gone. But Leo isn't going to let it escape that easily.

Recommended by Mr Dixon

