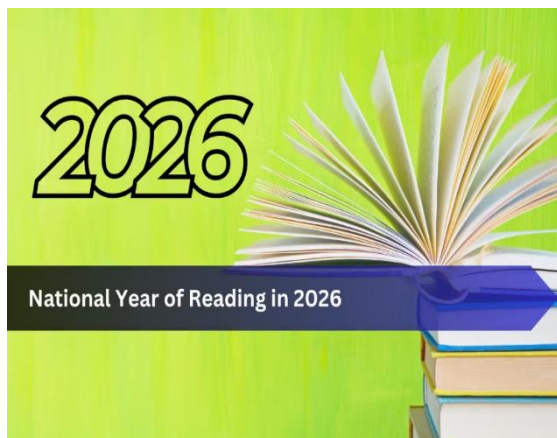




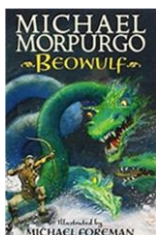
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## National Year of Reading 2026

Seeking to address the decline in reading enjoyment, GMS are delighted to be supporting this initiative with many events focussing on integrating reading with daily life.



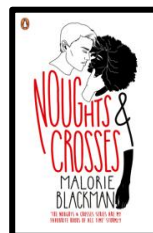
**Y7 are reading**



**Y8 are reading**



**Y9 are reading**



## Chris Bradford visit

Famous author Chris Bradford visited year groups 7 & 8 in November. He had them juggling eyeballs and shot them with a water pistol as he told them about the life of a samurai! The students were very impressed and wowed by his samurai sword. It was an inspiring talk encouraging many to start reading his books in their library lessons.



**GMS**

**recommended  
reads...**

### **KS3 - I Am Rebel – Ross Montgomery**

"I am Tom's Dog and he's my boy. And if he's stepped right inside the jaws of death, then I'm going to follow him into them and bring him back out."

# GMS Literary Festival

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Our whole school will be involved in activities linked to literature and reading throughout the week. Do look out for the programme of events and encourage students to attend at least one of the many to choose from.



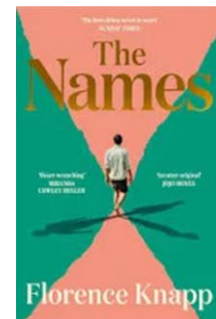
## Drop Everything and Read

Continuing with our ever popular half-termly event, everyone at GMS stops to listen to a story. Last half term's D.E.A.R. events were Christmas themed stories read by students from our KS3 Book Club and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Literary Society.

**Staff, Parent & Carers Book Club are reading:**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Form Literary Society

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Form Literary Society meets every week on Thursdays to discuss what we are reading and give each other recommendations. It is a fun and friendly atmosphere and everyone is made welcome.



**We have a Staff Lending Library here at GMS - if you have any current novels which you would be happy to donate, please e-mail Mrs Ben Haj Ali [lbenhajali@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:lbenhajali@gms.bucks.sch.uk)**



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### **KS4 & 5 – One of Us is Lying – Karen McManus**

Five students walk into detention. Only four leave alive. Everyone has secrets, right ?  
What really matters is how far you'll go to protect them.