

# We Reading at Bishop Luffa!

I hope your child is looking forward to starting Bishop Luffa in September 2024. We celebrate reading and believe that reading is the gateway to learning and is the key to pupils' future academic achievement and well-being. Pupils who cannot read well are often not able to access the curriculum and can be disadvantaged for life.

**"Given the importance of literacy to the whole school curriculum, it follows that those students who struggle with reading are at a significant disadvantage in every one of the GCSE examinations they take".**

Read All About It, GL assessment 2020

To help prepare for this exciting time we would love your child to continue their reading journey over the summer break.

You can support your child by listening to them read, reading with them or simply making sure they are given the opportunity to read independently. We have some wonderful recommendations from our librarians and the Library Summer Reading Challenge Bingo. (Pop your completed bookmark into the school library in September with your name and tutor group)

*Reading is good for our mental health: It is a time of peace, of adventure, of exploration, of just enjoying a good story. Whether it's fiction, non-fiction, or poetry, reading exposes you to different perspectives, cultures, histories, and experiences. Reading broadens your understanding of the world and enhances your knowledge across a wide range of topics.*



## This summer I read:

For 10 mins	A funny book	A new book	Out loud	A magazine
A book with an animal on the cover	An Adventure book	A graphic novel or comic book	A book a friend has read	A book with a blue cover
A book with no pictures	Outside	A book from a library	For 20 mins	A book with a mystery
Any book	To a family member	A favourite book	A book I loved	A book in a series

## The Librarians Top 5 to read over the summer break:

The 1000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford.

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Mortal Chaos by Matt Dickinson

The Dog Runner by Bren MacDibble

The last kids on earth by Max Brallier



There is a longer list of recommended books overleaf.

West Sussex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge:

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src>

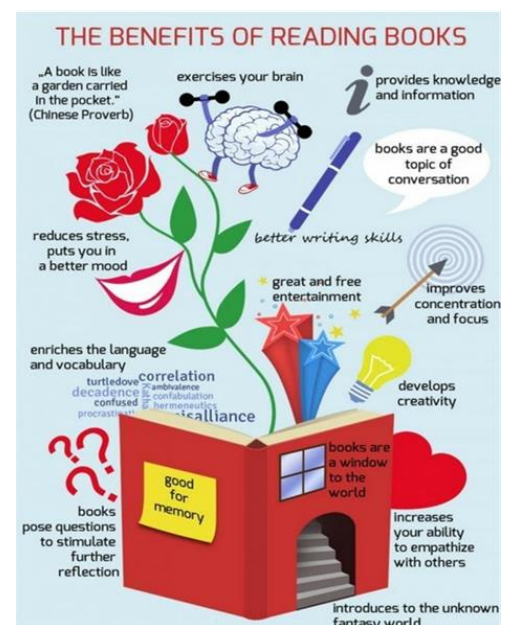
Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any queries regarding reading and literacy at Bishop Luffa.

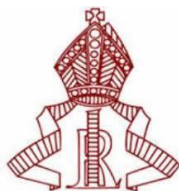
Kind regards,

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## KS3 Suggested Summer Reads

### Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

*Storm Catchers* by Tim Bowler  
# *The Terrible Thing [...] Barnaby Rickett* - John Boyne  
# *Bodyguard* or *Gamer* (& sequels) by Chris Bradford\*  
# *Alone* by DJ Brazier  
# *Mortal Chaos* or *Lie, Kill, Walk Away* –M Dickinson  
# *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd  
*The Girl Who Stole An Elephant* by Nizrana Farook  
*The Boy Who Flew* by Fleur Hitchcock  
# *High Rise Mystery & Mic Drop* by Sharna Jackson  
# *Girl Missing* (& sequels) by Sophie McKenzie  
# *The Recruit* (& sequels) by Robert Muchamore\*  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
# *Ruby in the Smoke* by Phillip Pullman  
# *Wolf Wilder* or *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell  
*Murder Most Unladylike* (& sequels) – R Stevens  
*Lost (Choose Your Own Adventure)* -T Turner.\*

### Dystopian & Science Fiction

*The Infinite* by Patience Agbabi  
# *Ink* (& sequels) by Alice Broadway  
# *Where the River Runs Gold* by Sita Brahmachari  
# *Gone* or *BRZK* (& sequels) -Michael Grant  
# *The Giver* and *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry  
# *The Dog Runner* by Bren Macdibble  
# *Killer T* by Robert Muchamore  
# *The Knife of Never Letting Go* (& sequels)-P Ness !Y9  
# *Railhead(a)* & *Mortal Engines (a)* (& sequels)-P Reeve  
# *Scythe, Unwind, Dry* (& sequels) – N Shusterman  
# *Destination Earth* by Ali Sparkes  
# *Contagion* or *Slated* (& sequels) by Teri Terry  
# *The 5th Wave* (& sequels) by Rick Yancey

### Fantasy, Magic Realism, Horror & Ghost

# *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi  
# *The House With Chicken Legs* (& *Girl/Bear*)-S. Anderson  
*Asha & The Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan  
# *Mind Writer* by Steve Cole\*  
# *Artemis Fowl* (& sequels) by Eoin Colfer  
*Rumblestar* by Abi Elphinstone  
*Who Let the Gods Out* (& sequels) by Maz Evans  
# *Ranger's Apprentice* or *Brotherband* - J Flanagan  
# *Inkheart* (& sequels) by Cornelia Funke

# *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman (!)  
# *Blackberry Blue* by Jamila Gavin  
*Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure* by Vashti Hardy  
# *Girl of Ink and Stars* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (!)  
# *Skulduggery Pleasant* (& sequels) by Derek Landy  
# *Eragon* (& sequels) by Christopher Paolini  
*Tales of Terror, # Mister Creecher* –Chris Priestley  
# *Northern Lights* (& sequels) by Phillip Pullman (!)  
*Goth Girl (a)* (& sequels) by Chris Riddell\*  
# *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* –Riggs (!)  
# *Zom-B* or *Cirque du Freak* (& sequels) by D. Shan\*  
*Oh My Gods* by Alexandra Sheppard  
*Black Panther the Young Prince* by Roland L Smith  
# *The Edge Chronicles* by P Stewart and C Riddell

### Humorous books

# *Little Badman &[...] Killer Aunties* - Humza Arshad  
# *Millions, Cosmic or Broccoli Boy* by Frank C Boyce  
# *The Last Kids on Earth* (& sequels) by Max Brallier\*  
*Fenway and Hattie* by Victoria Cole\*  
# *Adventures of a Wimpy Vampire* (&more)-T.Collins\*  
*Cookie & the Most Annoying Boy...* by Konnie Huq\*  
*Enginerds* (& sequels) by Jarrett Lerner\*  
*Disaster Diaries: Zombies* (&sequels)-R McGeddon\*  
*The Accidental Billionaire* series- T McLaughlin  
# *The World of Norm* series by Jonathon Meres\*  
*Accidental Trouble: Planet Omar* by Zaniib Mian  
# *Middle School* series by James Patterson\*  
# *Tom Gates* series by Liz Pichon (dyslexia-friendly)\*  
*Big Nate (comic strips)* series by Lincoln Peirce\*  
*Killer Animals* series by Tracey Turner\*

### Relationships & Tough Situations

*Cyborg Cat* (& sequels)- Ade Adepitan\*  
*Boy Underwater* by Adam Baron  
# *Noughts and Crosses (!), Hacker, Boys Don't Cry* or *Pig-Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman  
*Blubber* or anything by *Judy Blume* (a)  
# *Artichoke Hearts* or *Jasmine Skies* -S. Brahmachari  
*A Pocketful of Stars* by Aisha Bushby  
# *New Kid* or *Class Act* by Jerry Craft  
# *One, Apple & Rain, Moonrise, Toffee* -S Crossan  
*Bud Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Stella By Starlight(a)* or *Blended* by Sharon Draper  
*Running on Empty* by S.E. Durrant

# *Mind the Gap, Being Billy or Saving Daisy* - P Earle\*

# [The Many Worlds of Albie Bright](#) –Chrisopher Edge

*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine

*Tulip Touch, Goggle Eyes or Flour Babies (a)* by A. Fine

*Lenny's Book of Everything* by Karen Foxlee

# *Check Mates & The Bubble Boy* by Stewart Foster

*Unstoppable* by Dan Freedman\*

# *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia

# [George](#) by Alex Gino (a)

# [Tall Story](#) or *Shine* by Candy Gourlay

# [The Island at the End of Everything](#) (a)–KM Hargrave

# *After the Fire* by Will Hill

# *Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen

*A Different Dog* by Paul Jennings\*

*Red Sky in the Morning* by Elizabeth Laird

# [Scarlet Ibis](#) (a) by Gill Lewis

*Out of Heart* by Irfan Master

# *Lark* (& series) by Anthony McGowan \*

# [A Monster Calls](#) by Patrick Ness

*No Fixed Address* or *Word Nerd* – Susin Nielsen

# [Wonder](#) by R.J. Palacio (!)

# [Pax](#) or *Here in the Real World* - S Pennypacker

# *The Boy Who Steals Houses* – C.G. Drews

# *Unboxed* by Non Pratt \*

*A Good Kind of Trouble* by Lisa Moore Ramee

# [Long Way Down](#), *Look Both Ways*, *Ghost* -[Reynolds](#) (a)\*

# *Ghost Boys* or *Black Brother[...]* Jewell P Rhodes

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Operation Frog Effect* by Sarah Scheerger

# *Can You See Me* or *Do You Know Me*–Scott & Westcott

# *The Marvels* or *Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick\*

# *The Boxer* by Nikesh Shukla

[Stargirl](#) by Jerry Spinelli

# *Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone

[Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry](#) (a) by Mildred Taylor (!)

# [Hate U Give](#) by Angie Thomas (!)

*Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson

[The 1000 Year Old Boy](#) by Ross Welford

# [A Boy Called Hope](#) by Lara Williamson

[Brown Girl Dreaming](#) (a) or *Harbor Me* - J Woodson

## Sports

# [Booked](#) (a), *Crossover* or *Rebound* – K. Alexander\*

*Stat Man* by Alan Durant \*

[Man of the Match](#) (& series) by Dan Freedman\*

*The Number 7 Shirt* or# *The Lion Roars* - A Gibbons\*

# *Kick* by Mitch Johnson

*The Fix* by Sophie McKenzie\*

*The Greatest: Muhammed Ali* by Walter D Myers\*

# [Ultimate Football Heroes Collection](#) – M&T Oldfield\*

# *Football Academy* or *Foul Play* series–Tom Palmer\*

[Soccer Squad](#), *Dream On* (& series) by Bali Rai\*

*Outcasts United* (young people edition) -W. St John

*The Football Boy Wonder* (& sequels) - Martin Smith\*

*Pay Attention, Carter Jones* by Gary Schmidt\*

## History, War, Conflict & Refugee Experience

# *Soldier Dog* or *A Horse Called Hero* - Sam Angus

# [The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas](#) by J Boyne (!)

# [Illegal](#) (a) by Eoin Colfer \*

# *Wolf Children, Red Shadow, Eleven Eleven* -Dowswell

*Under a War-Torn Sky* by L.M. Elliott

# [Boy 87](#) by Ele Fountain

# *The Bone Sparrow* by Zana Fraillion

# *Once* (& sequels) by Morris Gleitzman \* (!)

*Bone Talk* by Candy Gourlay

*Grenade* by Alan Gratz

# *Race to the Frozen North\**, *Blade and Bones* or *Sawbones* by Catherine Johnson

# [Orphan Monster Spy](#) by Matt Killeen

*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai

# [Buffalo Soldier](#) or *Apache* by Tanya Landman

# [Every Falling Star](#) (a) (North Korea) by Sungju Lee

*Dog Tags: Semper Fido* or *Strays* by C A London\*

*Diver's Daughter: A Tudor Story* by P Lawrence

# [Shadow](#) or [In the Mouth of the Wolf](#) -Morpurgo

*Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Myers\*

*A Night Divided* by Jennifer Nielson

# *Armistice Runner* or *Over the Line* by Tom Palmer\*

[A Long Walk to Water](#) by Linda Sue Park

*The Red Pencil* by Andrea David Pinkney

# *Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story* by Bali Rai\*

# *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Rauf

[Salt to the Sea](#) by Ruta Sepetys

# [Eagle of the Ninth](#) by Rosemary Sutcliffe

# [Refugee Boy](#) by Benjamin Zephaniah (!)

# *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak (!)

\* = Top picks for reluctant readers

! = Some of your teachers' favourite reads

# = in our school library

Links are to our e-book library, unless it is followed by (a) for audiobook. Email [library@bishopluffa.org.uk](mailto:library@bishopluffa.org.uk) for log in details for digital library services.

*Note to parents: Some books from this list are written for young adult readers; this means there may be occasional 'gritty' content. Generally by Key Stage 3 young people are ready for this, but parents know their children best; if you have queries about suitability, please check online reviews or ask the librarians.*