

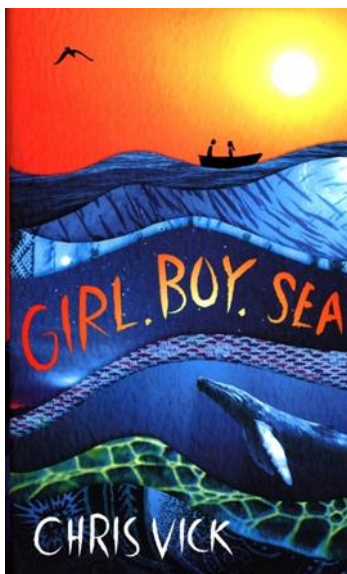
## CHS Library Newsletter – Issue 54

*“Loving God, Caring For Each Other and Achieving Excellence”*

The end of the academic year is here! With the Summer term and school year at a close, I am pleased to share with you the latest and final issue of our library newsletter for this year hope you enjoy catching up with library life this term and remember that wherever you may be this summer, holidays are a perfect time to relax with a terrific book. Why not join in with our ‘Summer Reading Challenges,’ full details below. As always, don’t forget to check out Sora where the annual ‘Sweet Read’ collection (details below) has landed. Wishing you a happy and peaceful summer.

### Featured Book Reviews

#### [Girl. Boy. Sea – Chris Vick](#)



#### **Fiction/Adventure/Journeys/Change/friendship**

**Suitable for age 12+**

Bill is lost and alone on an endless sea after a storm sinks his yacht. His future seems as unpredictable as the ocean itself. Everything changes when he rescues another survivor from a different wreck. She is Aya from the nomadic Berber tribe.

As hope of rescue fades, Aya tells tales of magic inspired by Shahrazad, who wove 1001 stories to save her life.

In the grip of hunger, at the mercy of the burning sun and the deadly deep, they begin a heart stopping journey to find home...

**This book is featured in our Year 7 Summer Reading Challenge. You can find out more and view our student teacher video review featuring Georgia Lett year 8 here. <https://bit.ly/GirlBoySea>**

#### [Ultimate Football Heroes – Matt and Tom Oldfield](#)

#### **Non-Fiction/Football/Sport/Biographies**

**Suitable for age 8+**

Centered around England’s phenomenal Euro 2020 journey, England’s Heroes takes a deeper look at how the national side’s elite spine (Pickford, Maguire, Sterling, and Kane) took their country all the way to the final at Wembley. Discover how the boys who grew up in different parts of the country and were always playing against each other at club level, all came together as one fantastic team under the guidance of Gareth Southgate and became the pride of the whole nation!

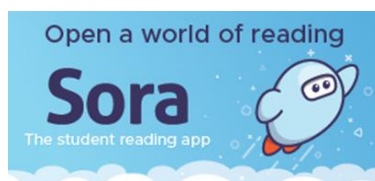
Ultimate Football Heroes is a series of biographies telling the life stories of the biggest and best footballers in the world and their incredible journeys from childhood fan to superstar professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style these books are perfect for all the family to collect and share.



## CHS Summer Reading Challenges 2024

Summer is finally here! What better time to relax and read a good book or 5! CHS have set a special summer reading challenge via Sora for new year 7 (using our featured book, Girl. Boy. Sea) and also for year 8, 9,10 and 11. You can find out more about them [here](#). However, there is no reason why all our CHS family, parents, carers, and families can't join in the challenge, here's how you can get involved:

- Choose a book and read it
- Take a photo of you reading the book in a creative place
- Write a short review/recommendation
- Share on Twitter (children with parental consent) with #CHSFamilyReads tag @Clearingzone @CHSUpdates and also tag the author of your chosen book
- Or if you don't have twitter, email your photo and review to Mrs Cullen [c.cullen@cromptonhouse.org](mailto:c.cullen@cromptonhouse.org)
- We would love to share your reviews with our CHS family. Happy Reading!



## Ten tips to help engage your child in reading

Did you know that reading for just 10 minutes every day can improve your child's wellbeing and boost their literacy skills at the same time? Whatever your child's interests; you can help them find stories to fall in love with.

If your child is a **reluctant reader** or you are finding it hard to find the time to read together, there are lots of different ways to help them enjoy reading more. Linking books to your child's hobbies and interests is a fantastic way to start along with sharing stories together. Comic books and graphic novels are also great to spark an interest in reading as there are fewer words and the stories are also visual.

Check out Words for Life 'Ten tips to help engage your child reading' [here](#) for more information. You can also look at our reading recommendations above and on our website [here](#).



## Sora Reading Recommendations

The 2024 Olympics are about to commence and for all you sport mad fans out there Sora has an amazing collection of sport and recreational E and audio books to choose from free of charge.

You can find log on instructions here. <https://bit.ly/429sGtiSoraLogOn>



## Borough Transfer Day - #WriteaSmile

In June/July, new year 7 students came into CHS to take part in Fun and Friendship Day and Borough Transfer Day. During these events, students took part in either writing a postcard to take home to their parents/carers or primary school, and/or receiving a lovely card especially written to them by our current year 7, 8 and 9 students. The aim of the cards was to help settle in new students and alleviate any nerves whilst building excitement to join us in September. We hope you enjoyed reading them and look forward to seeing you in September!



## Library Success – Academic Year 2024

Since September, we have been monitoring which students are really enjoying reading for pleasure and hence borrowing the most books from our school library. Chocolate will be awarded to students who have borrowed the most books and will look forward to receiving their reward during our 'rewards Assembly's. This year a total of **3637** books have been loaned! Well done to our top borrowers per year group below.

In addition, we have our library superstar of the academic year **Emma Cowling 8C01**. Emma has been an outstanding student librarian this year, Emma sees what needs doing and gets on with it so pleasantly. Emma uses her own initiative to complete jobs without prompting even when they are not Emma's tasks to complete.

Well done!

### *Top Library Borrowers by Year and Form – Sept – July 24*

Top borrowers	
7Ri2 – Hachimeru Wobo Wobo	72
7Ri2 – Alayna Rasool	40
8Cr1 – Emma Cowling	106
8Co1 – Rose-Fei Ndzenyuv	79
9Co3 – Gift Omogodo	26
9Ri1 – Zoya-Aisha Iltaf	16
10Cr2 – S.S	39
10Ri2 – Leyla Metcalf	17
11Ri2 – Ruby Wilson	
11Co2 – Adebayo Doyinsola	

Highest Form Borrowing	
7Ri2	295
7Ri1	124
8Cr1	127
8Ri2	120
9Ri2	51
9Cr1	42
10Cr2	42
10Ri2	22
11Ri2	20
11Cr2	18



**So far year 7Ri2 are smashing it by a mile, again and have won every term!**

## Year 7 and beyond reading recommends.

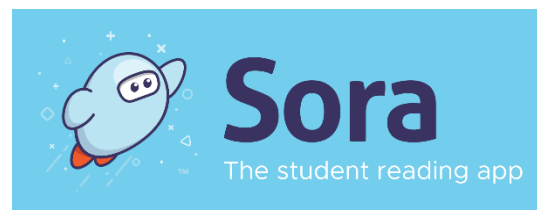
At Crompton House we are a school of readers, encouraging reading for pleasure is very important both educationally and for our wellbeing. With so many great books out there sometimes, it is hard to decide what to choose. Therefore, we have put together recommendations based on genres starting with 'If you like **Wimpy Kid**, why not try.' You can find this below and also on our website by clicking [here](#)



## Sora – Sweet Reads 2024

Summer is on is upon us, time to relax and unwind with a good book! A reminder that Sora is our totally free online library packed full of over 4000 e and audio books for our students to use.

Sora 'Sweet Reads' are back for the summer. From May 13<sup>th</sup> through to August 25<sup>th</sup> Sora have curated a selection of over 150 'Sora Sweet Reads' e and audio books that will be 'Always Available' with multiple copies of books and therefore no wait time necessary. The collection is prominently displayed within Sora for easy access and curated to encourage young people to keep reading all summer long. Check them out [here](#) and enjoy.



## Great websites and Information

- Book Trust is a fabulous website full of reading related resources and activities <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>
- National Literacy Trust have some great information, activities, and a competition for younger readers <https://literacytrust.org.uk/>
- The Reading Agency developed the 'Reading Well' initiative which is a selection of books chosen by health officials helping young people to manage health and wellbeing including bullying. You can find out more about the title <https://readingagency.org.uk/> but we do have some of these titles in the school library.
- Oldham Heritage Libraries have lots of great activities taking place over summer. Check out their website here. <https://hla.oldham.gov.uk/libraries/>



## Share Your Literacy Activities with Me!

Share your book reviews, activities, artistic creations, or any other literacy related ideas, I would love to see them. You can contact/tweet me and email reviews etc. on the details below. Happy reading.

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