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Welcome from the librarians

Welcome to your final newsletterof the academic year!

It has truly been an incredible year, with the library buzzing as students brought the room to life with reading, research, homework, and a growing sense of curiosity. As we wrap up the term, we're grateful for every moment of learning and look forward to welcoming everyone back for even more discoveries next year. Watch this space for more exciting news and events, including a mystery guest we're delighted to be welcoming!

Library Events

We are welcoming a secret guest in October 2026!

Solve the riddle to find out who will be visiting our school — a much-loved storyteller whose stories you may already know, and whose arrival next year is sure to cause a buzz!

"One boy lives a double life,
Another can't even ('til he found his stride)
There's a club that shouts its name with pride
And someone you'd want standing by your side
Which author weaves these tales so cleverly tied?"

Good News from First News

Anglo European School has signed up for the First News 2026 Summer Reading Scheme!

First News is a weekly newspaper, jam-packed with headlines, sport, entertainment, world news and education resources. Anglo students now have **free** access to First News resources throughout the summer holidays, giving them an easy way to stay informed, curious, and connected with the world even while school is out.

To register for the free resource, please follow the link https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2026/103384077680/

National Year of Reading

Aswe bring theschool year toa close, we are proud to look back on a few successful months celebrating the National Year of Reading.

January kicked things off with **Sport** stories that got everyone moving, followed by February's **Romantasy** magic that swept readers off their feet. March took us out of this world with **Science** and **Space** wonders, while April warmed our hearts with **Pet-themed** tales. May brought style and flair through reads inspired by **Fashion**, and June invited us to explore the globe with **Travel** and **International** adventures.

Coming up in the Autumn term:

This is where you come in — we invite you to share the types of reading that interest you, along with your hobbies and the activities that occupy your free time, so we can tailor our recommendations to you. (and our incredible library displays!)

We can't wait to continue our reading journey together!





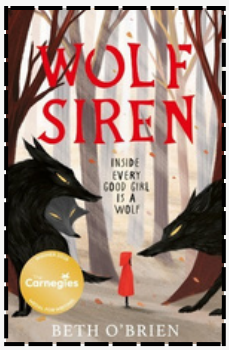
Read While Away - photo competition

IF YOU ARE OFF SOMEWHERE - TAKE A BOOK WITH YOU!

A reminder that our photo competition will run throughout the summer holidays, and we know many of you will capture some incredible moments during your even more incredible adventures. We'd love to see your best shots — simply email your entries to the library inbox.

Congratulations to this year's Carnegie winner!

On Tuesday, 23 June, our Bibliomaniacs book club gathered to watch live the prestigious Carnegie Award Ceremony, where this year's winner was announced - the book Wolf Siren by Beth O'Brien. As a Carnegie shadowing group, they have the privilege of reading the shortlisted books before anyone else, and vote for a book of their choice. We warmly invite any new students who would like to join this enthusiastic book club next year to reach out.



Wolf Siren by Beth O'Brien is available to borrow from the Library It is a nuanced tale of living with a disability inspired by the author's own experience of sight impairment and is a feminist retelling of Little Red Riding Hood. As the author herself explained, it all began with the question 'Why did Little Red Riding Hood not recognize her grandmother?'. The students loved the reimagined story and it was the definite winner amongst the group.

Governors' Award - to the student who embraces all the Learner Profile attributes



On Monday 29 June, our very own Tammes , 8T, was presented with this year's Governors' Award, following a **nomination from the library team**. Here are just some of the wonderful things that have been said during the Year 7 and 8 Awards evening:

'"Tammes is truly the backbone of the Anglo Library. Beginning as a student librarian in Year 7, he has gone far beyond expectations. Each morning, without fail, he arrives early to take charge of the library desk—returning and issuing books, troubleshooting IT issues, and even supporting fellow students with their learning. At breaktime, when the library is at its busiest, he is once again there: organised, dependable, and calm under pressure.

Tammes is a huge asset to the Anglo Library and it would not run smoothly without him. He is a pleasure to work with, completely trustworthy and liked by all Library staff and those students who use the Library."

Keep Up the Good Work, Tammes!

To our amazing student librarians - Thank You!

A massive thank you to our amazing student librarians, who have given up their time to help keep the library running throughout this academic year, we honestly couldn't have done it without you! You have become experts at our library management system, you have handled the stationery shop with professionalism, and our shelves have never looked tidier!

And on that note, if you love being in the library, enjoy helping others, or just fancy getting involved in something fun and rewarding, we would love to have you on board. Pop in and have a chat with us, our doors are always open!



'Being a student librarian has helped me to develop responsibility, organisation and confidence. It has taught me the importance of being reliable and working as part of a team while helping students find books and keeping the library tidy and organised.

I have enjoyed contributing to the smooth operation of the library and creating a welcoming environment for others. This role has also improved my communication skills and given me valuable experience that I can use in the future,I am very happy as well to have such kind librarians in the library who are there for any problems!'

Maisy (9T)

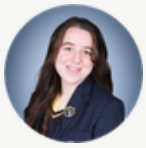


'Beingalibrarianhasbeenagreat experience, especially if you like books!Myfavouriteofbeingalibrarian is to check out the books.'

Leeya (7A)

'Myfavouritepartofbeingaschool librarian is being surrounded by booksanddiscoveringnewstories to escape into by talking to other students.Ialsolovehelpingstudents find a story that suits them and seeing them enjoy it. '

Maria (9N)



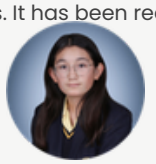
'Ihavereallyenjoyedbeingaschool librarian this year. It's been fun andithastaughtmemoreresponsibilities, and what it's like to be a reallibrarian.I'vealsolearntabit of the dewey number system.'

Anwyn (7E)



'It has been really fun being a librarian because I love helping out in the library. After lunch, I always know where to go and where all the books are, and I love giving people recommendations. It has been really fun this year and a great experience.'

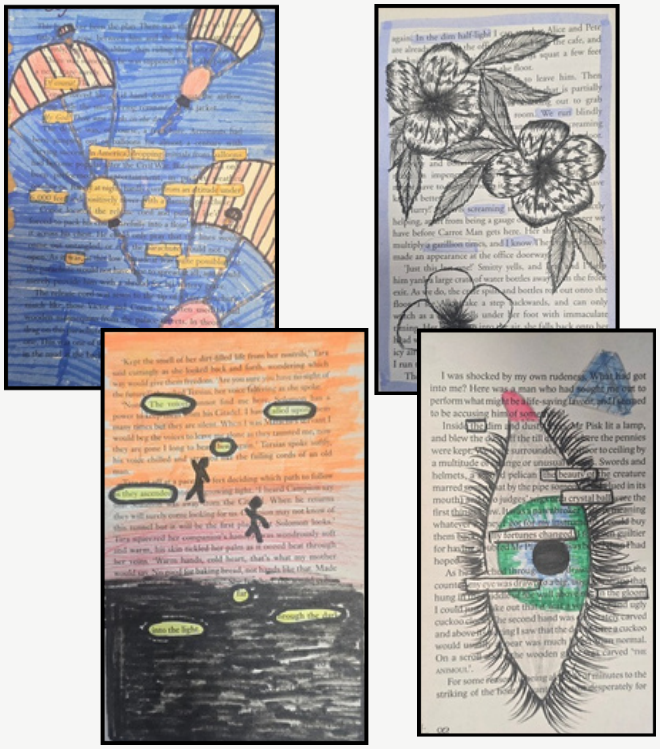
Nanami (8C)





World Poetry Day

To celebrate World Poetry Day, Year 7 students enjoyed creating their own pieces of art through blackout poetry, a creative technique where you take an existing text and "black out" most of the words to reveal a hidden poem — transforming the page into something completely new. Here is a small selection showcasing incredible talent and attention to detail.



Ask a Librarian



Q: I have a very busy summer ahead of me, but I want to stay engaged with reading. How do you personally find the time and motivation to read while on holiday?



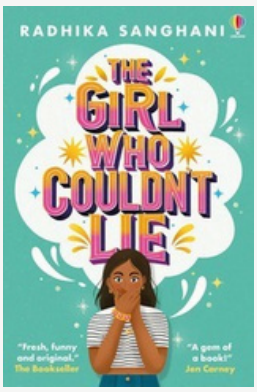
A: I pick books (but not only) about things I am already into, anything that I take interest in. And if you need a little push, the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library is the perfect place to start.

Sometimes setting a certain time during the day helps, but do not treat it as compulsory!

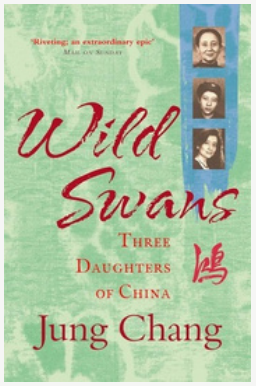
From Our Shelves to Yours - Recommended by You

Straight from the book shelves: what YOU are loving!

Reviewed by Sofia, Year 7
📖 Title: The Girl Who Couldn't Lie
✍️Author: Radhika Sanghani
📘Genre: Humour
⭐ Rating: ★★★★★
🗣️ Sofia says: "This book is so good I stayed up almost 3 hours past my bedtime jus so I could finish reading it!!! Honestly SUCH a good book 10/10 would defo recommend!!!y"



Reviewed by Leila, Year 7
📖 Title: Wild swans : three daughters of China
✍️ Author: Jung Chang
📘 Genre: History
⭐ Rating: ★★★★★
🗣️ Leila says: "This book is quite tough to read but it is incredible- a true story too. I would definitely recommend this book if you want to challenge yourself and get into a really good story.."



New Arrivals



Language Feature

Global and Cultural Focus

Mental Health Awareness

"Children often considerthe school library to be a welcome refuge as well as a source of reading material. In a study where students drew pictures of their ideal library spaces, it was interesting to see that the common themes in the drawings included comfort and peace"
- Hughes et al, 2019
That is why, Anglo library offers a range of books and resources that support mental health and emotional wellbeing, whether you're looking for advice, a story that makes you feel less alone, or simply a quiet space to catch your thoughts. Our collection covers a wide variety of topics, from managing stress and anxiety to building **confidence** and **resilience**. If you are not sure where to start, come and talk to us! Our doors are always open!





Pride Month

Themonth of Junesawthe library proudly celebrating Pride Month with a vibrant display showcasing a beautiful LGBTQ+ collection, parading stories that honour identity, courage, and love. We believe that great libraries reflect the world we live in, and we make sure there is something for every reader. Our shelves include a range of books and resources representing the LGBTQ+ community, because every reader deserves to feel seen, heard and valued!

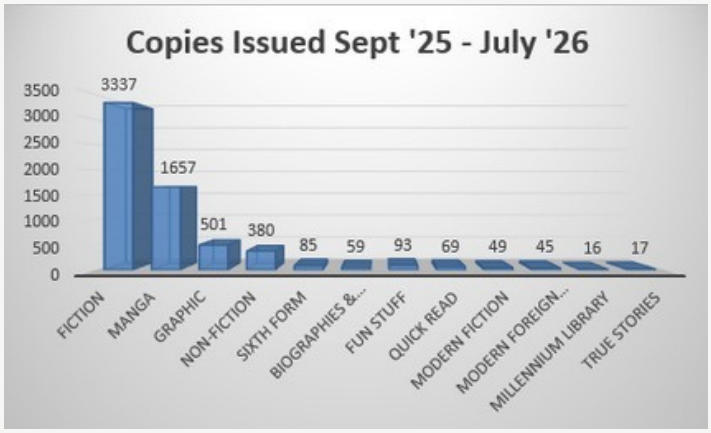


International Visits Program

The summer term at Anglo is traditionally our busiest, with a wonderful array of trips and visits taking our students on adventures both near and far — and this year has been no exception. If your travels have sparked a new curiosity about the world around you - new cultures, traditions, religions - we are here for you. We stock a rich variety of resources covering world cultures, religions, languages, including geographical books and atlases, so the adventure doesn't have to end when you get home!



In Numbers: What Are We Reading?



Clearly the mix of action, emotion, and cliff-hanger chapters in our **Manga** books have kept our readers coming back for more!
Similarly, our **Graphic novels** have enjoyed plenty of love, standing proudly as the third most-borrowed collection, grasping our readers with their bold visuals, dynamic storytelling,and a very unique energy!

Anglolibraryhashad a fantastic year! Our readers have borrowed thousands of books, reviewed hundreds of great resources, and explored more genres than ever before.

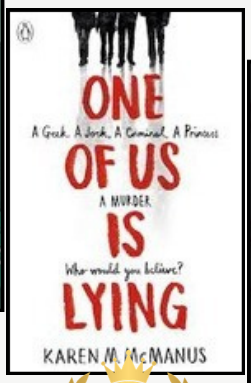
The end-of-year stats are in!

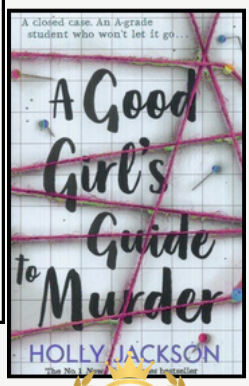
Unsurprisingly, the top three most-read titles are:

1. **One of Us is Lying** - borrowed 36 times
2. **Heartstopper** - borrowed 31 times
3. **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder** - borrowed 26 times

It looks like our students have a real appetite for gripping, twist-filled crime stories, with two of the year's most-borrowed books coming from the **crime** genre! Anglo is most certainly nurturing future detectives, forensic thinkers, or (hopefully) even crime-solving storytellers!







Anglo Reading Champions

A huge congratulations to **8T**, who borrowed an incredible 1,074 copies this year — an impressive figure that represents one sixth of all items borrowed across the entire school. Their enthusiasm for reading has truly set the bar high for everyone. Well Done 8T!

Local Focus





The **Book Bingo** Initiative was introduced in December 2025 as a way to challenge our readers, while encouraging them to pick up a book they might not otherwise choose of their own accord. It quickly gained attention, especially among your younger readers in Year 7 and 8, many of whom have embraced the opportunity to step outside their reading comfort zone and explore new genres and styles of writing. To date, **23** students have embarked on this exciting reading adventure, with 4 having completed the full cards and proudly received their very special award - a unique library badge. Massive congratulations to Ashleigh (8C), Anwyn (7E), Fabian (8A) and Karis (7S), super reading!

Book BIngo 2.0 arriving in the new school year!



Saturday, July 4th, saw the launch of the **Summer Reading Challenge** in England and Wales, delivered by The Reading Agency. This summer, The Reading Agency invites children to discover the joy of reading through **Read to the Beat!** — the music-themed Summer Reading Challenge 2026.

Children can sign up at their local library or online at **https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/**, set their reading goals, and enjoy rewards along the way.

Explore the Read to the Beat Book Collection here: **https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/older-readers-2026**

Sixth Form News

Careers Corner in the Library

A gentle reminder that the library's **Careers Corner** is your go-to hub for exploring life beyond school. Whether you're planning for university, apprenticeships, gap years, or jumping straight into the world of work, we've got resources to guide you.

What Next?

Reading Mentors



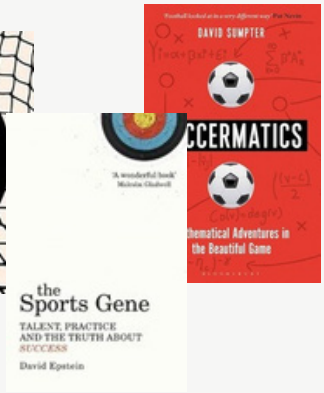
We would like to say a heartfelt **Thank You** to our wonderful reading mentors, who have supported Year 7 students with their reading throughout this academic year. You have made a real impact on our young readers' confidence and their growing understanding of literature, and your dedication has strengthened our school community. Your commitment has truly made a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for all you have contributed.

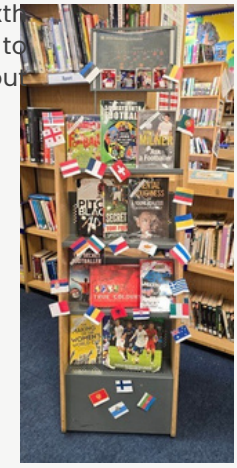
Current Headlines

With the excitement of the World Cup '26 in full swing, we're reminding Sixth Form students that the library has a brilliant range of football books ready to dive into — from the underworld of Italian football to an insightful truth about how talent and practice intertwine to bring success.









Holiday Reads You Will Love



Loan Statistics for Sixth Form: Copies Issued academic year 2025/2026

238

Most Borrowed Resource

