LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

WELCOME

Welcome to an exciting time in the library as we continue to participate in and support the National Year of Reading. Thank you to all students, staff, parents and carers who have engaged in library events, resulting in the school being awarded the Summer Term Schools Participation Award – 'In the Setting' by The National Literacy Trust! Please read on for information of what we will be on offer in the Autumn term and how you can get involved.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

LIBRARY OLYMPICS



The Summer of 2026 was a wonderful time for sport and many of the qualities which athletes have can be carried through to reading; stamina, endurance, determination to finish a book.

In order to complete the Library Olympics and receive a certificate, students will be asked to complete each of the following three sections:

Sprint – Read and pass a quiz on 3 short books, non-fiction books or articles within their reading range.

Marathon – Read and pass a quiz on a longer book within their reading range.

Hurdle – Read and pass a quiz on a book just above their reading range. Students who already have a high reading range will be asked to read another book at the top end of their range.

Upon completion of each section, students will also have their name put on the Library Olympics running track display.

Students in Years 7 and 8 are able to complete this challenge in library lessons. Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 are also invited to take part in this challenge. Please visit the library for further details.

DID YOU KNOW THAT READING INCLUDES: Audiobooks, recipes, instructions, subtitles, newspaper articles, graphic novels?

BENEFITS OF READING FOR PLEASURE

- Higher levels of mental wellbeing.
- Develops empathy.
- Increases vocabulary.
- Improves literacy skills across all areas.
- Higher levels of critical thinking skills.
- Broadens learners' horizons.

POPULAR BOOKS IN THE AUTUMN TERM SO FAR:

- The Maze Runner by James Dashner.
- The Warrior Cats series by Erin Hunter.
- Books by Emma Carroll.
- Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans.
- Wings of Fire Graphic Novels.

RECOMMENDED BY T.S. IN YEAR 11:

A student in Year 11 visited the school library to show Mrs Lewis his beautiful, hardback edition of Bram Stoker's Dracula with sprayed edges. He had purchased this in Whitby. It's always a delight to hear from students who have continued reading long after library lessons in Years 7 and 8.



READ, RECOMMEND REPEAT

Staff have been getting involved too!

- Mrs Hillyard recommends Check Mates by Stewart Foster.
- Mr Holliday recommends the Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz.
- Mrs McDougall recommends The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter.
- Mrs Mumby recommends the Charlie Bone series by Jenny Nimmo.
- Mr Johnson recommends the Point Horror books. Examples in the library include Beach House by R.L. Stine and Mother's Helper by A.Bates.

If you would like to recommend a book, please let Mrs Lewis in the library know.

SPREADING OUR LOVE OF READING FURTHER AFIELD!

Scarlett and P recently read a new verse novel by Sarah Crossan called Gone for Good. They enjoyed it so much that we recommended it to Accelerated Reader. As a result, the book can now be quizzed!

BOOK SWAP IN THE COMMUNITY

2 of our students are now volunteering at Gilberdyke War Memorial Hall every Saturday morning by hosting a book swap. The book swap is open from 11am to 12 noon every Saturday. Please visit them and support them in their volunteering for their Duke of Edinburgh award.



The School Library by Sophie D, Yr 9.

In the school library,
Quiet and tranquil,
Not a sound but pages turning.

Creative and joyful,
People reading,
Like it is the new scrolling.

From books about fairy tales,
To battle and mystery,
All unknown in the world of books.

Organised and full of knowledge,
Fantasy adventures,
Read Recommend, Repeat.

CURRENT COMPETITIONS

YOUNG WRITERS' POETRY COMPETITION

Would you like to become a published poet?

Theme – UNITE. Poetry Can Bring People Together. Students are asked to write about something that matters to them. This could be friendship, family, community, nature, or making the world a better place.

1st prize: Beats Headphone and £100 Amazon Voucher.
2nd prize: Kindle.
3rd prize: £50 cinema voucher.

BOOKTRUST SPREAD THE STORY COMPETITION

We are looking for 5 students from Year 7 and 5 students from Year 8 who would like to write in 350 words or less who they most want to share a story with and how they would like to share it.

CLOSING DATE FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS: FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORMS, PLEASE SEE MRS LEWIS IN THE LIBRARY.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS:

In November, the Rotary Community Action Team will be launching the History of Howden Essay competition again, as well as a new Short Story competition! Look out for more details, including details of the fantastic cash prizes!



