



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

Reading is critical for academic success and so Mr Nichols, our Librarian, is running a competition encouraging all students to read a book over half term. Students should submit a short review of their chosen book to DJN@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk 'The Mortal Instruments: Shadowhunters' box set, by Cassandra Clare, is the top prize for the winning book review and all entries will get merits.

Please see below for Mr Nicholls's Jubilee reading list to give you some ideas. The competition closes on Friday 10 June 2022. In addition to this, there is also a poetry competition to mark the Queen's Jubilee.

Providing male reading role models is important for boys so why not set up a family book club?

Wyken College

Kat Otoka and Hannah Scarlett are now jointly responsible for Wyken College. If your child is in Wyken College and you would like to contact their Heads of College please email wyken_college@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk

School Library Returns - Year 11

Many Year 11 students have borrowed School Library books; including a large number of revision guides. All School Library items must be returned before the end of term. We have a long line of current Year 9 and 10 students who require them. Invoices for lost/unreturned items will be posted in September; monies required to enable the purchase of replacement titles.

Advice from the Medical Room

- Please remember to supply your children with a water bottle every day, especially as the weather is getting warmer. Water bottles can be refilled at the water fountains in school.

- We can offer paracetamol to students, if we have a record of parental consent, should they require pain relief during the day. However, we are unable to do this before 11.00am as we can't guarantee that paracetamol hasn't already been taken earlier in the day.
- We have seen an increasing number of students attend school using crutches, without a formal medical diagnosis. Please contact us to discuss before bringing crutches into school as students on crutches are unable to access many areas of the school and must be risk assessed.

Sporting News

Fantastic news that Gabriella Woolls in Year 8 has won the Bedfordshire Football League Division 1 with the Escolla Girls Football team and received the Golden Boot with 25 goals! Well done Gabriella.



Language Options for Year 7 and Year 8 Students

- **Year 7 students only**

In Year 8, students have one lesson per week of French, and one lesson per week of either German or Spanish. If your child is currently in Year 7 they will need to choose their language options by completing this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/rZbqCnUg4P>



- **Year 8 students only**

Next year, Year 9 students will learn just **one** language (four lessons per fortnight). This will enable them to study the language in more depth and ensure that they are better equipped to continue that language at GCSE level. If your child is currently in Year 8 they will need to choose their language option by completing this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/1EJ1QhGHyG>



Safeguarding



As part of their 'Operation Sceptre' Suffolk Constabulary have presented assemblies in school and added a wealth of advice to their website for parents and students. With the aim to reduce the risk of knife crime, drug misuse and child / criminal exploitation,

the link below contains information and advice about gang/county lines culture and warning signs to look out for.

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/gangs-county-lines-information-and-advice>

If you are worried about anyone being involved in crime but you perhaps don't know how to approach it you can obtain non-judgemental advice and information from Fearless, whilst remaining anonymous.



<https://www.fearless.org/>

Finally, thank you for making me feel so welcome during our first half term; it's great to be part of this wonderful community. I hope you have a great half term and enjoyable Jubilee celebration.



Deri O'Regan

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Reading List – seven decades of writing....

The 1950s [Best Books of the Decade: 1950s \(1096 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)

- A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond
- The Borrowers by Mary Norton
- The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
- The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
- The Once and Future King by T.H. White
- Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
- I, Robot by Isaac Asimov

The 1960s [Best Books of the Decade: 1960s \(1340 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)

- The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- Dune by Frank Herbert
- 2001: A Space Odyssey by Arthur C. Clarke
- A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin
- Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

The 1970s [Best Books of the Decade: 1970s \(1732 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)

- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
- The Sword of Shannara by Terry Brooks
- Watership Down by Richard Adams
- The Selfish Gene by Richard Dawkins
- Jonathan Livingston Seagull by Richard Bach
- Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
- The Dark Is Rising by Susan Cooper

The 1980s [Best Books of the Decade: 1980s \(2156 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)

- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- It by Stephen King
- The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
- The Clan of the Cave Bear by Jean M. Auel
- The Witches by Roald Dahl
- Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones
- The Colour of Magic by Terry Pratchett

The 1990s [Best Books of the Decade: 1990s \(3025 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)

- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling

- The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier
- Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton
- Neverwhere by Neil Gaiman
- The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

The 'naughties' [Best Books of the Decade: 2000s \(7076 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)

- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- Twilight by Stephenie Meyer
- Life of Pi by Yann Martel
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
- Coraline by Neil Gaiman

2010+ [Best Books of the Decade: 2010s \(7010 books\) \(goodreads.com\)](#)

- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- Divergent by Veronica Roth
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio
- Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs
- Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell
- Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
- The Raven Boys by Maggie Stiefvater

All the above are in no particular order of quality, but all sold very successfully. Each decade has a 'flavour' of its own, but it is clear that from 1990 onwards books for 'teens' and Young Adults dominate. Click the links for many other suggestions from each decade. **Try to read one of the above titles over half-term and bring in a short review. If you review a book not the list, you can still enter a 'book prize draw' to win 'The Mortal Instruments: Shadowhunters' Box set, by Cassandra Clare.** Mr O'Regan will draw the winner at random. Entries by Friday 10 June 2022, (draw box in the School Library).



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Poetry Challenge; 70 words to mark 70 years.

**During half term compose a poem for a chance to win a collection by
The Queen's current Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage.**

Your poem (or poems) can be about any subject and in any poetic style, handwritten or typed. Each poem must be composed of 70 words, no more, no less. Entries by Friday 10 June 2022 (in the School Library). The winning entry will be chosen by a panel of judges. All entries will be displayed in the School Library.

Dates for your Diary	
Term dates for next academic year 2022-2023 are now on our website.	
Sat 21 May – Sun 22 May 22	Y10 DofE Silver Practice expedition
Fri 27 May 2022	Y7/8 Deadline for Language Options
Tues 31 May 22	Deadline for opt-in applications for school transport
Mon 30 May – Fri 3 Jun 22	Half Term
Sat 11 Jun – Sun 12 Jun 22	Y9 DofE Bronze Qualifying expedition
Fri 17 Jun 22	'& Juliet' Theatre Trip London
Thu 23 Jun 22	Y11 leavers' day
Tues 28 Jun 22	Y11 GCSE Exams end
Weds 29 Jun 22	Y11 National Exams Contingency Day
Thu 30 Jun 22	HPV Vaccinations Years 8, 9 & 10 (2 nd date)
Thu 30 Jun 22	Y11 Prom at Blackthorpe Barn
Fri 1 July 22	School closed in lieu of the extra Jubilee Bank Holiday
Mon 4 July 22	PD Day school closed to students
Sun 3 – Wed 6 July 22	Y9/10 Paris Trip
Fri 22 July 22	First day of Summer Holidays

Thought for the Week

'A well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers.'

Helen Keller

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