



# THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

April - May 2026

OPENING HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY 8.45-4.15PM FRIDAY 8.45-3.45PM



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

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*5<sup>th</sup> March*  
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**World  
Book  
Night**

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*23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026*  
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**Carnegies**

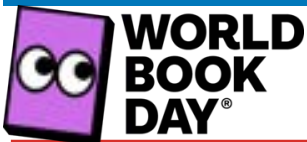
**The Carnegies Book  
Shadowing Group**  
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**St Edward's  
School**

Unity - Achievement - Faith

# World Book Day 2026



## *Books mean Business!*

Students from Year 7 to Sixth Form, along with staff, came together to celebrate 'World Book Day 2026' as part of our year-long celebrations for the National Year of Reading.

Annual surveys by the National Literacy Trust show that the number of children and young people who say they enjoy reading, and read daily in their free time, has declined, with just 1 in 3 people aged between 8 and 18 saying they enjoy reading in the past year.

With a range of literary-themed activities that took place throughout the day, 'World Book Day' at St Edward's truly brought the whole school community together. The celebrations began in tutor time with a football-themed book quiz, which proved to be a great start to the day. During each lesson, we read aloud part of a story. The students loved the twist to the ending. At break time, our Library Ambassadors helped distribute the free World Book Day book tokens to students, while others took part in the BookTok Scavenger Lanyard Hunt around the school.

The book sale and swap were also a huge success, with many pupils taking the opportunity to purchase books at a low cost or exchange a book for free. Thank you to everyone in our school community who helped make World Book Day 2026 such a memorable occasion. Here's to even more reading in 2027!



*Mr Kilpatrick & Mrs Demeter*



We're excited to Go All In during the National Year of Reading 2026! This year, we'll be uniting adults across the UK with reading, by encouraging everyone to join in the #ReadingHour from 7-8pm. Dedicate time to reading alone, having a book club meeting, listening to an audiobook, or reading to children at bedtime.

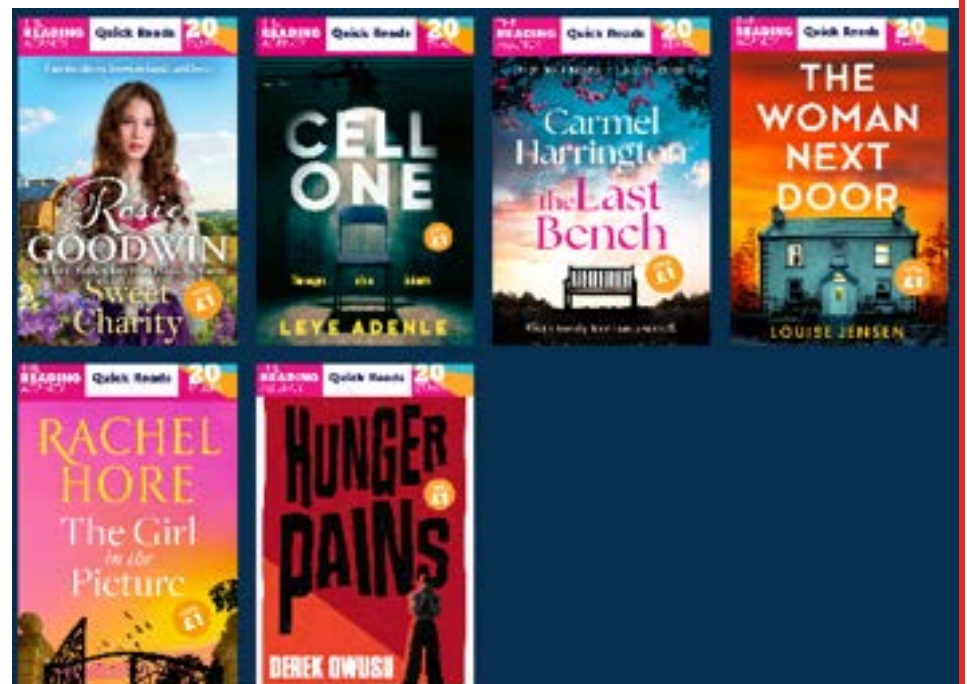
The National Year of Reading is reconnecting reading with the things that already inspire us – from playlists and football matches to films, food and family time. It's reading that fits how we live, not the other way around.

If you're into it, read into it.

World Book Night is run by The Reading Agency, a national charity that tackles life's big challenges through the proven power of reading.

**Get audiobooks for free on Spotify on 23<sup>rd</sup> April on Spotify.**

**Search for World Book Night to find the books.**



# The Carnegie Book Shadowing Group

## THE NEXT CHAPTER

This term, the Library launched a Yoto Carnegie Book Shadowing Group, which students named The Next Chapter. The group brings together fifteen dedicated readers from Years 7–10 to participate in the nationally recognised Carnegie Medal for Writing,

The Carnegie Medal is one of the most prestigious awards in children's literature. Judged by professional librarians, the medal is awarded to a book that demonstrates outstanding literary quality, engages readers deeply, presents authentic and non-stereotypical characterisation, and offers a rewarding and satisfying reading experience.

Since beginning in February, members of The Next Chapter have met weekly in the library to read and discuss titles from the 2026 Longlist. Students took their first books home over half term and have engaged thoughtfully with themes, structure and character development. As part of the shadowing process, the group will predict the official Shortlist before casting their own votes for a winning title ahead of the national announcement in June.



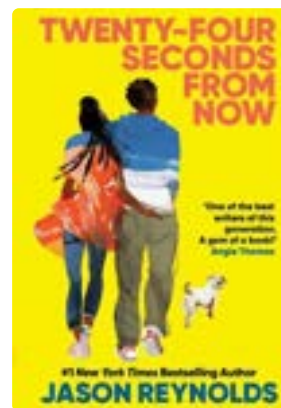
## THE BOOKS

The yoto  
Carnegies



**Birdie**  
by J. P. Rose  
Age Rating: 9+ (Middle Grade)

**Summary:** Set in a 1950s Yorkshire mining town, this emotional story follows a young girl and a headstrong pit pony as they navigate challenges of racism, belonging, and moving to a new home.



**Twenty-Four Seconds from Now**

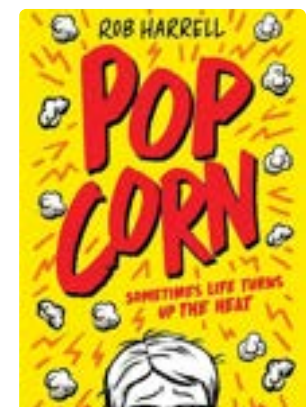
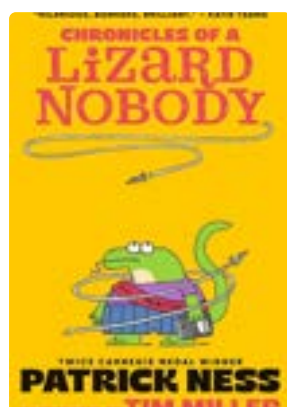
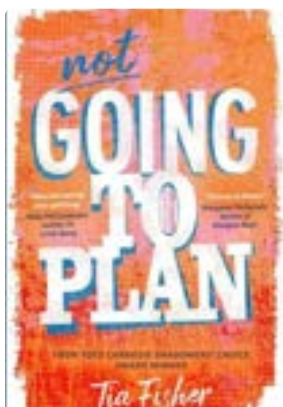
by Jason Reynolds  
Age Rating: 14+ (YA)

**Summary:** A heartfelt story capturing the moments and emotions leading up to a young man's decision to lose his virginity.



**Ghostlines**  
by Katya Balen  
Age Rating: 9–12 (Middle Grade)

**Summary:** A lyrical exploration of connection and the environment from a previous Carnegie Medal winner.



**All of the books that we have read will be available in The Library. See the display board for reviews or ask a Library Ambassador.**

## Bookmark Competition Winners

Well done to everyone that took part.



JASMYN AGNE  
WINNER 2026



MILA KAWA  
BEST IN CREATIVE DESIGN



JAMIE RATCLIFFE  
BEST IN ILLUSTRATION



RAY ROUTLEY  
BEST IN BOOKISH THEME

Bookmarks will be available in The Library soon!

# Library Lessons

**RAFFLE**  
winners

RAFFLE

Students in Years 7 and 8 have a library lesson every two weeks. In these sessions, they are introduced to a wide range of books and authors they may not have encountered before, covering different genres and styles linked to topics studied in English and other subjects.

In addition, students have received visits during tutor time to learn how to use Reading Cloud, including how to search for and reserve books online.

Each half term, a raffle ticket is drawn from the library lesson box. This term's winners are Isabelle Montgomery (Year 7) and Ethan Hayter (Year 8), who have each received a book. Enjoy your reading!

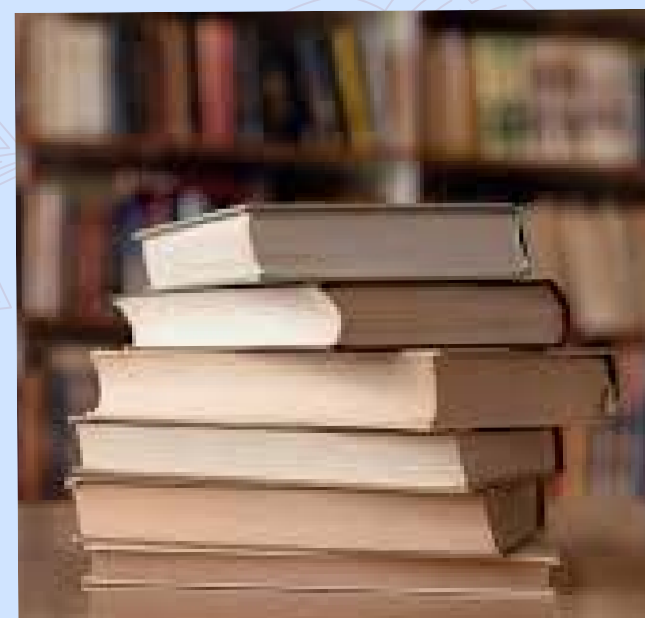


# Library Ambassadors

In the library we are lucky to have Library Ambassadors from all the year groups. I would like to thank Katelyn Henderson-Flood, who will be leaving the school in June after her GCSEs. She has done an amazing job and will be missed. Seven student librarians from years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be continuing in the role. The Library Ambassadors will be in the library at break and lunchtime. You will see them at the library desk issuing and returning books, helping the English department with printing and making resources and helping other students to find something to read.

Do come and ask them for help if you need it. They can be identified by the blue Library Ambassador badges.

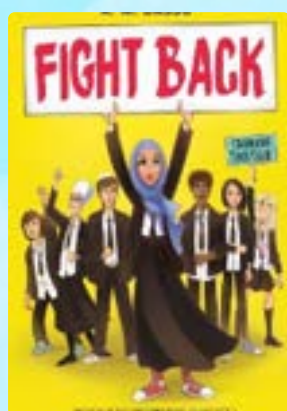
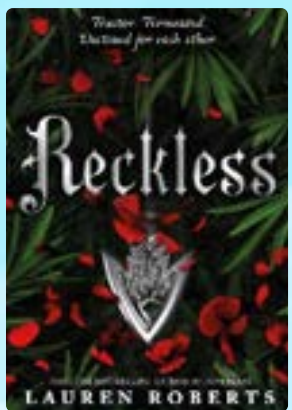
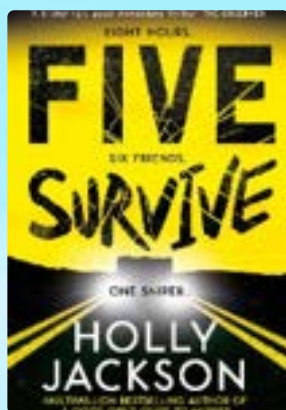
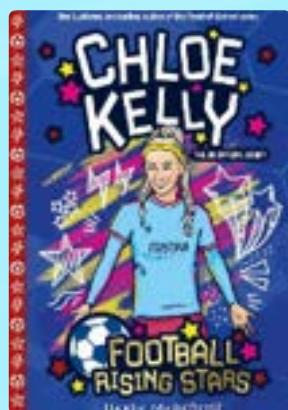
If you would like to help in the Library, please come and talk to the Librarian or a Library Ambassador.



# Spring Reading

## BOOKTRACKER

Top Books Borrowed



### TOP BORROWING BY YEAR GROUPS

Year 10  
Year 7  
Year 8  
Year 11  
Year 9

### Top Borrowers

Yr 7 Theo Welch

Yr 8 Arthur Chirek

Yr 9 Lorelei Render

Yr 10 Asia Toronczak

Yr 11 Paris Underhill



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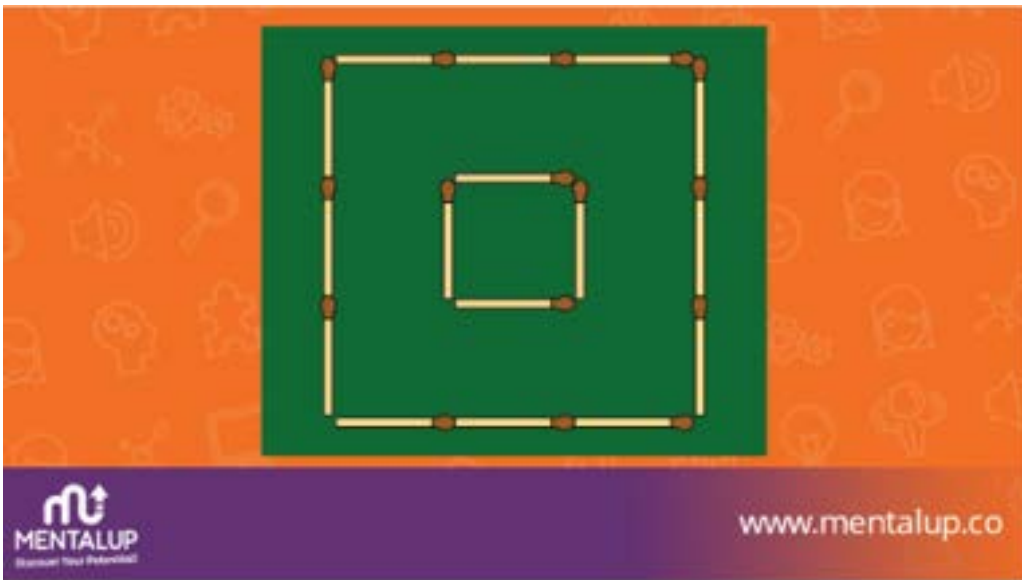
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 <b>Half Term</b>	2 <b>Half Term</b>	3 <b>Half Term</b>
9 <b>Half Term</b>	10 <b>Half Term</b>	11 <b>Half Term</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	10 <b>Half Term</b>
13 BOOK GIVEAWAY	14 <i>Tranquil</i> TUESDAYS	15 	16	17 <b>CARNEGIE BOOK CLUB</b>
20	21 <i>Tranquil</i> TUESDAYS	22 	23 	24 <b>CARNEGIE BOOK CLUB</b>
27	28	29 	30	1 <b>CARNEGIE BOOK CLUB</b>

Open after school  
3.15-4.15pm  
Fri 3.15-3.45pm

## April Events & Competitions

World Book Night - 23 April - read for 1 hour  
Bournemouth Writing Festival 24-26 April

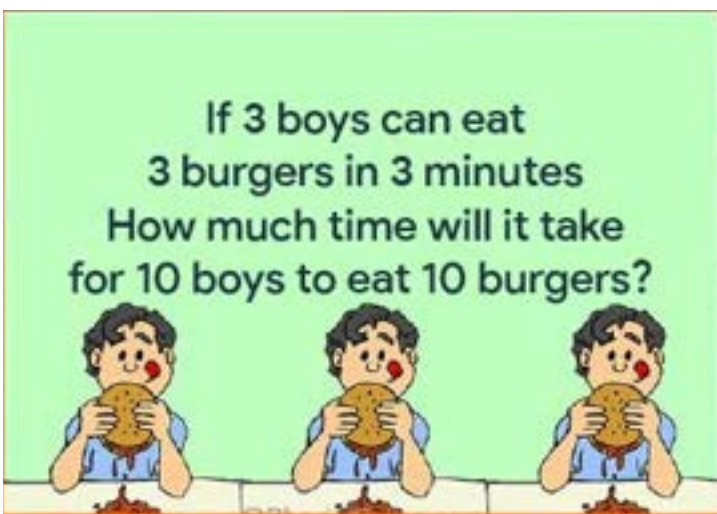
# Puzzles & Competitions



Sudoku #1

	6	2		3	7	1	4	
	4	1		6			3	
	3	5	1	4	9		6	8
5	8			7				2
			3	8	5	4		
					2	3		5
	5				6	8		3
		9	8			7	5	
3	2	8		5		9		

Can you move four matchsticks to form three squares? 🤖



If 3 boys can eat 3 burgers in 3 minutes  
How much time will it take  
for 10 boys to eat 10 burgers?

**Check in The Library for  
current competitions.**

Mr. Smith has 4 daughters.  
Each of his daughters has a brother.

**How many children does  
Mr. Smith have?**



M	U	E	N	V	I	R	O	N	M	E	N	T	R
E	P	C	B	F	W	G	I	P	H	O	A	E	G
R	U	R	O	A	J	T	K	B	R	I	N	X	T
U	G	N	E	Q	G	Q	A	Q	F	E	Y	N	G
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U	M	B	L	Q	T	P	L	V	A	N	C	X	P
C	I	F	F	T	D	A	I	R	O	S	G	P	J
I	N	Q	U	M	T	H	N	T	G	Z	U	Q	G
R	A	T	B	H	C	J	W	R	A	U	H	F	E
G	T	F	S	W	B	O	T	H	E	T	U	Y	O
A	I	T	E	Z	R	L	H	I	J	B	I	K	X
D	O	M	Y	U	P	V	L	K	H	L	I	O	D
U	N	X	O	N	I	U	Q	E	F	J	C	H	N

PRECIPITATION  
GERMINATION  
ENVIRONMENT  
AGRICULTURE  
HIBERNATION  
RENEWAL  
EQUINOX