

THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

ENRICHING YOUR READING EXPERIENCES



Welcome to the Bottisham Village College Library Newsletter!

Reading for Pleasure is a key part of our culture in our school. Once a term, library newsletters are going to be created to celebrate our community's reading achievements and to share with you the latest library news and events.

In this edition, you can discover the top 10 students with the highest SRP last half term, National Year of Reading 2026 and library card notice, mini-book reviews from our "Borrower of the Term" competition - a £10 Amazon voucher will be awarded to the top two borrowers! On pages three and four, we have "If you enjoyed those, you'll love these!" recommendations.

Sparx Reader



**TOP 10 ON THE LEADER
BOARD UP UNTIL 16/12/25 IN
THE LAST MONTH:
A BIG SHOUT OUT GOES TO:**

Thomas	Amelia
Hesara	Charlotte
Danny	Theodora
James	Erin
Artem	Dima



2026 is the National Year of Reading and we are looking forward to celebrating with book related events and activities. One way to start being prepared is please check if you (school and wider community) have a library card. Cards be applied for at your local library or via the Cambridgeshire Libraries website.

Some of the benefits of owning a library card:

- They are for free.
- They are for life (but membership does not have to be renewed every three years).
- Overdue loans are NOT charged for Junior and Young Adult books, and audiobooks.
- They can be used in any Cambridgeshire Library.
- Many books can be reserved from other libraries if titles aren't in stock in members' local library (Junior and Teen books are free to reserve).
- Reading apps such as Libby, Borrowbox, and Press Reader can be used on devices to access e-books, audio books and newspapers.

As part of our "Borrower of the Term" competition, students completed mini reviews of books that they read. Well done everyone that took part!

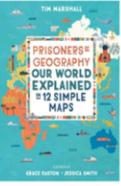
BORROWER OF THE TERM BOOK REVIEWS – "THESE THREE THEMES"



Cool, Funny, Mysterious

George is a loser, but then he's gifted a bottle of spray (Desirable), which is out of date. He uses it and suddenly all the girls are attracted to him.

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Historic, Nostalgic & Fascinating

My favourite chapters were about India and Pakistan, as I have learnt about the countries where I come from. They were many wars in the past over the Indian region of Kashmir.

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Fearful, Mysterious & Adventurous.

Captain Nemo lives in a submarine called Nautilus. It is then attacked by an unknown creature...

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Battles, Pirates & the Seas

Monkey D Luffy is combatting Don Krieg on a floating restaurant on the East Blue Sea. He's desperate to become King of the Pirates.

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Thrilling, Adventurous & Exciting

Four children are the only survivors of a plane crash in the Amazon Jungle, but when they find signs of others and an abandoned city, they find they are not alone...

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Mysterious, Horrific & Heart-pounding

Three kids have a wish but, in this world, it's different in Five Nights at Freddy's. For what is desired comes at a cost.

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Exciting, Surprising & Dramatic

When Captain Nightwing is captured by his own tribe, he needs to be brave to save the missing Rainwings and himself!

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Aviation History in World War II

Take a dive into a world of old planes from World War II. The Spitfire, for example, which flew in the Battle of Britain achieved 'Air Supremacy'.

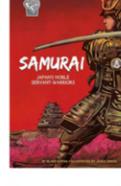
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Magical, Joyful & Wonderful

This book is great to read. It is magical and tells the story of Christmas Eve in a poem.

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Samurais, Battles and Japanese History

This book talks about all the big events that happened in the Japanese samurai period, including the wars and important people like Shoguns.

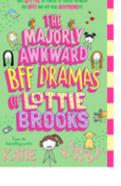
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Funny, Enjoyable & Adventurous

This story will transport you to the wild plains of Africa. When Tilly and her friends find a scared zebra foal, they know they must save her. Join their journey as they help Stripey!

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Immature, Dramatic & Humorous

Lottie Brooks has a new boyfriend and a new dog leaving her best friend, Molly, out in the dust. What will she do now? This book will lift your mood, make you laugh, and you'll start wanting to write your own book.

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Exciting, Nerve-wracking & Adventurous

Allen has been saved by a lighthouse keeper on a stranded ship. Many years later Allen returns to help the lighthouse keeper save puffins.

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Adrenaline, Mystery & Action.

Alex is encouraged to find his destiny with Scorpia, a secret criminal organisation. Whilst working for MI6, Alex is tasked to discover Scorpia's evil plans.

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Funny, Cool & Crazy

Dan is a young adult that has a job selling cars. The boss says all cars are for sale. Dan accidentally sells the bosses red sports car for £1000. Dan gets fired!

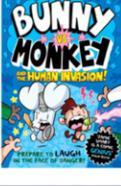
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Man Made Marvels

I read about pyramids. They were made around 2600 BC. It took 100 workers three years to build the Great Sphinx of Giza.

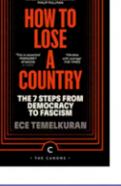
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Crazy, Disorganised & Unusual.

Monkey wants to take over the woods, but humans come in from the city wanting to build a motorway. Bunny discovers he's a pet from the city...

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Political, Thought-provoking & Educational

A great read – this book explores rising far right movements such as populism, for example, when a government enforces a belief that one group of people is superior than the rest deserving more respect and using this to gain power.

