

Reading Round Up

Again, it has been another busy term here in Etone Library. A total of over 1,100 books have been loaned. Some of most popular books have included, The Lottie Brooks series, Football Superstars, Little People, Big Dreams The Dork Diaries, and a new addition to our library, The Sad Ghost Club.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our next book fair will be taking place from Thursday 13th - Tuesday 18th March 2025. Pupils are invited to come along at break and before and after School to purchase their chosen book/books or to complete their wish list to take home. Parents/carers are invited to come along each day after school from 3.15-5.00pm to enjoy browsing the fair with their children along with some refreshments.

There will be something for every pocket at the fair: **approximately 24% of titles are under £5. Book packs start from £1.99. Pupils may also use their £1 World Book Day token for a discount on any title at the fair.**

Payments can be made via a range of options:

- in person via card at the fair;
- using the QR code remotely which can be found on Wish Lists which will be available for pupils to take home from the Library, or via Scholastic's website, <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>
- Parents can pre-purchase vouchers to spend at the fair. For this option please use the following link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

Please remember any purchases made earn rewards for Etone College. These can then be used to buy extra books for our School Library.



Accelerated Reader Reward Trips to Nuneaton Library

During the last week of the Autumn term, our four top quizzing Accelerated Reader classes, in Years 7 and 8, had the privilege of attending a reward trip to Nuneaton Library. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils who participated. They were able to have a look around to see what facilities were on offer and take part in a scavenger hunt. In teams, pupils worked out clues which took them to different areas of the Library. Each of the clues linked to a letter which when rearranged spelt a very festive greeting – MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It was a delight to see the pupils working closely together in a competitive manner; all library staff complimented our pupils on how respectful, polite and engaged they were.



The winners of the £5 book fair voucher, colouring book and chocolate for the Scavenger Hunt were:-

- Molly
- Delia
- Hrithika
- Tegan-Mai
- Chloe



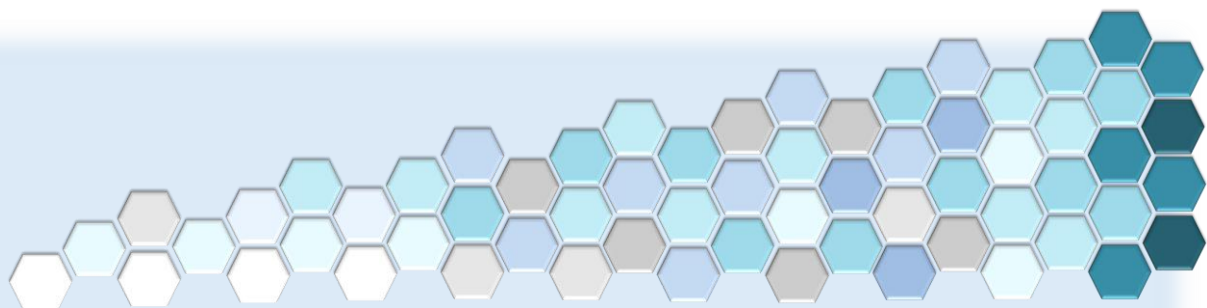
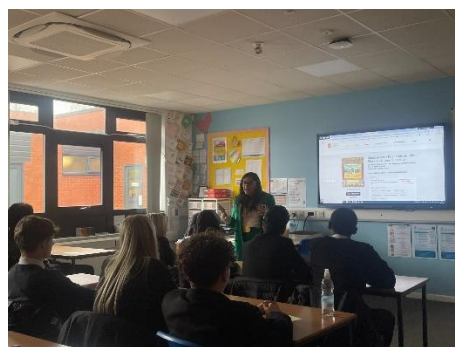
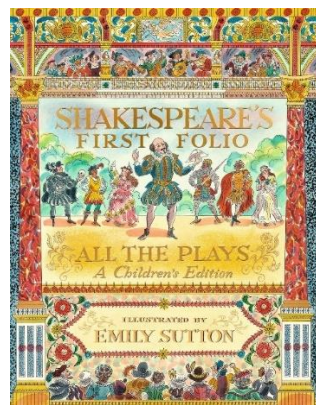
Dr Anjna Chouhan – Shakespeare's First Folio Facsimile

We were recently extremely lucky to be visited by Dr Anjna Chouhan, editor of Shakespeare's First Folio All The Plays – Children's Edition. She gave a fascinating talk to Year 11 about why she wanted to collate Shakespeare's plays and how she wanted to make Shakespeare more accessible to children; she also outlined her research processes. Our year 11 class were enthralled and asked her some brilliant questions.

Anjna also brought a very special item that will be on display in our Library until the end of February, Shakespeare's First Folio Facsimile. The First Folio is the first published collection of Shakespeare's plays, produced seven years after his death, titled 'Mr. William Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories & Tragedies'. This edition grouped the plays into those categories—comedies, histories, and tragedies—for the first time.

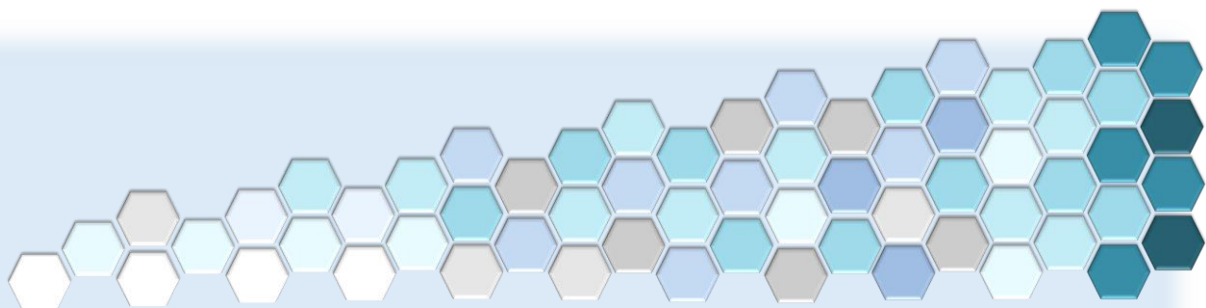
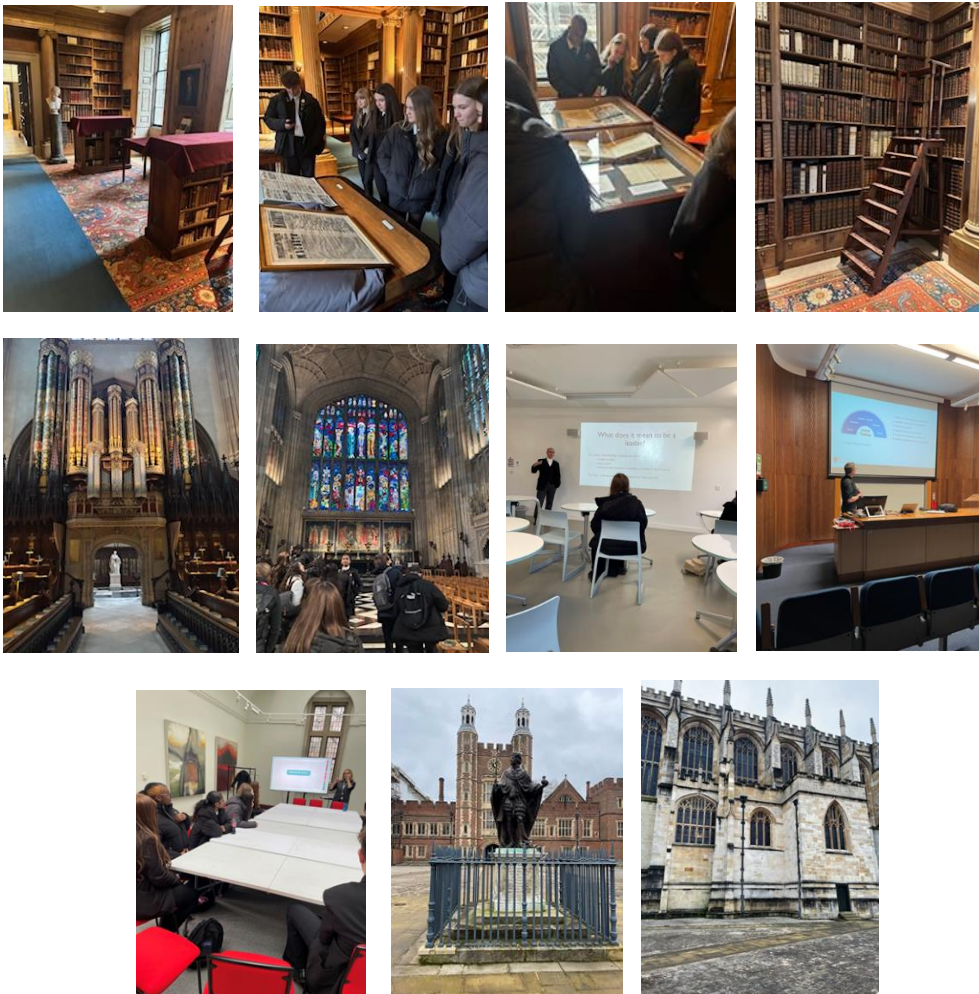
This first folio facsimile has visited 26 libraries across Warwickshire. Etone College is the only School that has the privilege of hosting this in our library. The word 'folio' comes from the Latin word *folium*, which means leaf or sheet. Only 235 copies of the First Folio have been found around the world! Etone pupils are invited to come along, have a look at the folio and annotate any section of the folio which has meaning for them e.g. maybe the first Shakespeare play they read.

Dr Chouhan commented, "Thank you for your kind hospitality today. I enjoyed meeting you and hearing all about the work you do with library lessons at Etone College. I had a wonderful morning, and the students were a thorough pleasure to speak with."



Visit to Eton College

On Monday 3rd February we had the wonderful opportunity of taking Year 10 students on an aspirational trip to Eton College, Windsor. During the day our pupils got to see the everyday life of students, as well as attending informative workshops on critical thinking, leadership and self-leadership, and careers advice. We also had the chance to tour the College, including the Library, which holds hundreds of rare books which must be stored under certain conditions in order to maintain their original condition. Pupils also viewed their magnificent chapel. Please take a look of some of the photos taken as a memento of the day, one which we know the pupils involved will remember for years to come!



Reward Trip – Nuneaton Library

Etone Exceeding Excellence visited Nuneaton Library this week to complete research for their projects. Pupils finalised their question on a topic of their choice; then used the resources available at the Library: books, computers, laptops and research catalogues to begin to compile their responses. Etone pupils did an amazing job at coming up with some really thought provoking questions:

Who is the most powerful God?
What's the best way to govern a country?
Is your cat smarter than you?
Why do people have allergies?
Why do people turn to drugs and alcohol when they are sad?
What are emotions of football?
What are the origins of video gaming?
What is the point in war?
How does where you live impact your brain development?
What inspired Sayaka Murata?
Is school the best place to learn?
How AI impacts the mental health of young people?

The trip offered pupils an insight in the different ways they can carry out research and how using several different types of resources can be useful. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the staff at Nuneaton Library commented on how articulate, intelligent, polite, and well-mannered Etone pupils are.

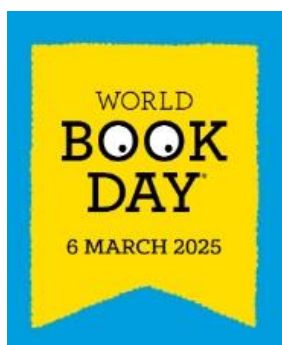


Blue Monday and Children's Mental Health Week 3rd – 9th February 2025

We have been focussing on the importance of Children's Mental Health Week and the role that reading plays in supporting a healthy mind. We have collated some recommended books, have a display of outlining how reading can help, and we are running a competition to design a positive affirmation to share with the Etone community. Displayed are also some celebrities who have opened up suffering with their mental health, along with some useful websites for guidance around mental health. All the books recommended are available to borrow from the Library.



World Book Day – 6th March 2025



On Thursday 6th March 2025 Etone College will be joining in World Book Day celebrations, with various activities taking place during the day. Pupils will get the chance to see some staff members dressed up as one of their favourite characters. Each pupil will receive their £1 book token which they will be able to spend at the upcoming Scholastic book fair. Updates will follow on specific activities planned.

18 Before 18

We are still spotlighting the 18 books our pupils should read as part of their reading journey from Year 7 to 13. These books range from 'Goodnight Mister Tom' by Michelle Magorian, 'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak to 'Girl in Pieces' by Kathleen Glasgow. Pupils are able to write a review or submit a video for a chance to be entered in our half term draw to win a free book. All of our chosen books are available to borrow from Etone library.



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18 BEFORE 18

Our recommendation for your reading journey from Year 7-13

Write a review or submit a video review to be entered into our prize draw to win a free book – every half term

KS3 -
KS4 -
KS5 -

Transition read - find me in the cafe

Form Read



New Books

Some new books have arrived here at Etone Library including a new set of Dyslexia friendly books. Here are just a few of our new stock following pupils' requests.



Pupils are welcome to come and speak to Mrs Whitmore if there are any titles/types of books they would like to see in the Library.

Accelerated Reader Update

Here are the current house competition results



967



1065



828



681

Year 7 Most Quizzed Class – 7A/E3 – 200 quizzes

Year 8 Most Quizzed Class – 8A/E3 – 182 quizzes

Word Millionaires

Etone are proud to announce we have another Accelerated Reader Word Millionaire. Mikaela has read **over one million words** this academic year. **Mikaela was recently awarded** with a certificate and a book of her choice, Like a Curse by Elle McNicoll. Well done Mikaela.



Christmas Advent Competition

During the lead up to Christmas, Etone Library ran an Advent competition. The top prize was a £10 book voucher and chocolate. The lucky winner was Ruby in Year 7. Well done Ruby! Runners up included Grace, Lana and Tyler who won a colouring book, felt tips and a selection box. Well done to you too!



Blue Peter Badges

For those pupils who completed an application to receive a Blue Peter badge these have now started to arrive through the post. Some really proud pupils have been showing staff their badges. Applications can still be accepted. Pupils can obtain an application form from Mrs Whitmore in the Library or during their weekly Library lesson.



Grease – The Musical

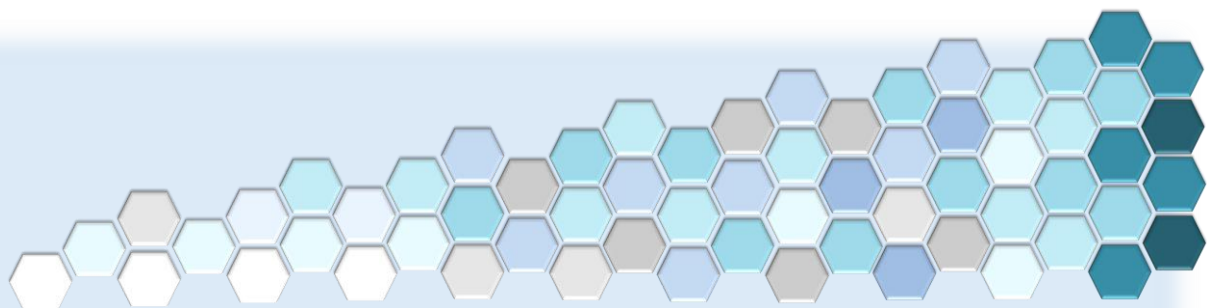
Jacob (Danny) and Lillie (Sandy) led the Etone cast of Grease for their 2025 production. The 50 strong cast, band, and crew had been rehearsing since July to prepare to take to Etone's stage! This is – in fact - the second time that Grease had appeared on the stage at Etone, we wondered whether any of our audience members remembered (or performed in) the 1998 production!

Etone students, from years 7 to 12 whether acting, singing, dancing, designing, playing in the band, editing sound and planning lighting, or stage managing were ready to showcase their talents and dedication to the creation of this large-scale school musical. The cast performed on Tuesday to Etonians of the future, currently in Year 6 at our feeder schools; and then to friends, family, and school supporters in public productions on Wednesday, 29th, Thursday, 30th, Friday, 31st January.

Directors Mrs Leftwich-Lloyd and Miss Jellett said, "The cast have worked so hard, supporting each other throughout, it has been a privilege to watch the ensemble develop. This production has been a complete team effort."

Musical director, Mrs Kaye-Shepherd agreed, "It has been a real treat getting our students to learn to perform in the raw rock and roll style of some of the most influential musicians of the twentieth century and it has been brilliant to see and hear our students starting to get interested in the wonderful world of musical theatre. Grease is very much, the way we are feeling!"

This production of 'Grease' was presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials were supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW).



Wicked Writers – Be the Change Competition

Pupils are invited to enter an exciting new competition with amazing prizes. This is being launched by the National Literacy Trust in January 2025. Details of this competition are as follows:



- Open to pupils aged 9 to 14. Entries from Etone would be judged in the age 11 to 14 category.
- Opens on [13 January 2025](#) and closes on [28 February 2025](#).
- Pupils need to **write persuasively** about a positive change they would like to see in their **local community**. This could be anything from environmental changes to mental health.
- Entries have a word limit of **500** words and **must** be submitted in a typed word document or PDF.
- A winner and runner up will be chosen in each age category. Prizes include trips to see [Wicked at London's Apollo Victoria Theatre](#), writing workshops for our school, book bundles and shortlisted pupils will have the chance to be published in the Wicked Writers anthology.

We don't want pupils to miss out on this **FANTASTIC** opportunity! – Further information is available from Miss French in the English Department

Warwickshire Secondary Book Award

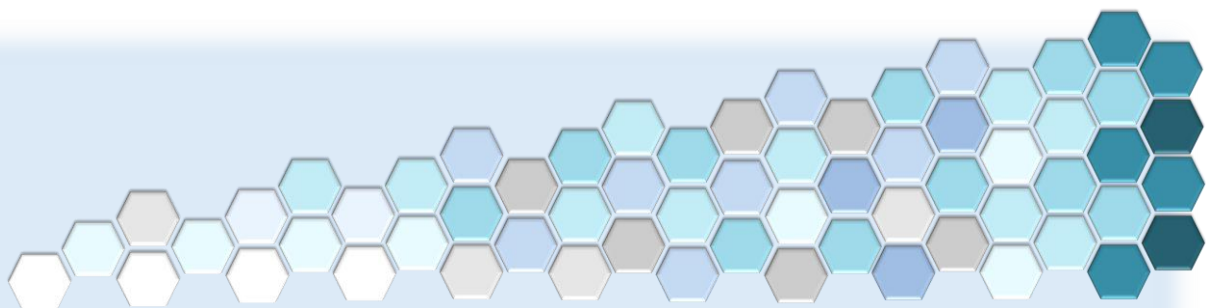
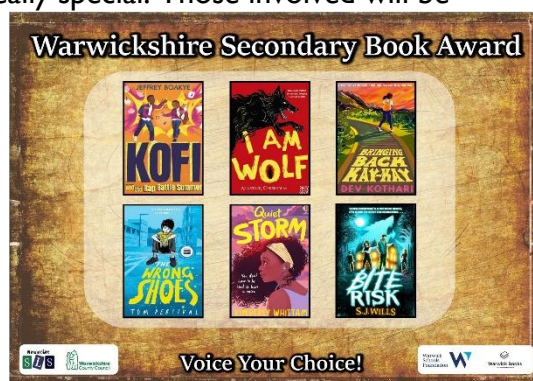
We are delighted to announce our involvement in the Warwickshire Secondary Book Award 2025.

Pupils involved will read the six shortlisted books, meet regularly to discuss what they have read and in March 2025 vote for their favourite title.

The winner is decided purely by pupil votes, which makes it really special. Those involved will be invited to attend a final award ceremony in Warwick on 2nd April 2025.

Here, there will be the chance to meet the authors and have books signed.

Our group will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. Look out for the next edition of our newsletter to find out the winning author and an update and photos from the award ceremony.



Partnership with Nuneaton Library

As part of our commitment to engaging Etone pupils in reading for pleasure, we would like to make you aware of the excellent library facilities available at Nuneaton Library. These facilities are available beyond the school day, at weekends, and throughout the school holidays:

Day	Opening hours
Monday	10am to 6pm
Tuesday	9am to 6pm
Wednesday	9am to 6pm
Thursday	9am to 6pm
Friday	9am to 5pm
Saturday	9am to 4pm
Sunday	10am to 2pm

We would strongly advise Etone pupils join Nuneaton Library to make full use of facilities, which includes books, computers and iPads. The library also has study areas where pupils could complete study and homework. Membership is **free of charge** and can be completed online:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary>

Membership of the library also brings free use of the app. 'Borrow Box' which enables the loan of eBooks and audiobooks **free of charge**. The app can be downloaded onto phones and tablets.

