

Reading Round Up

The Library has been extremely busy this term. Since September a total 950 books have been loaned. Our most popular authors of this term are Jeff Kinney, Rachel Renee Russell, Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara, Matt & Tom Oldfield, Jim Smith and Alice Oseman.

Pupil Voice sessions have taken place, some of the things our pupils like and find enjoyable about the Library are:

- The amount and variety of books
- The layout and atmosphere
- The books are easy to find
- It is calm and quiet
- It is a safe space
- The range of different genres
- It is spacious
- The availability of computers for homework club
- Really like the fiction and comedy books
- Receiving their free BookBuzz books
- Library induction lessons

Scholastic Book Fair

Etone College recently held its first bookfair of the academic year. The fair ran from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th November. On the Monday and Tuesday night, for the first time, parents/carers were invited in to look at the books with refreshments provided.

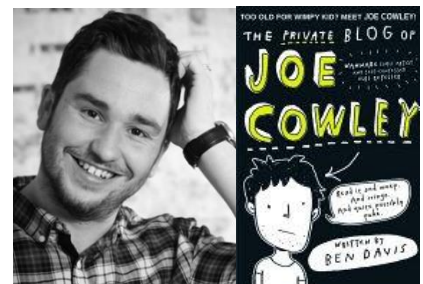


The fair was a hive of activity with pupils rushing to browse and purchase books. It was a great success with sales of over **£600** and over **£240** received in rewards for Etone. These rewards can now be spent on new books for the Library. Our next fair will be held in March 2025.



Author Visit – Ben Davis

On Tuesday 26th November 2024, **Ben Davis**, a local author came to visit Etone College. Ben is currently living and working in Staffordshire with his wife, son, and young daughter. Ben Davis writes funny books for older children and teenagers including the *Joe Cowley* series, *My Embarrassing Dad's Gone Viral* and *Make Me Awesome*. During the visit



alongside book readings, and creating characters with Ben, Etone pupils asked inciteful questions including How old were you when you started writing? Would you like to make a play of one of your books? What is your favourite book for teenagers? And Who inspires you?



They particularly enjoyed Ben telling them about including his embarrassing family members and weaving them into the stories he writes, as well as hearing about how an author is paid.

Here is what some of the pupils had to say about the visit:

‘I really enjoyed hearing a book being read by actual author who had written the book.’

‘We found it really interesting how he used things in his books that had actually happened to him or that he had done.’



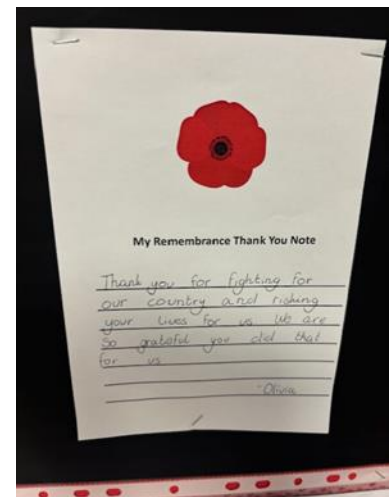
‘I found it very educational how he writes and how he finds his inspiration for her stories.’

‘I really enjoyed how he used different voices and made us jump when there was shouting in his book.’

‘I really enjoyed the workshop and it made me see that there is the possibility of me being an author when I leave School.’

Remembrance Day – 11th November 2024

During November we have celebrated and remembered the brave soldiers who fought and lost their lives for us. The English department wove starters into their lessons for the week to focus Etone pupils on the importance of the occasion.



Remembrance Day
11th November
2024



The Library celebrated this with activities, and the opportunity for pupils to write thank-you notes to fallen soldiers which were collated into a display.



18 Before 18

We have also been celebrating 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.



Etone College
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

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KS4 -

KS5



Transition read - find me in the cafe

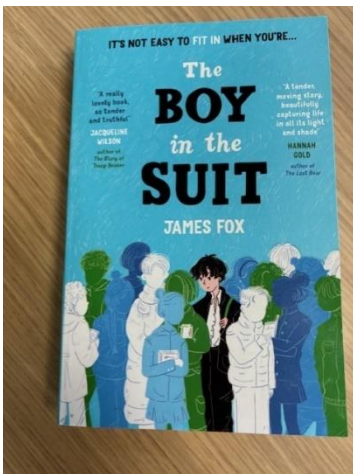
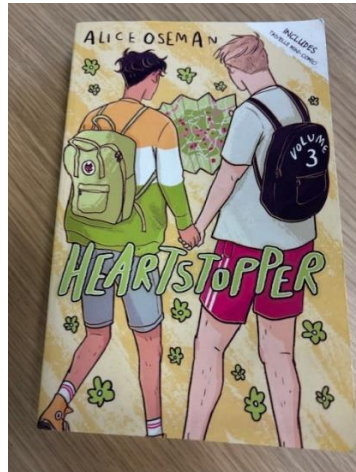


Form Read



New Books

New books have been arriving weekly here at Etone Library. Here are just a few of our new stock following pupils' requests.



Accelerated Reader Update

Here are the current house competition results



Year 7 Most Quizzed Class – 7a/EI – 181 quizzes

Year 8 Most Quizzed Class – 8b/EI – 334 quizzes

Accelerated Reader Reward Trips

We have worked closely with Nuneaton library, and our 'most quizzed' classes will be celebrating their reading with a scavenger hunt in Nuneaton Library during an English lesson in the last week of term. We know that this will be an enjoyable activity which will also enable them to fully explore the range of services offered at this invaluable, local, free resource. There will be prizes for the top teams.

Word Millionaires

Etone are proud to announce we have 4 Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires. These are all pupils who have read **over one million words** this academic year. All will be rewarded with certificates and a book of their choice.

Tymon - 1, 330, 648

Freddie - 1, 126,499

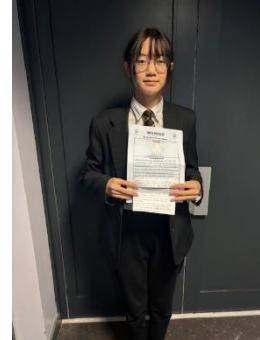
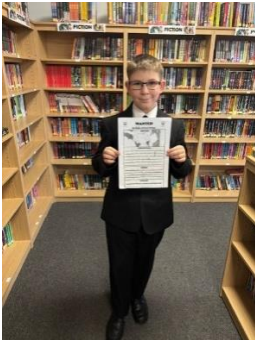
Denis - 1, 358, 793

Yusuf - 1, 084, 340



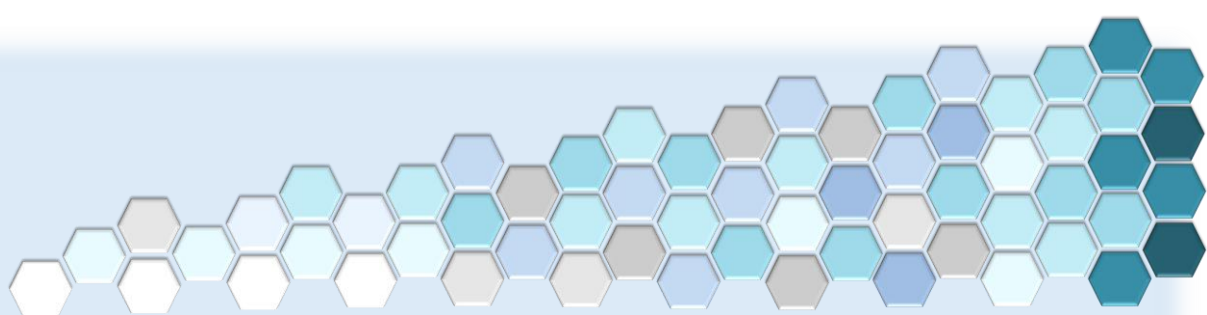
Wanted Competition

We recently held a 'Wanted Competition' where pupils got to design a wanted poster of the most villainous character out of one of the books they have read. We had 6 lucky winners, all of whom won a £5 voucher to spend on the book fair and some chocolate.



Blue Peter Badges

Etone pupils have been working really hard on their Blue Peter Book Badge applications. They have written about a book that they have read and created a drawing of a character from this book. Alongside this, they listed other authors and books they have enjoyed and why. These applications have now been sent off, we will award them and pupils can begin to gain benefit from free entry to over 200 UK attractions.



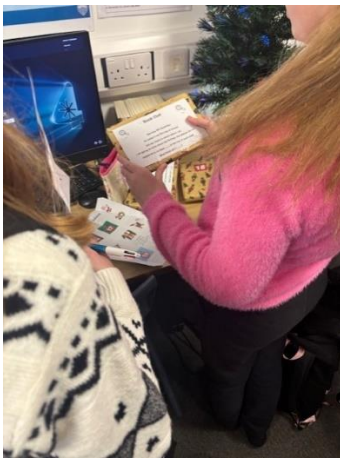
Bookshelf Competition

We were delighted to see engagement with our staff bookshelf trail competition. We asked staff to send in photographs of their bookshelves with 'clues' for pupils to detect their identity. Our top winners were rewarded with specially selected colouring books and pen sets.



Christmas Advent Competition

During the lead up to Christmas, Etone Library have been running an Advent competition. Each morning, pupils find the advent numbered book under the Christmas Tree, read the clues and then use them to solve the riddle of the wrapped book. This has proved to be great fun for those taking part. The top prize is a £10 book voucher and chocolate.



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 Mrs Whitmore in the Library.

Warwickshire School Library Service

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Supporting reading and learning in schools

We are excited to announce that our subscription with WSLs commences in January 2025. This entitles us to a set of books aimed at Key Stage 3.

Also, we have subscribed to their 8 project collections. This will mean we have access to 8 'pop up Library' boxes which will mean pupils have access to even more resources.



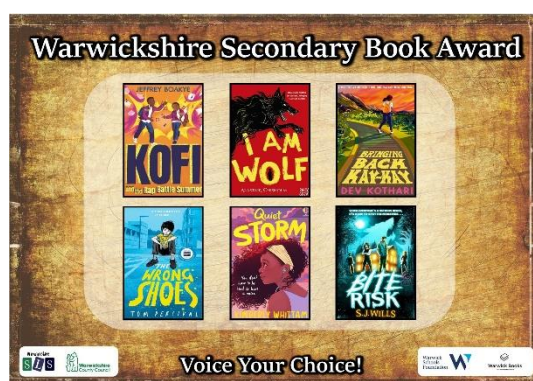
Warwickshire Secondary Book Award

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.

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.

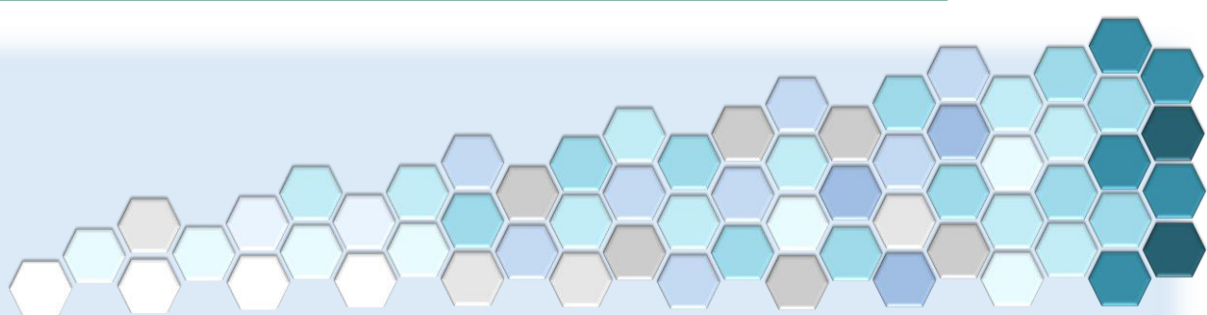
Here, there will be the chance to meet the authors and have books signed.



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.

