

LIBRARY NEWS



T H O R N D E N S C H O O L



THE AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

September saw our new Year 7 intake familiarise themselves with new timetables and a very special visit to the library to become familiar with SORA - our online reading resource which has a wide range of books, audiobooks and magazines.

If you haven't had a chance to experience SORA yet, come into the library and we'll get you logged in.



THIS TERM



Collection Focus
Dylexia and Reader
Friendly Books



Featured Author



Featured Books

EBOOKS – SORA

Don't forget to check out this resource!

All students (and members of staff) have access to the Thornden Sora to borrow ebooks, emagazines and eaudiobooks. There's a huge selection, with new titles being added regularly.



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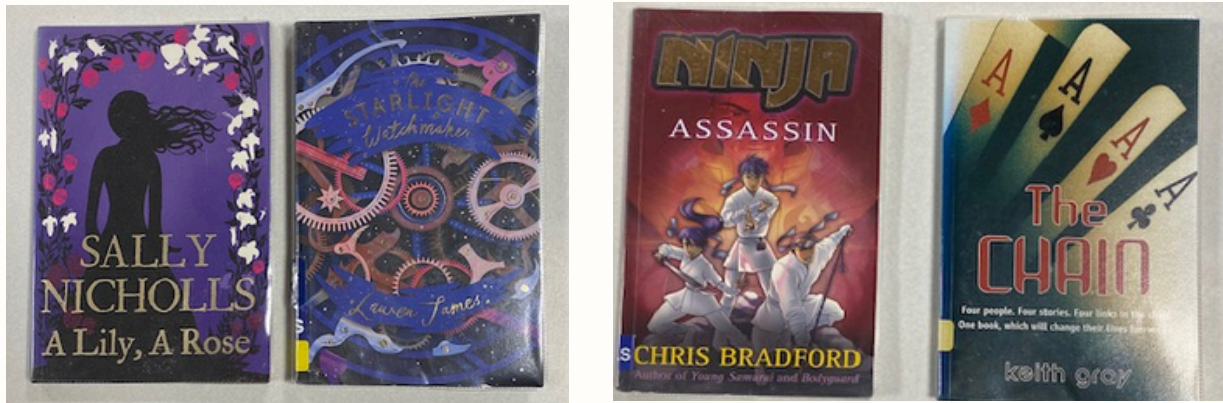
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GENERAL OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:00am to 3:30pm

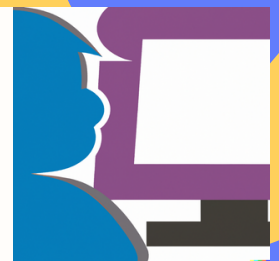
COLLECTION FOCUS: DYLEXIA FRIENDLY & READER FRIENDLY BOOKS



Research suggests that certain fonts can ameliorate reading challenges for individuals with dyslexia. These dyslexia-friendly fonts are designed with unique features that aim to reduce the common issues dyslexic readers face, such as letter swapping, mirroring, and blending. The best combination of font colours is cream-black (dark coloured text on a light (not white) background) as pastel colours are easier to be perceived by people with dyslexia. The use of sans serif fonts, such as Arial and Comic Sans are used as letters can appear less crowded.

There are 2 spinners of books clearly visible holding an array of titles all across the genres so feel free to browse.

C2 COMPUTER ROOM LOCATED IN LIBRARY AREA



C2 is now closed during Break and Lunch times. All students are welcome to do homework or print work before and after school.

Year 11 students will be utilising the library as they prepare for their Trial Exams Mon 25th Nov - Fri 6th Dec and GCSE exams so they will be allowed to work quietly in the computer area so they are not disturbed by others.

Thank you.

- **before school** for students to complete homework and print homework
- **after school** for students to use for homework and printing or SORA but not to play games as it disturbs others.
- The Library is also a **Never Seen Never Heard** no phone zone so students are reminded to email their homework to their Thornden account before coming to school so they access it and print if necessary.

OCTOBER OPEN EVENING

The Open Evening was another resounding success with parents of current Year 6 and many Year 5 students eager to see what Thornden has to offer.

In the Library we chose our table displays to focus on Graphic Novels, SORA ebooks and magazines, Library Club and School Library Service Moving On recommended reading books for 2024-25 transition from primary to secondary school.

As part of our Graphic novels display we asked students to give our Library Dragon a name and we are pleased to announce that the English Department have chosen the name **BLAZE NIGEL DRAGON** from all of the entries. Thank you to everyone who participated.





CELEBRATING HOLLY JACKSON

Holly Jackson (born 1992) is an English author of mystery novels. She is best known for her *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* series.

Holly grew up in Buckinghamshire, near Oxford in England and wrote her first novel when she was 15 years old.

Later, she attended the University of Nottingham, where she first studied literary linguistics and creative writing, graduating with a first class degree, then graduating with a master's degree in English.

Jackson's debut novel *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* was published in 2019, and it received the following accolades:

- American Library Association's Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults (2021)
- Goodreads Choice Award Nominee for Young Adult Fiction (2020)
- Shortlisted for the YA Book Prize (2020)
- British Book Awards Children's Fiction Book Winner of the Year (2020)
- Barnes and Noble Best Books of the Year (2020)

Jackson followed this up with two sequel novels and one prequel novella: *Good Girl, Bad Blood* (2020); *As Good As Dead* (2021); and *Kill Joy* (2021) respectively. Apart from *Good Girl, Bad Blood*, all books were published by Electric Monkey. *Good Girl, Bad Blood* was published by Delacorte Press, and was shortlisted for the 2021 YA Book Prize.

In 2022, Jackson released her first standalone novel titled *Five Survive*, published in the UK by Electric Monkey and in the US by Delacorte Press.

In 2024, she released her second, and till date, last standalone novel, *The Reappearance of Rachel Price*, published in the UK by Electric Monkey and in the US by Delacorte Press.

SOME OF THE EXCITING NEW BOOKS

PART STORY, PART GAME - PURE ADVENTURE!

A new way of telling stories and in many ways the birth of modern gaming, these books captured the imaginations of a generation of kids - it's great to think that a new generation are going to be similarly captivated bestselling author Charlie Higson

Are YOU brave enough to face the foes and fiends of this nightmare forest...?

A war is raging and your help is needed to vanquish the evil trolls.

To save the dwarfs, you must find the grand wizard Yaztromo and track down the pieces of a legendary war hammer lost in the depths of Darkwood Forest where gruesome monsters lurk ...

step up, hero, it's time to fight!

ABOUT THE SERIES

The multi-million copy globally bestselling choose-your-own-adventure series is repackaged and reignited for a brand new generation of children.

- All you need is a dice and you can choose which way the story goes
- Be careful - the main character can die at any point!
- 20 million copies sold worldwide in 32 languages
- Perfect for children who love gaming
- A great way to encourage children away from gaming on screens and get them back into reading books!



THE NEW 'MOVING ON' BROCHURE FOR STUDENTS TRANSITIONING FROM YEAR 6 TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IS NOW AVAILABLE AND WE HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED SEVERAL BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY.

2024-25 RECOMMENDED READS BOOKLETS FOR YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE THORNDEN WEBSITE. THE BOOKS CAN BE BORROWED ON SORA WHERE SOME ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON AUDIO. AND MANY OF THE TITLES ARE AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK FROM THE LIBRARY. CLICK THESE LINKS FOR THE LISTS:

[YEAR 7](#)

[YEAR 8](#)

[YEAR 9](#)

[MOVING ON 2024](#)

[RELAX AND READ 2024](#)

