

Sarah Hagger-Holt 'Just Like Everyone Else'

Aidan's family is big and loud and he sometimes wishes he could be just like everyone else. This book explores identity, family and self-acceptance.



Get reading this summer!

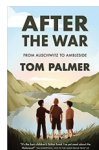


Simon Mayo 'Itch'

Itch loves science and is an element hunter—sometimes with explosive results. Itch makes a dangerous discovery, and others will stop at nothing to claim it for themselves.

Tom Palmer 'After the War'

Summer 1945. 3 children arrive in the Lake District having survived the horrors of a concentration camp. Can they begin to recover in a place of safety and peace?



Jennifer Killick 'Read, Scream, Repeat'

A brand new collection of 13 chilling tales, if you dare turn the pages!

Matt Goodfellow 'The Final Year'

In his final year of Primary school, Nate discovers that it can be tough without his lifelong friend at his side. With anger rising inside him, can his love of writing show him a way forwards?



Matt & Tom Oldfield Ultimate Football Heroes series

Full of facts about your favourite players!



Reading at home this summer.

Welcome to the St Katherine's Library Resource Centre! We're so keen to show the students all the fantastic books that are here, just waiting to be discovered. Encouraging students to keep reading through the summer break is really important—why not try some of these ideas;

- * Make sure your child always has a book on the go
- * Turn off the Wi-Fi & TV for a while each evening
- * Make sure your child sees you reading as well
- * Talk about your reading as a family
- * Try sharing a book together
- * Remember, reading comes in loads of formats, books, magazines, newspapers, ebooks, audiobooks (remember your local public library offers a free download service www.librarieswest.org.uk)
- * Reading shouldn't be a chore—allow your child to read what they would like to, but don't let that stop you from making suggestions
- * Visit your local library or bookshop
- * Take part in the summer reading challenge in your local public library.

It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish. —S.I. Hayakawa

Top titles our students have loved this year!

Seven Ghosts—Priestley

The London Eye Mystery—Dowd

The Weight of Water—Crossan

Booked—Alexander

Smart—Slater

Lottie Brooks series—Kirby

The Goldfish Boy—Thompson

Murder Most Unladylike—Stevens

Ultimate Football Heroes—Oldfield



The Library —a great space for students to use before school and during breaks.

- Read, choose & change your library book
- Catch up on homework
- Try a newspaper or magazine
- Use a Chromebook
- Take a look at the always changing book displays for inspiration
- Play a board game
- Buy essential stationery
- Ask an expert if you're not sure what to read next, and look out for some great events!



As part of our continuing drive to create a powerful culture of reading across the school, we use a programme called Accelerated Reader with all our year 7 & 8 students. This personalised scheme challenges students to read books that are suited to their individual reading ability, whilst giving school staff flexible tools to support, manage & monitor this. The ultimate aim is to see reading growth for each and every student, regardless of their individual ability. All the research into the area of young people's reading clearly shows the lasting and lifelong benefits of regularly reading for pleasure, across all subjects, and this scheme really helps us to embed this with our students.



Every day is Drop Everything and Read day at St Katharine's! For 15 minutes most mornings students and staff enjoy quiet time to get lost in their latest book. You can help your child by reminding them to have their book in their bag every day.

Why not try one of these top summer reads?

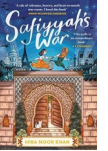


Nathanael Lessor 'King of Nothing'

Anton rules the school, but what will be his crowning glory? (Winner of the 2025 Carnegies Shadower's Choice award).

Hiba Noor Khan 'Safiyyah's War'

War comes to the streets of Paris and Safiyyah's life changes forever. When her father is arrested can she find the courage to continue his work for the resistance? (Shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegies Writing Award 2024)

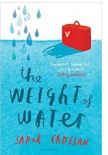


Jonathan Stroud 'The Screaming Staircase'

Lockwood and Co, a psychic agency fighting an epidemic of ghosts spend the night in one of England's most haunted houses. Will they make it out alive?

Sarah Crossan 'The Weight of Water'

A St Kath's favourite! Kasienka and her mother come to England to try to find her missing father. Life at home is tough, and school friends are scarce, but someone special shows her there might be more than one way to stay afloat. Beautifully told in poetry.



Jennifer Bell 'Wonderscape'

When Arthur, Ren and Cecily investigate a mysterious explosion on their way to school, they find themselves trapped aboard *The Principia* – a scientific research ship sailing through hazardous waters, captained by one Isaac Newton. Lost in the year 2473 in the Wonderscape, an epic in-reality adventure game, they must call on the help of some unlikely historical heroes, to play their way home before time runs out.

Aoife Dooley 'Frankie's World'

A graphic novel about standing out and fitting in when you feel different. A unique perspective on autism, told with empathy and gentle humour.

