



Welcome to our term one reading newsletter. We're excited to share our first Lit Soc newsletter of this school year and recommend our favourite autumnal reads as we approach spooky season.

Who are 'Lit Soc'?

This newsletter is written by Lit Soc. Here, year 9 to 13 students talk about our favourite books and all things reading related. Every Tuesday we meet at lunchtime in R3; we have so much fun and we would love to see you join us here!

Summer Reading Competition 2025

Well done to all students and staff who entered our summer reading competition!

Congratulations to Alana in Y7 for her winning entry! We hope you enjoyed your prize voucher.



National Poetry Day & competition details

National Poetry day is a celebration of Poetry and an invitation for new, budding creatives to dip their toes in the world of Poetry. It was started by William Stieghart in 1994 to promote poetry across the country. This year, Corsham is running a house poetry competition to celebrate! The theme is:

Play!

This can be related to a sport, performance, playing or anything similar that is special to you! This year you can send in your entry by video, song, performance or include art/photography on a decorated paper copy to express your creativity in the most engaging way possible.


Submit your poem to Mrs. Durbin by Tuesday 4th November, and make sure to include your full name and tutor group. Good luck!

HOUSE COMPETITION



House Poetry Competition

The theme of National Poetry Day 2025 is 'Play'.



Think about how you could perform your poem, perhaps adding actions, music, or even artwork!

You could send a video clip of your performance, present a creative piece (music/art/photography) or write up your poem and send this to Mrs Durbin by Monday 3rd November.

Make sure your entry has your full name and tutor group clearly displayed.

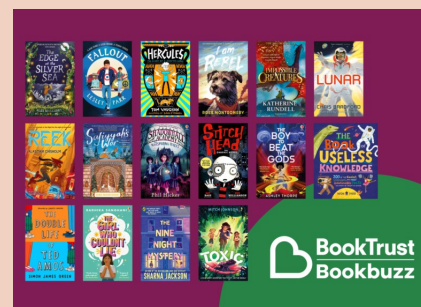
Book Buzz 2025!

This is an initiative where year 7s get to pick a book for free and start their reading journey at the Corsham school.

Previous students have said:

- “The book I picked is the reason I like reading!”
- “I didn't think it would be as good as it was, but it surprised me how much I enjoyed it!”

The year 7s will receive their books in term two.



Autumnal reads

As we enter the Autumn months, we thought it would be nice to share our favourite reads which get us in the mood for autumn. Why not find a cosy spot to enjoy one of our reads with a hot chocolate this half term?

- **The Final Year** by Matt Goodfellow: This really got me in the mood for the start of school and is a great read if you like poetry, especially if you are in Year 7 or 8.
- **Divine Rivals** by Rebecca Ross: This book is perfect for you if you like a narrative with multiple points of view, a war between gods and a great love story. 13+.
- **Signed Sealed Dead** by Cynthia Murphy: A riveting murder mystery book which is set in autumn. The themes would be better suited to more mature readers.
- **Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen: A great place to start your reading journey into the classic of English Literature!
- **By Rowan and Yew** By Melissa Harrison: The natural themes and setting of this book are perfect for Autumn!

