

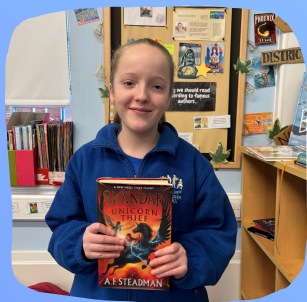
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## Welcome to Southover's first reading newsletter!

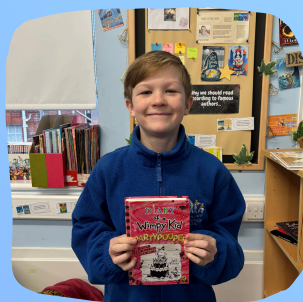
2026 is 'The National Year of Reading' - a department for education initiative aiming to help more people rediscover the joy of reading. At Southover, we have worked hard to build a reading for pleasure culture; however, we are always excited to spread the love of reading in whatever way we can and 'The National Year of Reading' will provide us with new opportunities to continue to do just that. We have already enjoyed activities linked to 'National Storytelling Week' and Ms Hayward-Tapp has been thrilled to recruit some fantastic reading champions to work alongside her to continue to build the reading for pleasure momentum at our school.

Keep an eye out for these newsletters - there will be information about book related events, book recommendations and more from our reading champions!

## Meet our reading champions!



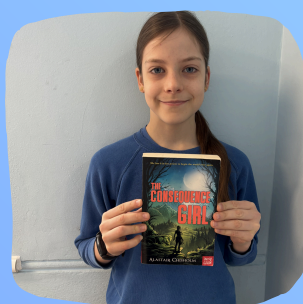
My name is Iris and my favourite genre is fantasy. My favourite series is the Skandar series by A F Steadman.



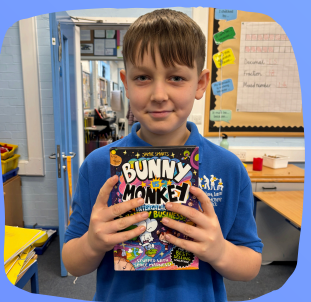
I'm Cass. My favourite book is Snoopy Cowabunga and I mostly like to read in my room.



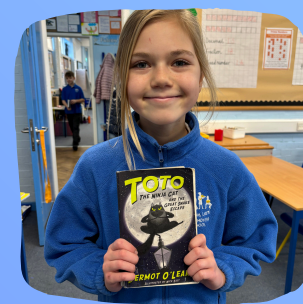
I am Daisy and my favourite genre is adventure. My favourite book is 'A Box Full of Murders' by Janice Hallett.



Hi! I'm Heloise and I like stories based on real life. 'The Soup Movement' by Ben Davies is one of my favourite books.

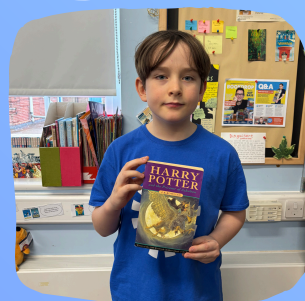


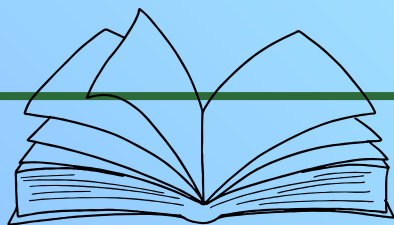
My name is George and I like graphic novels. My favourite series is the Bunny vs Monkey series.



Hi. I'm Lana and I like the book 'Toto the Ninja Cat'. I like reading in Ukrainian and in English.

I am Thomas and I like to listen to audiobooks. My favourite book is Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.



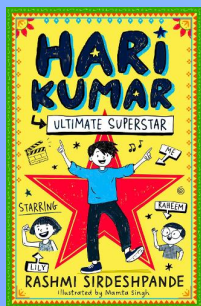


## February book releases!



A debut from Ruby Amy Thompson, Rock and Roll always appear on opposite pages, yet their worlds are cleverly linked through shared experiences.

A new graphic novel that will fly off the shelves. The story follows Tiny Hercules as he has to navigate his way through 12 epic quests to make it home.

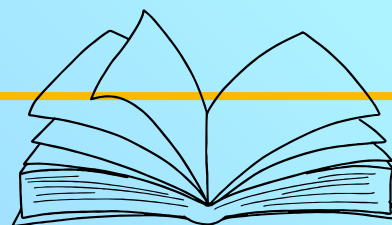


Hari Kumar wants to be a star...but life isn't like the movies. Will Hari get his lucky break? A doodle filled diary perfect for fans of Tom Gates.

A book for children aged 8-11. Jax, Jovi, Esau and Fourth live for full-moon adventures – sneaking out after curfew, dodging the Nighthawks, and roaming the empty streets of Moonhaven. But when a rare werewolf attack rocks the town, the friends become prime suspects.



Do you think you could make us one of these? We are keen to have our own little library on the playground for our wonderful parents and carers to borrow from. If you think you could help us out, please get in touch with Ms Hayward-Tapp.

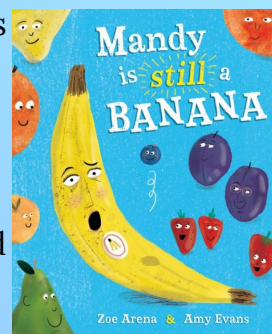


## Half term suggestions!

If you have some time spare during half term, Lewes library are running a 'Half Term Treasure Hunt' which is a free, drop in event from the 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> of February.

Lewes Children's Book Group are holding their usual Book Swap on Saturday 14th February 10.30am-12.30pm at the Depot.

Bags of Books have 'Stories and Activities with author Zoe Arena' on the 14th of February. This is a free event but you will need to book a space for your child by calling Bags of Books.



The website Authorfy has been made free for this year. It has lots of author videos and fun reading challenges for your child to do!

Friday Book Club with Jenny Mclachlan on youtube is worth a watch. 30 minutes of bookish fun and she is joined weekly by surprise guests!



## Key dates!



World Book Day is on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Your child will be invited to dress up as a character, author or even a word! On the 6<sup>th</sup> of March after school we will be hosting our first 'Reading Identity Art Gallery'. Please come along and see the children's work.



The deadline for our World Book Day competitions (Get Caught Reading and scrapbook entries) is the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. These need to be given to Ms Hayward-Tapp or emailed to [reading@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:reading@southover.e-sussex.sch.uk)