



THE NSB TRUST

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Term 1

A termly newsletter
to support with
reading at home and
to help promote our
reading culture across
The NSB Trust.



Welcome to the first edition for this academic year of the NSB Trust reading newsletter. This term we are excited to highlight the opportunities for reading across the year. We would welcome any feedback on the newsletter; please email jbarlow@nsbtrust.school

1 **READING IN THE NEWS**

Following research by the National Literacy Trust, which was reported in this newsletter last year, the government has declared 2026 a “**National Year of Reading**”.

Bridget Phillipson, the Education Secretary, said: “It’s incredibly important that children have the chance to read for pleasure, develop a love of reading, because those habits that you build up as a child stay with you for the rest of your life.” Subsequently, The Times has launched their “**Get Britain Reading**” campaign, backed by a wide range of well-known authors.

Decades of research shows that reading for fun can transform lives. It boosts children’s and adults’ mental health and has been found to be more important for a child’s cognitive development between the ages of 10 and 16 than their parents’ level of education.

The NSB Trust will be doing our bit to improve reading for pleasure through whole-staff CPD, student events and further parental communication. Watch this space!

2 **TOP TIPS FOR READING AT HOME**

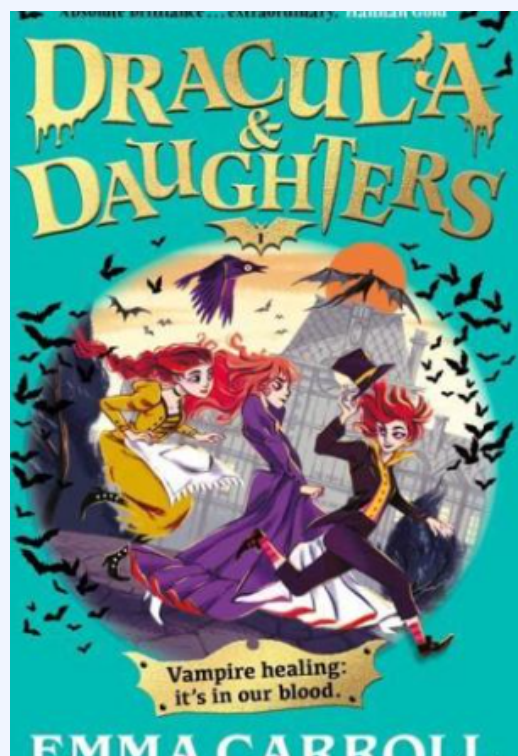
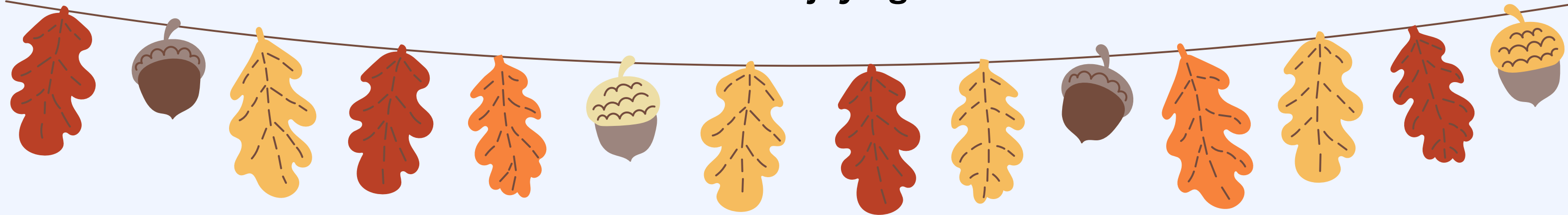
For parents of students in years 7 and 8, please refer to the recent email sent home demonstrating how to access your child’s **Accelerated Reader** account. This is a great starting point to view their reading choices and progress and use this to spark further conversations about reading.

3 **READING AT THE NSB TRUST**

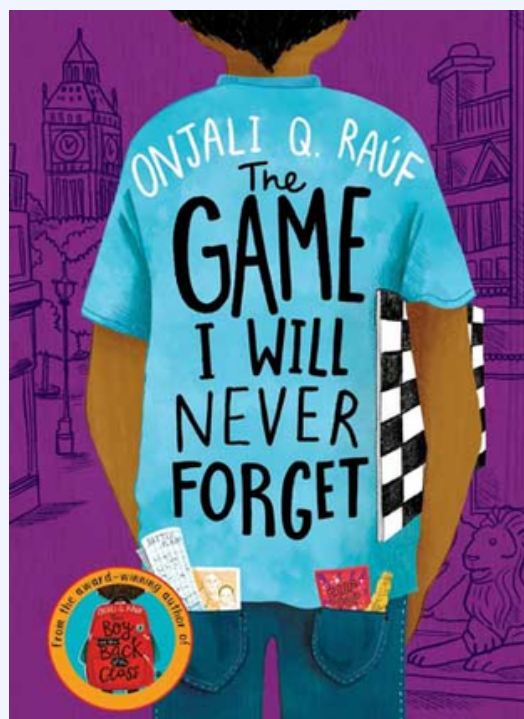
Term 1 saw the delivery of the year 7 book gifts. We hope that all students have enjoyed reading their chosen novels and getting to know the wonderful characters! There has been a house competition for tutor groups to present their favourite things about the books, with the deadline in the final week of term... More to come on the winners! Please also take some time to peruse our termly wider reading lists, available on the school website for [NS](#) and [NSB](#) by following the links and navigating to “**Recommended Reading**.”

OUR FAVOURITE AUTUMNAL READS...

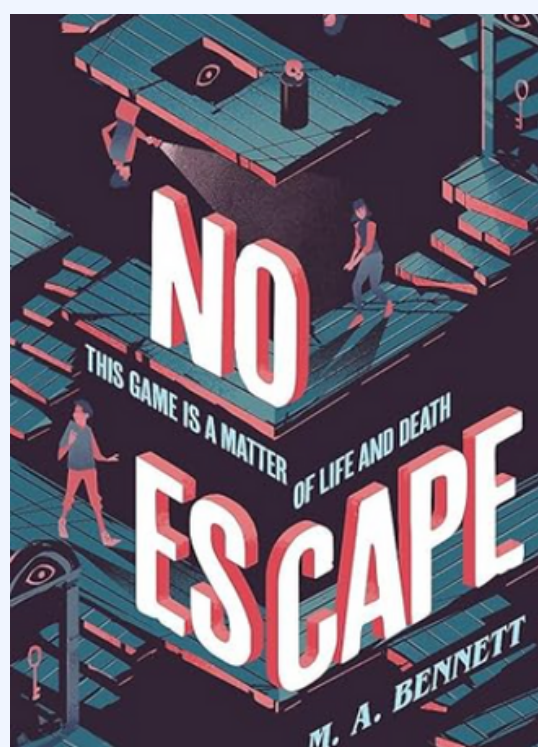
Autumn is the perfect time to get cosy and enjoy a good book! We've suggested just some of the books that we will be enjoying over the half-term break...



Emma Carroll is the queen of historical fiction and this new release looks excellent! Mixing historical detail with adventure and tension, all whilst challenging traditional gender stereotypes, this is sure to be a popular choice for fans of the book series “Murder Most Unladylike” and the TV series “Wednesday”.



Another offering from the author of the ever-popular “The Boy at the Back of the Class”, “**The Game I Will Never Forget**” deals with complex themes such as dementia and familial relationships, all with the race-against-time excitement which is so often found in Rauf’s young adult fiction.



For older readers, this claustrophobic, closed-room Gothic horror story is a tense, gripping tale based in a Parisian chateau full of supernatural events. A hit for fans of “The Inheritance Games” series, this is sure to hold the attention of even the most reluctant readers...although maybe not one to read before bed!

