

Reading Newsletter - Summer 2026

Welcome to our Summer Term Reading Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading it!

Horsham Library

Get involved in the Summer Reading Challenge!

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge 2026, Read to the Beat, and how you can take part.

When does the Summer Reading Challenge start?

The Challenge starts on Saturday 4 July and finishes on Saturday 12 September. The theme this year is 'Read to the Beat'. Join the Read to the Beat characters to complete this year's challenge as they discover how reading and music both spark imagination and creativity. To find out more, take a look at the 'Read to the Beat' video on this link.

<https://libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src-get-involved>

What does the Summer Reading Challenge involve?

Your challenge is to collect six Read to the Beat stickers over the summer. You may either choose to read six books or a mix of books and some of the 'Make The Challenge Your Own' goals to earn stickers!

What can I read?

You can borrow library books on any topic, not just music and poetry, including: Stories, Picture Books, Information Books, Comic Books, Audiobooks, Playaways, eBooks and eAudiobooks.

School Summer Reading Challenge

Children in Early Years, Year 1 and 2 will be given a summer reading challenge to complete during the summer holidays to encourage them to read at home during the holiday. They are also available on our school website.

Summer Reading Challenge for year 3, 4, 5 and 6

This summer we would like the children in year 3, 4, 5 and 6 to choose a book from the recommended lists below, read it and then complete a book review about it. This is attached to this email. The children who complete a book review should bring it into school during the first full week back in September. They will then be given a raffle ticket. A draw will happen and a winner will be chosen from year 3, 4, 5 and 6. The

winners will be able to choose a book as a prize. The recommended lists are can also be found here:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/>



Year 3 (ages 7-8)

50 Recommended Reads

2026-2027 Booklist





















































Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/year-3 to find the online booklist, book pack, reviews and resources

Find booklists by age or topic at [booksfortopics.com](https://www.booksfortopics.com)




Year 4 (ages 8-9)

2025-2026 Booklist






















































Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/year-4 to find the online booklist, book pack, reviews and resources

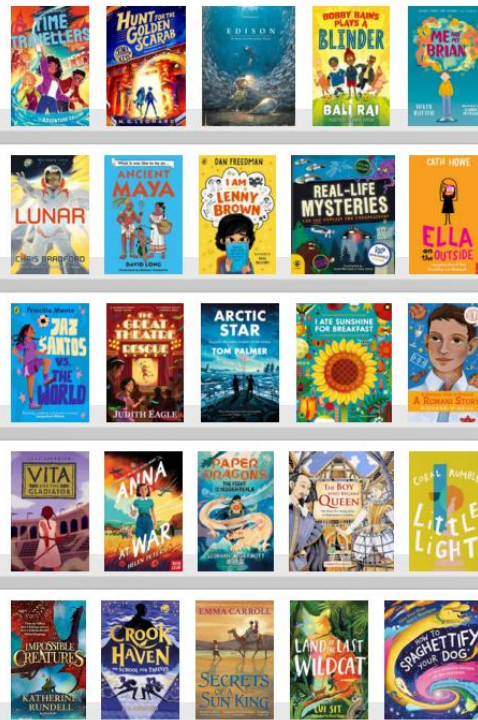
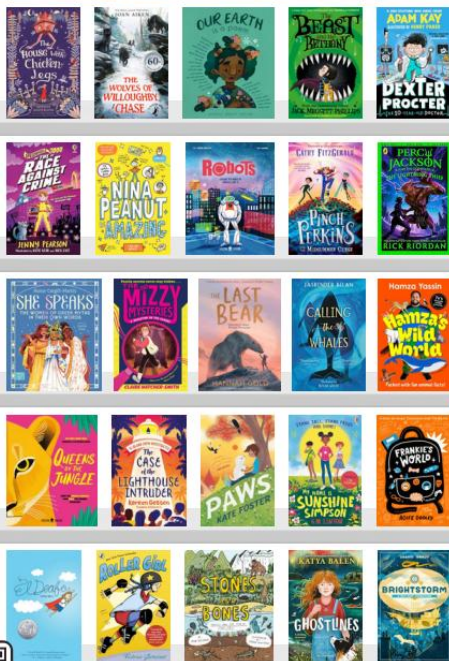
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50 Recommended Reads for...

Year 5 (ages 9-10)

2025-2026 Booklist



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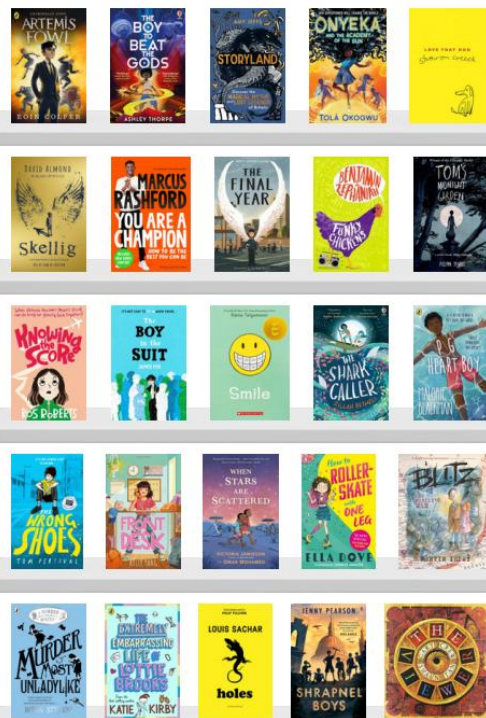
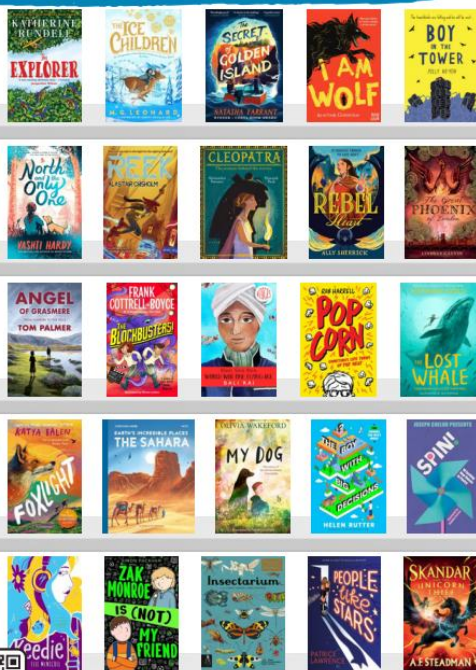
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50 Recommended Reads for...

Year 6 (ages 10-11)

2025-2026 Booklist



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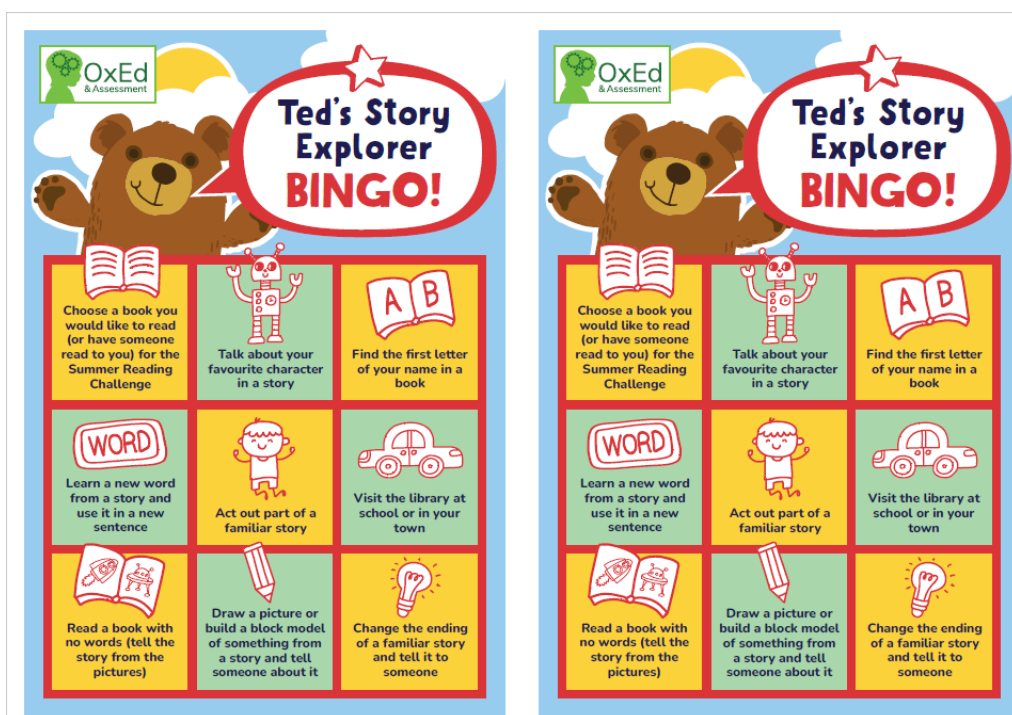
Book Fair

Our recent book fair was a big success. Our sales totalled £1766.63 which has given the school an amazing £1059.98 in commission to spend on books in the future. This year commission from previous fairs has been spent on new books for the year 6 topic World War 2 and on books for the library. Children have requested books over the year and these have been bought. The children have loved reading these! Here are some of the titles:



Summer bingo activity

Complete the bingo activity over the summer holidays to keep your children motivated in reading. It includes fun activities to help develop oral language and reading comprehension skills. It encourages the children to read, retell and draw.



New releases

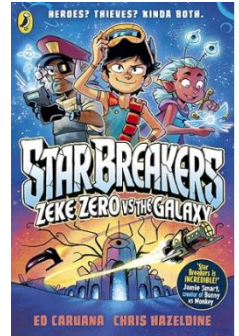
Star Breakers: Zeke Zero Vs The Galaxy

by Ed Caruana

Release date – 02.07.26

ZEKE ZERO has been living his worst life ever since his dad traded him for a spare battery when he was a baby ...

Still, 13-year-old Zeke gets by. Or he did, until he 'borrowed' the wrong priceless star map and was forced to join a crackpot crew of STAR BREAKERS – brave (foolish) souls who dare to search dying worlds for (sometimes) incredible treasures.

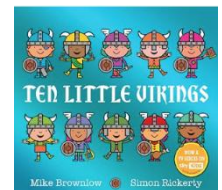


Their first job? Finding an ancient GOD'S EYEBALL hidden on a monster-infested planet somewhere in the depths of space. Preferably before the evil, undead Princess Grizelda does, or the galaxy is pretty much doomed.

Ten Little Vikings by Mike Brownlow

Release date – 02.07.26

Join ten daring Vikings for an adventure through stormy seas, bubbling geysers and more in this fast-paced rhyming and counting adventure!



Ten Little Vikings watch some dragons fly away - until they spot a baby dragon left behind, shivering in the hay! Follow the Viking clan as they battle and barge their way past naughty gnomes, sleeping trolls and Norse gods, to get one little baby dragon back home.

Read the bouncy rhyming story and count from ten to one and back again, as the little Vikings disappear then reappear. Spot and count the details on each pages, and join in with the read-aloud sounds.

How to Grow Magic: The Giant Mysteries by Rachel Morrisroe

Release date – 02.07.26

The first book in a brand new chapter book series for 5+ readers from bestselling author and illustrator duo Rachel Morrisroe and Steven Lenton! The perfect new magical read for fans of Claude, Shifty McGifty and Isadora Moon.



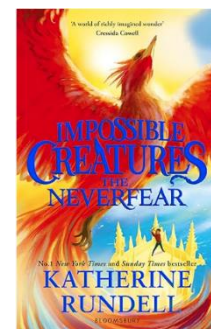
When Mr Pottifer tries to teach Sarah's class how to grow magical beanstalks, some mischievous garden gnomes cause havoc and suddenly Enchantment Primary has a giant beanstalk in their school garden!

Join Sarah and her friends on an adventure full of imagination and wonder with a GIANT surprise is in store ...

Impossible Creature: The Neverfear by Katherine Rundell

Release date – 27.08.26

It's the Midsummer Feast on the Islet of Glimt and on this magical moonlit evening, the word on everyone's lips is bandits. Reports of masked men burning villages are spreading throughout the Archipelago, but worse is still to come: Christopher and Anya are ambushed and one of the people they love most is kidnapped. The ransom note reads:



We have taken what is precious to you. We require the most precious objects in Glimouria in return. There will be three demands. If you tell any person or creature, they die. If you fail, they die.