



Library Updates November 2025

Readathon 17th October – 21st of November

Excitingly, it is time for this year's Readathon! Last year, as a whole school we tracked reading for 13,685 minutes. From Monday we will be tallying how many minutes we spend reading, as a whole school community, as well as raising money for a brilliant cause: ReadforGood's hospital programme. For more information you may want to watch this video with your child: [here](#).

There will be points awarded to the house with the most minutes spent reading, merits and national book vouchers awarded to our Readathon Champions, as well as prizes awarded to students with exceptional participation. It's been proven that children who read for pleasure are more likely to be successful and happy throughout their lives (OECD, 2002).

The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach that inspires reluctant readers to give reading a go and keen readers to read more widely. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun! And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand- new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

Next week, tutors will hand out sponsor cards for those that are able to be sponsored. However, our goal is to get students excited about reading and taking part in the challenge together. So please encourage your child to take part regardless of sponsorship.



- **Help your child set themselves a personal goal for the Readathon week!**

Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books. Your child can browse and reserve books using our [Library website here](#). We are open before school and at break and lunchtime, so please encourage them to come along.

- **Help your child find sponsors among family and friends.**

The way to sponsor a child can be found: [here](#). Family and friends can use this link too. Please do not send cash or cheques to school. Thank you again for your enthusiasm and support.

- **Track your read!**

To add to our tally and be in with the chance of winning a prize. Encourage your child to log the minutes they spent reading by either logging in to '[Track My Read](#)' or by returning a paper reading log with their sponsor form. You can follow our progress with our live track my read feed: [here](#).

Year 7 – 9 Library Lessons

This week library lessons for years 7, 8 and 9 have begun. The aim of these library lessons is to encourage students to read high quality literature and discuss books with their peers. Each year group has been given a curated reading challenge. Students are being tasked with choosing one of the books from the list and reading it by the time we come back from the Christmas break. We will then challenge them to read a total of five books from the list by the end of the school year. Each list has been carefully designed so that every book is available from our school library, with a good selection of graphic novels and dyslexia-friendly books. Therefore it is an ambitious and accessible challenge that can be tailored to each student. Students can use the library website to reserve any of the books they want to read: [here](#).

Year 8 & 9 Author Event 25th & 26th of November



Excitingly, we are hosting an event with author Anna February who will be coming in to speak to Year 8 & 9 students about her book 'The Hive' and career as an author. This will be followed by an interactive 'escape room' activity. Students will work together in small groups to solve a selection of puzzles. Anna will be doing a book signing in the library during break on Wednesday the 26th of November. Students are welcome to bring in their own copies of her book, or they can order them through ParentPay. We will be sourcing books from independent bookshop Octavia's in Cirencester. The deadline for book orders is the 20th of November.

Kind regards,
Ms Barker-Harrod
Librarian