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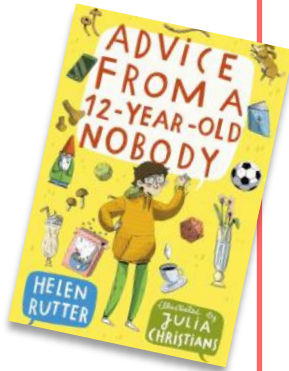
Book of the Month!

Advice From a 12-year-old Nobody by Helen Rutter

Vinny needs support from his agony-aunt mum, but she's too busy helping other people to notice. He's got problems – lots of them. His family's falling apart, and his best mates have dumped him for some really annoying girls.

He should be able to turn to his mum for help – she's an online life coach who answers other people's problems for a living. But she's too busy to see that Vinny is really struggling.

Unable to solve his own issues, Vinny starts replying to unanswered posts on an old blog of his mum's. At first the solutions seem easy, and he can be as hilariously honest as any 12-year-old boy would be, but what will happen when Vinny realises he's out of his depth?



JULY '26



Board Games Club

Since Zac T (Y10) started this club earlier in the academic year, we have played a variety of games including world building, strategy and co-operative types. It's always a challenge to learn the rules!

If you'd like to join us, 3pm Tuesdays, let Zac know to factor you in when he picks the game of the week.

Ms Jones is the fourth player behind the camera 😊



Author Profile: Matt Oldfield

Matt Oldfield is a British author known for writing children's books focused on football. Many of his books are written with his brother, Tom Oldfield. Together, they have created the Ultimate Football Heroes series, which profiles the lives and careers of prominent football players.

Matt Oldfield's books are used in schools and libraries to encourage reading for pleasure among children, particularly those who are enthusiastic about sport.



Word of the Month

Quisquillas

A Spanish word meaning 'tiny shrimp' and used to describe minor complaints, trivialities, or fussy arguments. It perfectly describes the annoying habit of nitpicking over tiny, unimportant details.



Ms Jones on OVERDUES

Notices around school and prompts from tutors/English teachers have not resulted in many books returned—so any books still overdue in September will be marked as 'LOST' and the adults of the borrower will be asked to pay a replacement fee.

OVERDUE

Summer Reading Bingo!

Biography	Translated from another language	Novel in verse	Thriller	Historical fiction
Classic	True crime	Steampunk	A book in a series	Magic realism
Science fiction	Horror	YOUR CHOICE	Dystopian	Sports fiction
Graphic novel	Fantasy	Autobiography	Suspense	Nonfiction
Mystery	Romance	Detective	Adventure	Made into a movie



Mrs Wheat's Famous Dingbats

Dingbat puzzles are visual word puzzles that require you to guess a well-known phrase or saying from a set of symbols or words. They often use clever wordplay and cryptic clues to convey hidden meanings.

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Borrower of the Month

Harry S-G has been a frequent library user this year (including being a regular at Board Games Club) and has borrowed nearly 40 books over the year. Harry is a massive fan of our shorter non-fiction books and has learned about Explosions, Extreme Sports, Gaming, Dinosaurs and much more!



Congratulations Harry and keeeeeeeep reading!

WeavWords Week!

So much went on during our annual literacy celebration that it's difficult to cram it all in this newsletter. From Ms Jones's WHS-set murder mystery, to a treasure hunt, pizza party and a poetry slam, WHS celebrated books and reading all week long!

Working hard on the Logo quiz created by Mrs Wheat



The treasure hunt winners with their prize of a Rubik's Cube



Millionaire's Party

On Wednesday afternoon, around fifty Y7 and Y8 students were invited to take part in the end of year celebration of their commitment and hard work in reading. Lots of pizza, crisps, sweets, biscuits and chocolate were consumed, and students either enjoyed a rare free-pass on the computers to play games or watched the top rated movie *Kung Fu Panda 4*.



Poetry Slam!

The standard was exceptionally high. Students delivered a range of impressive poems, many of which they had written themselves, tackling themes such as identity, mental health, resilience, and the experiences of women in Afghanistan. The creativity and confidence on display made selecting the winners very difficult.

Winner – Roseanna R, for her powerful poem exploring the experiences of women in Afghanistan.

Runner-up – Alfie D, for his moving and deeply personal account of overcoming panic attacks.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that Percy H has been selected as Poet Laureate for the 2026–27 academic year, with Oliver P appointed as Assistant Poet Laureate.

The event was a tremendous success, and many of the students expressed a desire for more opportunities to engage in poetry and performance. In response to this enthusiasm, we will be launching the Weaverham Poetry Society in September.

Mrs Cash



Author visit: Sophie Jo

Years 9 and 10 were lucky to be visited by YA author Sophie, who has written books about healthy relationships including *The Nicest Girl*, *Heartbreak Era* and *Red Flags*. Despite the heat in the hall, Sophie kept both year groups spellbound as she talked about her journey to publication, read from her books, and talked us through examples of red flag and green flag behaviour! Sophie also did two writing workshops with selected pupils in the library, which were thoroughly enjoyable.



The Late, Great Johnny Ace

On Monday 6th July, resident author Lis Jardine (AKA Ms Jones) unleashed her latest work on the school community. This 'Story in a Day' was read out in segments over each of the day's five periods, and featured the sudden and unnatural death of long-serving WHS staff member Johnny Goodall. Students were kept on tenterhooks until the big reveal at the end of the day—and were not disappointed to discover the unlikely murderer's identity :)

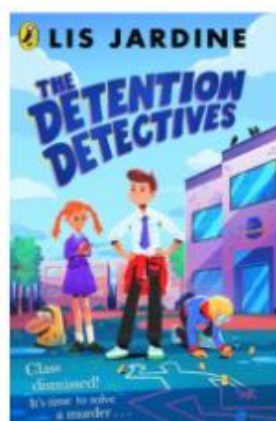
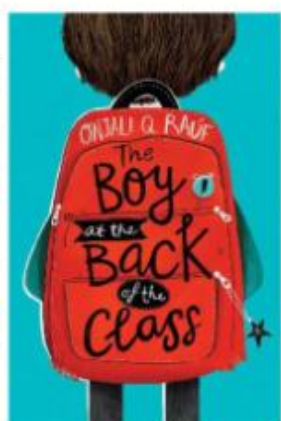


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