

# READING

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**NEWSLETTER**



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**At Samuel Whitbread Academy, we prioritise reading to ensure every student can read confidently for pleasure and progress.**

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. We hope this will help you support your child with their reading at home.

## Why is reading important?

Reading for pleasure is associated with numerous benefits - from improvements in reading achievement and comprehension, writing, vocabulary, and general knowledge to improved empathy, understanding of self and others, and well-being. Reading is a powerful ally in developing literate, compassionate and healthy young people in today's society.

Every month we will share reading recommendations, news from our library and top tips for how you can support your child's reading at home.



THE NO.1 SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER

NOEL FITZPATRICK



ILLUSTRATED BY LAURA MCKENDRY

**KS3**

**To hear Noel Fitzpatrick talk about 'Keira and Me' click here**

**or...**



**SCAN ME**



**KS4**

THE LIFE AND RHYMES OF  
**BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH**  
THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY



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**SCAN ME**

**Star Reader:  
Henry K**

**TOP TIPS**

**Non-fiction texts, such as autobiographies, memoirs and diaries, are all a great way to engage readers of all ages. Speak to your child to discover who or what they would be interested in learning more about.**

Start a new tradition this year and gift an autobiography to your child.

*Happy New Year*

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## RECOMMENDATIONS



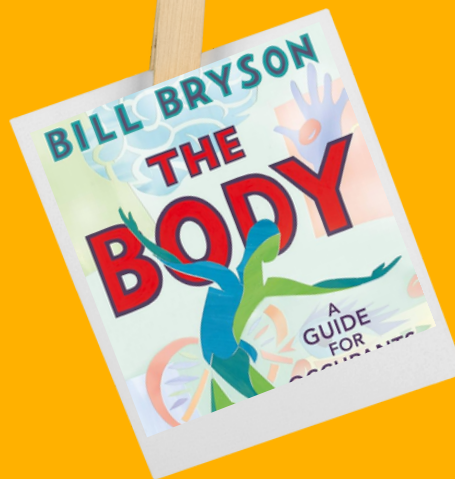
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MR CLARK

### *Eleven Rings*

This is the story of a preacher's kid from North Dakota who grew up to be one of the most innovative leaders of our time. In his quest to reinvent himself, Jackson explored everything from humanistic psychology and Native American philosophy to Zen meditation.



MRS LINEHAN

### *The Body*

Bill Bryson turns his attention inwards to explore the human body, how it functions and its remarkable ability to heal itself. Full of extraordinary facts and astonishing stories, *The Body: A Guide for Occupants* is a brilliant, often very funny attempt to understand the miracle of our physical and neurological make up.



MISS HUSSEY

### *Half of a Yellow Sun*

A masterly, haunting new novel; *Half of a Yellow Sun* re-creates a seminal moment in modern African history: Biafra's impassioned struggle to establish an independent republic in Nigeria in the 1960s, and the chilling violence that followed

