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THE LIBRARY MONTHLY



VE Day 80



On 8 May 2025, we mark the historic 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. It will see people, families and communities across the nation coming together to celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe, while also recognising and remembering the many millions who made the ultimate sacrifice to achieve it.

VE Day 80 is not only a tribute to those who fought for the freedom we all enjoy today, but also a powerful reminder of the resilience and unity that has defined our country ever since. Why not find out more about the events surrounding the end of the second world war by taking a look at our VE display of books, both fiction and non fiction.

Hay Festival - 22 May - 1 June



The world renown Hay Festival has unveiled the full programme for its 38th year in Hay-on-Wye, Wales, with more than 600 events over 11 days. Launching the best new fiction and non-fiction books, while sharing insights around the biggest global issues, the festival will have more than 600 artists, policy makers, pioneers and innovators taking part from around the world. Hay Festival Global CEO Julie Finch has said: *"Woven throughout you'll find our core themes for 2025 - the impacts of AI, health and wellbeing, new political orders and intergenerational exchanges - plus, as we celebrate 20 years since our first overseas event, we open more global exchange through new platforms. This is a festival for everyone. Join us in a world of different ideas."* Events will take place across eight stages in the free-to-enter Festival site which also offers a Bookshop, Wild Garden, Make & Take Tent, exhibitors and market stalls, cafés, restaurants, and the Family Garden where young readers can kick-start their creative journeys. There will also be immersive performances all week at St Mary's Church. Find out more at hayfestival.com

Library Reading Challenge



This term the challenge is set for you to read 12 new books and complete a Book Stack bookmark to be rewarded with a pin badge linked to the theme of space. 16 students have already completed the challenge and collected their totally out of this world reward! Could the next student be you?

Dates to note this term:

VE Day 80
8th May



National Children's Day
18th May

Walk to School week
19th - 23rd May

World Turtle Day
23rd May



Recommended Read

**Rebel Skies by
Ann Sei Lin**

Kurara has never known any life other than being a servant onboard the flying ship Midori. She also has a secret - she can make folded paper figures come to life with a flick of her finger. When Kurara's secret turns out to be a power valued and feared across the Mikoshima empire, a gut-wrenching escape leads to a new life and a new mentor. Rebel Skies is a heart pounding fantasy adventure filled with twists and turns, that will sweep you away to an aerial world of magic, danger and intrigue.



The library is open at break, lunch and after school until 4:30pm Mon - Thurs, 4pm on Friday