

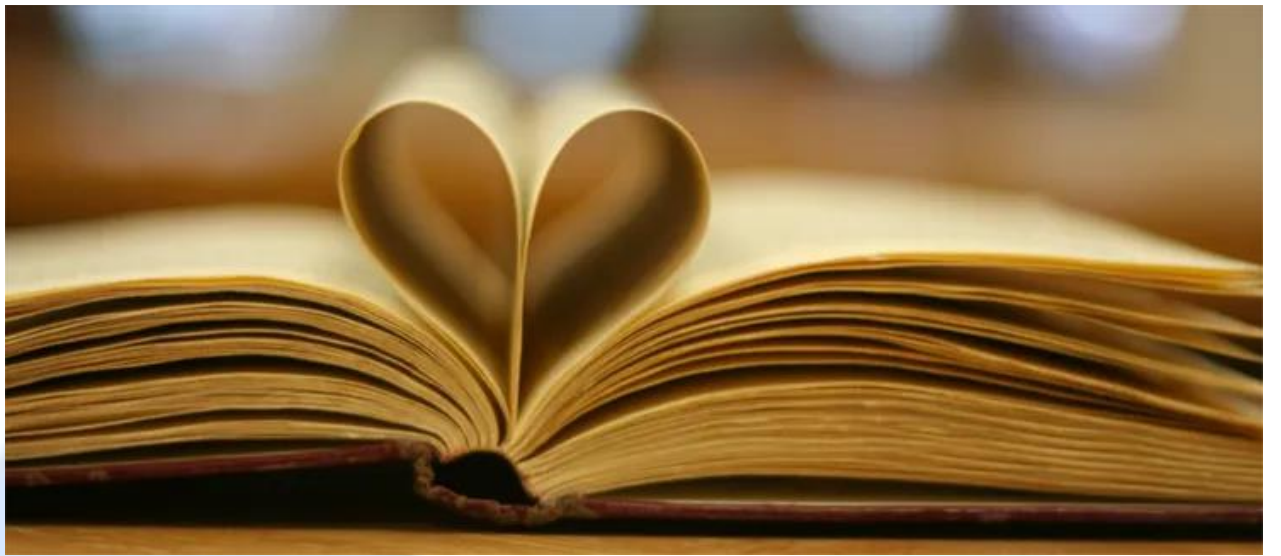
NUNTHORPE NEWS

LITERACY EDITION

CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE...WITH READING



LOVE OF READING: Students at Nunthorpe Academy have been falling in love with literacy.



LOVING LITERACY: Students across the Academy have been falling in love with reading again.

A Love Letter to Literacy

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In a world of troublesome times and woe,
Literacy can offer you a place to go,
Whether you're sat in a classroom or travelling on a train,
Reading is a way you can relieve all that pain.

Learning literacy can take you so far,
Away from your troubles and a brand-new start;
For literacy is a skill needed for life,
To ensure that you never end up in strife.

But literacy is more than just reading a book,
It's more than just creating a hook;
For literacy we need in order to speak;
In order to write and so we can peak;

So that's why the literacy scheme at Nunthorpe Academy is so great,
It's at the heart of our learning; it will control your fate;
A simple 10 minutes of reading a day;
Will surely steer you in the right way.

Fall in love with reading

There was a time when books weren't just pages bound together—they were portals to adventure, to wisdom, to the deepest emotions of the human heart. But somewhere along the way, we got distracted. The constant buzz of notifications, the endless scroll of social media, and the pressure of daily life have made us forget the simple magic of getting lost in a story.

Reading is more than just a skill; it is a doorway to imagination, empathy, and understanding. A well-written book can make us laugh, cry, or rethink everything we thought we knew. It allows us to step into

someone else's shoes, to see the world through different eyes. It strengthens the mind, deepens emotions, and ignites creativity.

For students, reading is a superpower. It improves focus, enhances academic performance, and expands vocabulary effortlessly. For parents, it is a bond—a shared journey of discovery, of passing down stories that linger long after the last page is turned.

So, let's fall in love with reading again. Find a book that speaks to you. Let yourself be swept away. The world is full of stories waiting to be told—don't let them go unread.



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Helping Your Child Become a Confident Reader

Reading is the foundation of success, not just in the classroom but in life. At Nunthorpe Academy, staff are working hard to create a culture of literacy where every student has the opportunity to thrive. But reading isn't just for school – parents have a vital role to play in supporting their child's development. Here's how you can help at home and how the school is fostering a love of reading.

Making Reading Part of Everyday Life
Experts agree that children who read regularly develop better comprehension skills, stronger vocabularies, and greater confidence in all subjects. But how can parents ensure that reading becomes second nature?

- **Create a Reading Space** – A quiet, comfortable area with good lighting can help children focus on reading. A dedicated reading nook, free from distractions like television or loud music, makes it easier for students to immerse themselves in a book.
- **Lead by Example** – Show enthusiasm for books by reading yourself and talking about what you've enjoyed. Discuss characters, themes, and ideas from your own reading experiences to inspire curiosity and excitement.
- **Encourage Daily Reading** – Just 20 minutes a day can make a huge difference. Establishing a routine, such as reading before bedtime or setting aside time after school, helps reinforce the habit.
- **Ask Questions** – Discuss stories with your child: what's the book about? Who is your favourite character? How do you think it will end? Encouraging deeper engagement by summarising the story, making predictions or relating the book to personal experiences enhances comprehension.
- **Use Digital Tools** – Audiobooks and e-books can be great ways to engage reluctant readers. Many platforms offer narrated versions of books, allowing students to follow along and develop fluency, while interactive e-books can provide built-in definitions and pronunciation guides.

How We Are Supporting Literacy
Reading isn't just confined to English lessons at Nunthorpe Academy. Across all subjects, staff are embedding key literacy strategies to ensure students are developing strong reading habits. Here's what's happening in school:

- **Dedicated Reading Time** – Students have structured reading sessions to build confidence and fluency. These sessions include silent reading, group discussions, and teacher-led analysis to deepen understanding.
- **A Well-Stocked Library** – With a wide range of books available, students can always find something that interests them. The library is regularly updated with new titles and features recommended reading lists curated by staff and students.
- **Intervention and Support** – Specialist reading programmes target students who need extra help. This includes one-to-one reading support, guided reading groups, and tailored interventions based on NGRT assessments to ensure progress.
- **Cross-Curricular Literacy** – Subjects like History and Science also encourage critical reading and comprehension skills. Students are taught how to analyse non-fiction texts, extract key information, and engage with subject-specific vocabulary to strengthen literacy across the curriculum.
- **Recommended Reading Lists** – Teachers suggest books tailored to different ages and interests. These lists include a variety of genres, from contemporary fiction to classic literature, helping students find books that match their personal preferences and reading abilities.

Working Together for Success
By working in partnership, parents and schools can help students become confident, engaged readers. If you're looking for more advice on supporting your child's literacy, get in touch with Nunthorpe Academy's literacy team. Reading isn't just about passing exams – it's a skill for life. Let's make sure every student has the chance to develop a lifelong love of reading.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Journalist Club

Got a nose for news and a way with words? Then stop the presses and join the *Journalist Club*! Whether you dream of headlining the next big scoop or crafting compelling columns, this is your chance to put pen to paper and make your mark. Sharpen your skills, interview the stars of the school, and get your stories in print—because at *Journalist Club*, every word counts! **Meet us every Thursday from 3-4pm on the English corridor**—we're making headlines, one story at a time!

Check Mate

Looking for a club that's *knight* and day ahead of the rest? Then make your *move* to Chess Club, where strategy is king and every game is a battle of wits! Whether you're a grandmaster in the making or just starting to learn the ropes, our weekly showdowns will have you thinking three moves ahead. **Join us every Wednesday from 3-4pm in the library**—it's the smartest move you'll make all week!

LOOKING AHEAD

World Book Day

On the 6th March 2025, we celebrate the joy of reading and the power of storytelling. This year, students across Nunthorpe Academy can take part in exciting activities, book swaps, and creative challenges to reignite their love for literature. Plus, don't forget to claim your digital World Book Day token and grab a free book or a discount on your next read! Visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/book-token/digital-tokens/> to get yours and let's make World Book Day 2025 a celebration to remember!

World Languages Week 2025

On the 10th March, we will be exploring the beauty of global languages! We will highlight different cultures, celebrating the power of communication and diversity. Join us in embracing new words, stories, and traditions!

VISIT NUNTHORPE LIBRARY TO FIND YOUR STORY

Week 1

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break 1	10.40 – 11.05	Y10	Y8	Y10	Y8	Y10
Break 2	11.05 – 11.30	Y9	Y7	Y11	Y9	Y7
Lunch 1	12.30 – 13.00	Year 8	Year 10	Year 8	Year 10	Year 8
Lunch 2	13.00 – 13.30	Year 7	Year 7	Year 7	Year 7	Year 7
Lunch 3	13.30 – 14.00	Year 11	Year 9	Year 11	Year 9	Year 11
After School	15.00 – 16.00 (Friday 15.00 – 15.30)	Closed	Whole School	Whole School	Whole School	Whole School

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