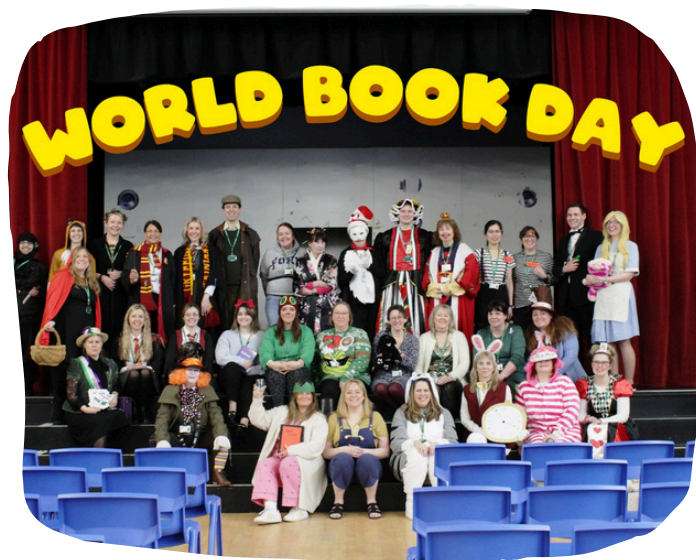




LIBRARY NEWS



We hope you are all looking forward to starting at King James's School in September. Here is what we have been getting up to in the library, along with a few things planned for the summer holidays and the new term in September.





The Team



Everyone is welcome to use the library; it is a great place to come in the mornings at 08:30 before form time, as well as at break and lunchtime. You can also join us after school in Homework Club to do some school work choose and borrow a new book, or ask for help.

There is always a member of staff available in the library, and it is where you will have your Accelerated Reader lessons.



Mrs Bryden

The School Librarian, Head of Learning Resources, and founder of the *Battle of the Books* tournament - Mrs Bryden is a valued member of the school and puts her heart and soul into enriching all of our time here through the library, AR lessons, and extracurricular activities. Her favourite book genres are spine-tingling mysteries and historical fiction.

Mr McCabe

Our Library Assistant and resident expert on Visual Literacy (likes to read books with more pictures than words). Generally known to be a calm, helpful and generous human being - they are on hand to help out with library enquires, but also just to have a chat about your day and offer support with school life.



Accelerated Reader



As a year 7 student, you will have a lesson in the library every week called Accelerated Reader (AR).

This is a varied and enjoyable lesson which involves learning how to use a library to find the right books for you, silent reading time, using non-fiction books for research, quizzes, exploring different types of reading media such as audio books and visual literacy, and much more.

We also love to reward effort and achievements in reading and will host AR award ceremonies throughout the year to celebrate. Trophies, awards and prizes are up for grabs to those of you who demonstrate a positive attitude towards reading, resilience, and even for reading **one million** words!

There is also the house trophy which is awarded to the house which collectively reads the most words.

This year, Wharfedale topped the leaderboard.





Events



Outside of lessons, the library will host and join many events throughout the year which we encourage all students to take part.

Skrentny Creative Writing Competition

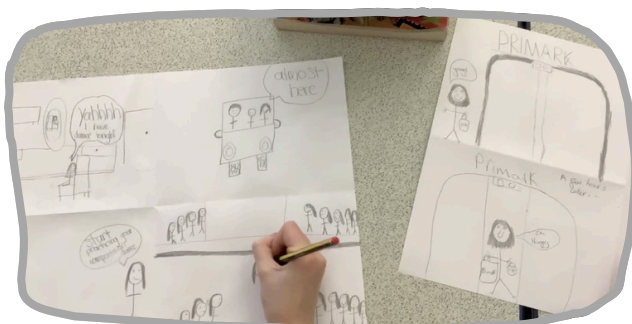
The entire school is invited to write a story of up to one thousand words on a given title. Staff and students may use any form of written media to create their entry. You could write a story, poem, song lyrics, graphic novel or anything that sparks your imagination. With prizes for year groups and staff, it is always a delight to see everyone's involvement and talent each year.

World Book Day

Each year we celebrate *World Book Day* for a whole week, with all sorts of fun like staff dress-ups, whole school mystery reads, and special guests hosting workshops.

National Reading Champions Quiz

The library heads the school's involvement in the *National Reading Champions Quiz* each year - a competition between primary and secondary schools nationwide in which teams answer questions related to literature hosted live by Mr Dilly. It is a really fun time and a great event for those of you who are confident in your quizzing ability.





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Yoto Carnegie Book Awards

If you are an enthusiastic reader within your *Accelerated Reader* lessons, you might be invited to join our Year 8 reading group, *The Royal Readers*. Led by Miss Thompson, an English teacher, this fantastic group of students complete a wide range of activities relating to reading, exploring new authors, books and genres. They also shadow the *Yoto Carnegie Book Awards* and join the ceremony online to celebrate the winning authors.

The Children's Book Award

If you enjoy reading, you might want to consider joining our Y7 *Regal Readers* group. We meet once a week to discuss our favourite reads, review and rate books on the *Children's Book Award* shortlist. This year, our Y7 students were selected to attend the awards ceremony in Birmingham. They all had an amazing time meeting authors and like-minded students from across the country. We thought you might like to read Huw's review:

"The trip to Birmingham was incredible! Meeting the authors of all the wonderful shortlisted books was great, and being lucky enough to sit on a table with Liz Kessler was an honour. For me, the best part was when Liz was reading her portfolio and she read aloud the letter that I had written. It was great to see her reaction, and just great to be sat with her full stop really!"



Year 7 students
Lacey and Aimée



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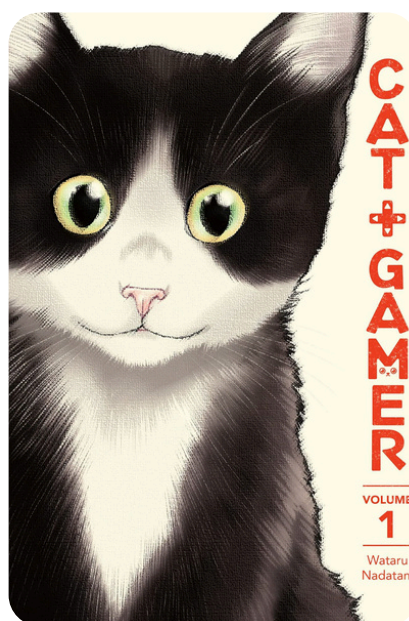
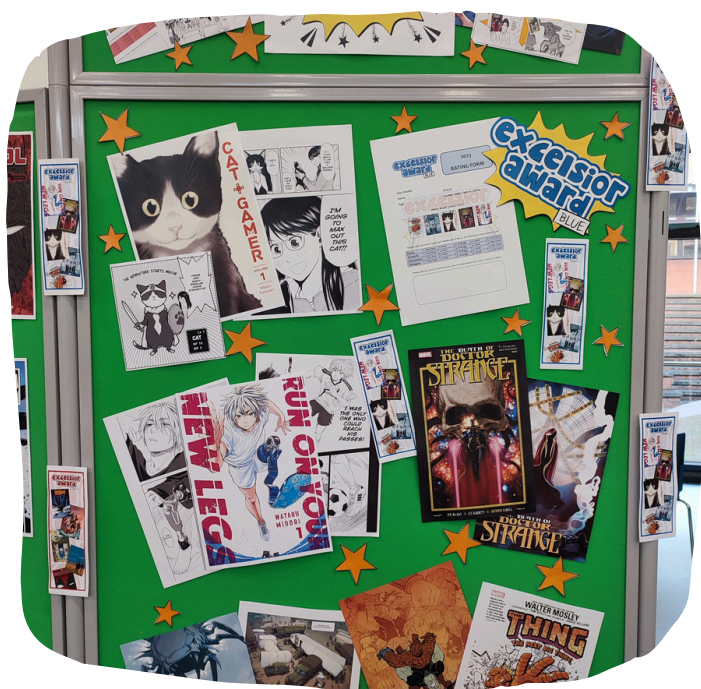


Battle of the Books

Created by our very own Mrs. Bryden, the *Battle of the Books* is a team competition held between local secondary schools to really challenge our most enthusiastic literary fans each year. Whilst this competition is open to Y9 and Y10 students, it is worth mentioning as our team were the 2024 winners and we will therefore be hosting the event in 2025!

The Excelsior Award

All students are invited to take part in this nationwide book award bringing some amazing graphic novels, comics and manga into our library. We want to celebrate that books with pictures are for everyone to enjoy reading! If you get involved, you will read a selection of books from a shortlist and decide on the winner by rating each book. There is even the JABBICA – Judge A Book by Its Cover Award!



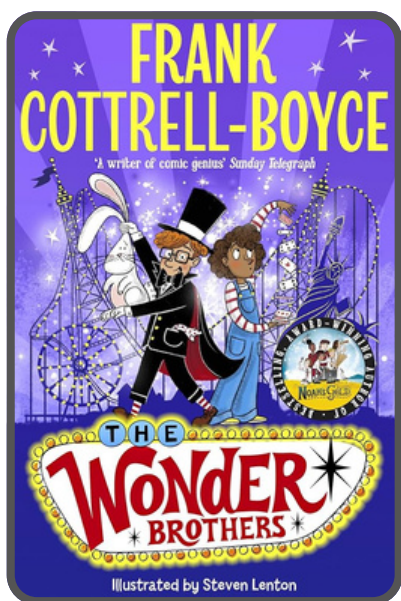
Cat Gamer by
Wataru Nadatani



Summer Reading Challenge



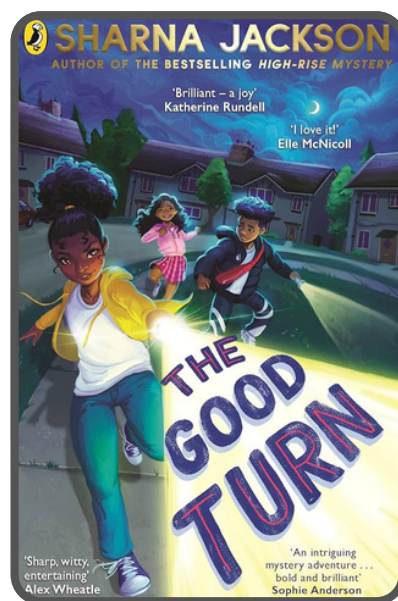
The KJS *Summer Reading Challenge* is our first house competition of the year. To take part, visit your local library or independent bookshop to find the books, then after reading at least one, complete a challenge below and bring it along to your first AR lesson. There will be lots of prizes to win!



The Wonder Brothers by Frank Cottrell-Boyce



Witch Hat Atelier Volume 1 by Kamome Shirahama



The Good Turn by Sharna Jackson

1	Write a letter to the author of the book telling them what you enjoyed.
2	Summarise the story in 50 words.
3	Create an alternative front cover.
4	Draw a picture of an event in the story.

We can't wait to hear what you think of the books when we see you in September!

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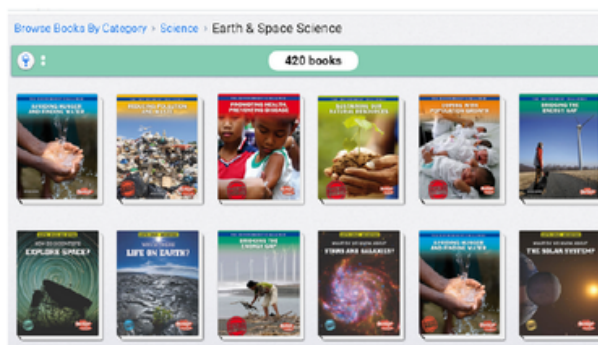
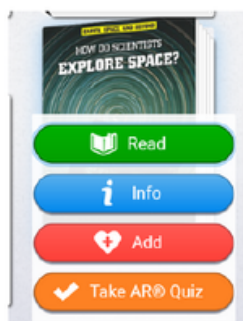
Resources



We offer you many ways to enjoy reading, from relaxing on a beanbag with a physical book, to eBooks you can read anytime outside of school.

myON

myON is a digital book service that provides access to over 5,000 books, many of which are non-fiction. You can read both fiction and non-fiction books, research topics that interest you, complete homework tasks, and even take AR Quizzes which will contribute to your progress in *Accelerated Reader*. You will be given your username and password when you start with us in September.



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