



Guilsborough Academy

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✳ Library Newsletter ✳



Book of the month.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

A powerful story narrated by Death, set in Nazi Germany. It follows Liesel, a girl who steals books and finds comfort in words during a time of fear and war.

Why read it?

- It shows how stories give hope even in the darkest times.
- A perfect companion to *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*.



We believe reading matters.

- People who read regularly live on average two years longer than those who don't.
- Reading for just 6 minutes a day can reduce stress by up to 68%.
- The world's largest book is 5m x 8.06m – bigger than an elephant!
- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone have sold over 120 million copies worldwide.

Recommended Read KS3 Medieval Theme



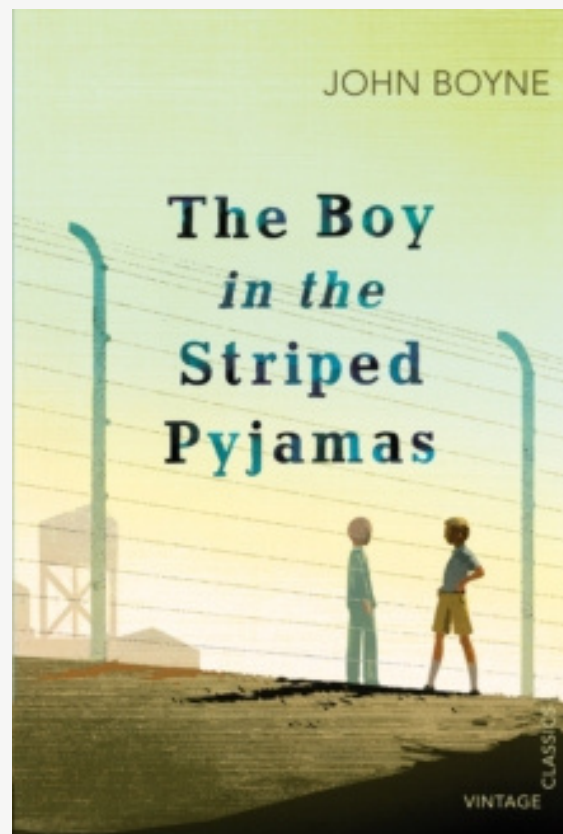
The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan

The first book in the Ranger's Apprentice series, this thrilling adventure follows Will, a young orphan chosen to train as a Ranger, protector of the kingdom.

Why it's great:

- Full of medieval-style castles, battles, and swordplay.
- Themes of courage, friendship, and finding your place.
- A page-turner that hooks even reluctant readers.

Recommended Read KS4



The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne (core text)

To deepen understanding, pair it with:

Once by Morris Gleitzman

The story of Felix, a Jewish boy on the run in Nazi-occupied Poland, told with innocence and heart-breaking honesty.

Why it connects:

- Explores similar themes of childhood, innocence, and the Holocaust.
- Helps build empathy and historical awareness.



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Happening in the Library...



Yarn Club

**Every Monday
lunch time.**



Chess Club

**Every
Wednesday
lunch time.**