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NEWSLETTER



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LIBRARY NEWS

We welcome you all back after a lovely Easter break.

Spring has sprung and May Day marks the start of summer. An exciting new term awaits with a new round of Reading Leaders and the rollout of the Carnegie shortlist book shadowing scheme. Last term annual World Book Day celebrations whipped up a reading frenzy around the school. With exam season upon us it is time to refocus. If revision stress becomes too much, why not take time out with a good book? The library team would like to wish all Year 11 and 13 students the very best of luck in their exams and the same to Year 10 and 12 students in their mocks.



The Carnegies shortlist books are in the building!

We are very excited to be taking part in the Carnegies shadowing scheme again. The Carnegies are the UK's longest running and best-loved book awards for children and young people and aim to spark a lifelong passion for reading by connecting more children with books that will change lives.

The 2025 Carnegie Medal for Writing shortlist has been whittled down from 19 longlist titles. Those students embarking on the shadowing scheme will help to determine the overall winner as they will play a part in 'shadowing' the judging process, whereby they read, discuss and review the books on the shortlists, get involved in reading related activities in groups, and vote for their favourite books. **Will you vote for the winner?**

Treacle Town by Brian Conaghan (Andersen Press)
The Things We Leave Behind by Clare Furniss (Simon & Schuster UK)
The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow, illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton (Otter-Barry Books)
King of Nothing by Nathanael Lessore (Bonnier Books UK)
Little Bang by Kelly McCaughrain (Walker Books)
Glasgow Boys by Margaret McDonald (Faber & Faber)
All That It Ever Meant by Blessing Musariri (Zephyr, Head of Zeus)
Play by Luke Palmer (Firefly Press)

If you are interested, please speak to one of us in the library or Ms. Maple-Waller.

READING LIST LINKS

Year 7 Fiction [Year 7 Reading ListUPDATED.docx](#)
Year 8 Fiction [Year 8 Reading ListUPDATED.docx](#)
Year 9 Fiction [Year 9 Reading List UPDATED.docx](#)
KS3 Non-Fiction [KS3 Reading List Non-Fiction.docx](#)
Year 10/11 Fiction [YRS 10&11 READING LISTS.docx](#)
KS4 Non-Fiction [KS4 Reading List Non-Fiction.docx](#)
Year 12/13 Fiction [KS5 FICTION Reading List.docx](#)
KS5 Non-Fiction [KS5 Reading List - NON fiction.docx](#)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Carnegie Children's Book Awards– Mar – June 2025
VE Day – 80th anniversary – 8th May 2025
World Environment Day – 5th June 2025
National Writing Day – 19th June 2025
Pride Month – June 2025

WORD

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**Congratulations to not one but four
Word Millionaires this time!**

A massive well done to **Teagan Schofield, Thea Bishop-Bixby, Umaizah Ahmed and Eleanor Greenwood Kyndt**, who have all recently reached Millionaire status. An amazing achievement! Who wants to be the next Word Millionaire?

Keep on reading!

Aim high and reap double the rewards!

Become a Word Millionaire and Blue Peter Badge Holder! Earn yourself a Blue Peter Badge which rewards you with free entry to many attractions across the country. See link below for more details.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

When you buy a physical book from [lovereading4kids](#), 25% of the cover price will be given to our school.

Buy something for our library from the Year of Hope wish list! Gift a book today.

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>

World Book Day was celebrated on 6th March this year and this event was celebrated in various forms across the school, from dress-up day, Masked Reader Door "book cover" designs and McGrammar in the library. Well done to everyone who made World Book Day 2025 such a fantastic event - reporting by St Bernard's Journalist and Literacy Teams.

The day was a complete success! It started with the evaluation of the form doors. All forms were asked to design their door related to a book of their choice, and one favourite from each year group was chosen. After lots of consideration, the Heads of Years chose:
7C Alice in Wonderland (Winner) 7H October, October (Runner Up)
8A Lorax (Winner) 8R Alice in Wonderland (Runner Up)
9M The Hunger Games (Winner) 9C Wizard of Oz (Runner Up)
10H - Narnia (winner) 10M - Coraline (runner up)
11R - Lorax (winner) 11F - Alice in Wonderland (runner up)
12/13 C - 1984 (winner) 12/13 F - The Handmaid's Tale (runner up)

There was also The Masked Reader – a competition that was held where certain teachers (and a student) were asked to read a passage from The Bone Sparrow whilst wearing a mask. Students were given voting slips and tried to guess. The winner of the The Masked Reader competition was **Evie O'Reilly from 8H!**

Students and teachers were asked to dress up as book characters, and students and staff voted for their favourites. All costumes were amazing! Best Dressed Prizes were awarded to:

Non-Teaching Staff - **Mr Simmonds-Marsh**

Teaching Staff - **Mrs Cahill**

HOY - **Mrs Alexander**

Tutor - **Mrs Flaherty**

SLT - **Mrs Allitt**

Special Achievement Award: **Mrs Getty for Paddington Bear!**

Winning student of the Best Dressed Prize: **Ozzy Sabri-Tabrizi.**

The wooden staircase was very heavily decorated, referencing books that were chosen as door designs and more. We also showcased books in different languages because all books are books. My personal favourite decoration was the images of Miss Bailey, Mr Toms, and more teachers screaming as they were taken to Azkaban (Harry Potter reference). Many books were floating down the staircase, and some were placed on the side. We also had balloons in the suffragettes' colours—because why not?
– The Journalist team

This year's World Book Day was full of creative costumes, and spectacular door displays. The excitement was palpable, as Students and Teachers dressed up as characters from their favourite books! The door displays were a true highlight of the day. Each Form decorated their door, transforming it into a masterpiece! One standout was the door display of "Alice In Wonderland", which was also awarded 1st place in Year 7. Another impressive door was inspired by "The Hunger Games". Every single door was extremely applaudable!

As for the costumes, the creativity was out of this world! The Students and Teachers put so much thought into their costumes, showing off their love for reading. There was a delightful Paddington Bear, and even Mary Poppins! We also had awards go out to our HOY, and SLT.

What I noticed, was that no matter how old or young, almost every single person took part in dressing up! This shows how World Book Day, and the love for books can bring people together!

Overall, World Book Day was a massive success! It offered a fun way to celebrate the magic of books. The displays and costumes truly brought our school to life! It's truly amazing how literature can spark our imaginations and unite people!

- Izzy Wise, 7H. (Reading Scholar)



VE DAY - 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

The 8th of May marks the anniversary of VE Day, Victory in Europe Day, the end of the Second World War in Europe back in 1945. 2025 is the 80th anniversary.

We have compiled a list of WWII related books titles that may pique your interest in this chapter of important history.

They are available in the library so feel free to pop in and browse.

<https://tompalmer.co.uk/ve-day-vj-day/>

VE DAY - 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Safiyah's War – Hiba Noor Kahn

Diary of Anne Frank

I am David – Ann Holm

Carrie's War – Nina Bawden

The boy in the striped pyjamas – John Boyne

While the storm rages – Phil Earl

Our castle by the sea – Lucy Strange

When Hitler stole Pink Rabbit – Judith Kerr