



# ST CYRES' CHAPTERS

**THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY  
READING NEWSLETTER**

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## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST EDITION!

We are so excited to be sharing the first edition of our reading newsletter! We all know how important reading is to our understanding of the world around us, but also our wellbeing. With the summer holidays in sight, we wanted to share all the amazing reading recommendations and opportunities available to our school community. We hope you find this useful and even manage to pick a read for yourself! If you have any recommendations or requests for future editions, just use the form mentioned on the next page to get in touch. Diolch eto, and we hope you have a restful and safe summer holiday.

*The St Cyres English Department*



## READING CHALLENGES: SPICE UP YOUR SUMMER READING!

There are lots of opportunities to get involved with reading challenges in our school and community. Vale libraries are offering a free reading challenge for pupils up to age 11 where each read gets a stamp, and reading a total of six or more books over the summer gets you prizes! Visit your local library and sign up for free for more details.

We also have a reading bingo challenge to share with you from Books for Topics. Click below to download the bingo card and get reading! Completed cards will be entered into our prize draw, so remember to share them with your teacher in the first week of September.

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[READING BINGO](#)

## Outside the books reading tip no. 17

Listen to a song together and talk about the word choices.

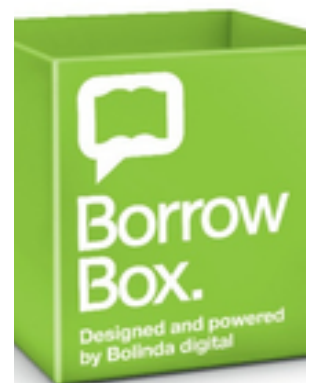
## SPOTLIGHT: CURRICULUM READ *History*

The first and only graphic novel to win the Pulitzer Prize, MAUS is a brutally moving work of art about a Holocaust survivor -- and the son who survives him. History pupils will find the personal and moving story enhances their History lessons



## FREE AUDIOBOOKS?

Yes, you read that right! Signing up to your local library gives you access to Bolinda digital, an audiobook and ereading app where you can borrow new and popular audiobooks for free.



**CLICK ME FOR MORE WWII  
THEMED READS!**

# READING RECOMMENDATIONS

## YOUNGER READERS

## READS FOR OUR PUPILS

Always check for potential triggers, mature themes or sensitive content



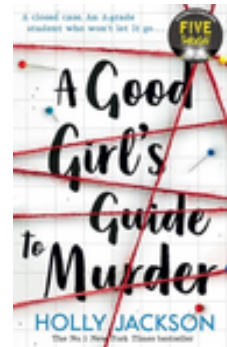
In *Wish You Were Her*, secretly autistic actress Allegra Brooks escapes to a remote book festival, where she navigates fame, self-discovery, and unexpected romance with a prickly bookseller, in a witty YA rom-com with shades of *Cyrano*.



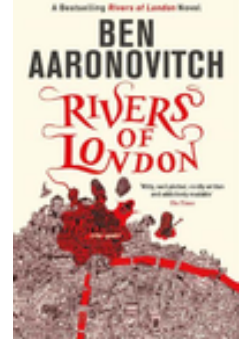
Arthie Casimir is a collector of secrets. At night her prestigious tearoom transforms into an illegal bloodhouse, feeding the vampires who stalk the streets. But when her livelihood is threatened, Arthie is forced to strike a deal with an unlikely – and frustratingly handsome – ally.



Fourteen-year-old Alex Rider finds his life turned upside down on discovering that his late uncle wasn't a mild-mannered banker, but instead a field agent for MI6. Soon, Alex himself is dragged into the world of espionage and intrigue.



Pretty and popular high school senior Andie Bell was murdered by her boyfriend, Sal Singh, who then killed himself. It was all anyone could talk about. And five years later, Pip sees how the tragedy still haunts her town. But she can't shake the feeling that there was more to what happened that day.



Probationary constable Peter Grant is unexpectedly recruited as England's first wizard apprentice in fifty years. Tasked with solving a strange murder, he's drawn into a hidden world of magic, river deities, and malevolent spirits lurking beneath the surface of modern London.

You can also check out the year group top reads from Books for Topics:

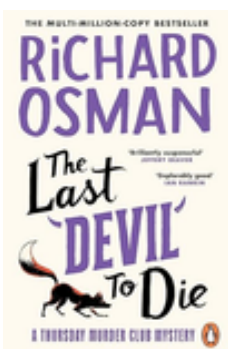
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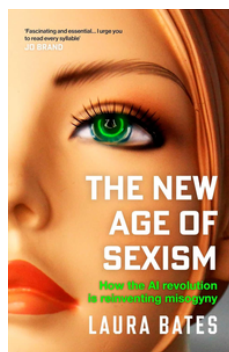


## OLDER READERS

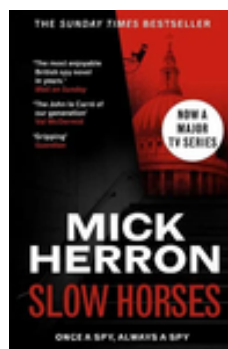
## READS FOR OUR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND COMMUNITY



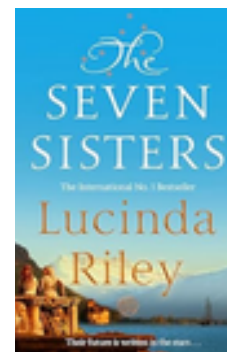
The Thursday Murder Club investigates a friend's murder and a missing package, uncovering a web of crime and confronting personal loss as they hunt the "last devil to die."



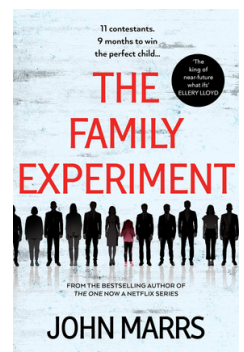
From deepfakes to cyber brothels, this terrifying and timely exposé from the bestselling author of *Everyday Sexism* and *Men Who Hate Women* reveals the real and fast-spreading dangers of new, inherently misogynistic technology and their detrimental effect on gender equality.



Known as the 'slow horses' these misfits have committed crimes of drugs and drunkenness, lechery and failure, politics and betrayal while on duty. In this drab and mildewed office these highly trained spies don't run ops, they push paper.



In *The Seven Sisters*, Maia D'Aplieze journeys to Brazil to uncover her heritage after her adoptive father's death, intertwining her story with that of 1920s Rio and themes of love and self-discovery.



In *The Family Experiment*, a near-future reality show lets contestants raise virtual children in the Metaverse, exploring themes of parenthood, societal pressure, and the cost of family in a world where real children are out of reach.

Share your reading recommendations and reviews!

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