

We ♥ Reading at Bishop Luffa!

I hope your child is looking forward to starting Bishop Luffa in September 2026. 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.

It is not too late to join the **Summer Book Club**, and sign up for a book and activity pack. If you would like to take part please email the library for more information by this Friday:

Library@bishopluffa.org.uk



1. Read some of the book each week (the questions and activities are divided into four weeks)
2. Have a **look at the questions** for each week and think about them
3. Try some of the **activities suggested**
4. Come back to school ready to **share what you thought** about the book and the activities you
5. Join the **Live online event** with the author in September at school.

Have Fun!



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://libraries.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,

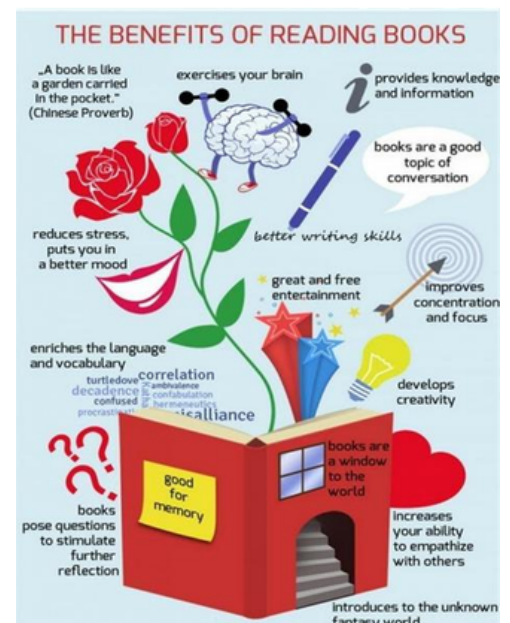
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Library Website:

<https://sites.google.com/bishopluffa.org.uk/blslibrary>





KS3 Suggested Summer Reads

Action, Adventure, Mystery & Thrillers

Storm Catchers by Tim Bowler
The Terrible Thing [...] Barnaby Rooker - 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 Zanib 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*

ANight Divided by Jennifer Nielson

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

[*ALong 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 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.