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A termly newsletter  
to support with  
reading at home and  
to help promote our  
reading culture across  
The NSB Trust.



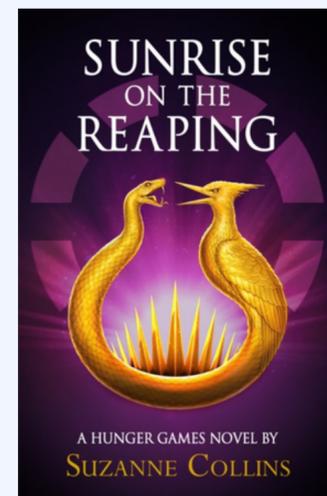
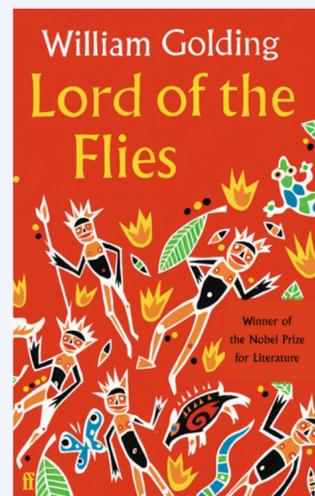
Welcome to the third edition of this academic year's NSB Trust reading newsletter. This term we are excited to look ahead to World Book Day, which is celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026. As always, we would welcome any feedback on the newsletter; please email [jbarlow@nsbtrust.school](mailto:jbarlow@nsbtrust.school)

# 1 READING IN THE NEWS

With the release of "Wuthering Heights" in cinemas and the critically acclaimed BBC adaptation of "Lord of the Flies", there has been a lot of media discussion about TV/film adaptations and their faithfulness to the original text. Adaptations can be a fantastic way to raise the profile of reading and often lead to a resurgence or uplift in sales for the author. Here, we have listed some of our favourite books that have been adapted for TV or film. But which is best: reading first or watching first?

For Key Stage 3 readers:

"The Hunger Games: Sunrise on the Reaping" by Suzanne Collins was written as a prequel to the hugely popular series; the film adaptation is due for release in November 2026.



For Key Stage 4 readers:

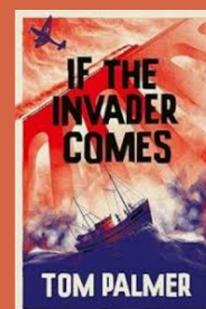
"Lord of the Flies" by William Golding is a dystopian novel tracking the rapid descent into savagery of British schoolboys stranded on a deserted island without adult supervision during a war; the 4-part BBC adaptation by Jack Thorne is now available on iPlayer and reimagines the original through the perspective of the protagonists.

# 2 TOP TIPS FOR READING AT HOME

This year's books for World Book Day launched in retailers on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The purpose of these books is to encourage reading for pleasure, with an emphasis on reading as entertaining and sociable. Students in years 7 and 8 have received paper vouchers, but there is also a voucher on the final page for all parents to use in participating stores.

# 3 READING AT THE NSB TRUST

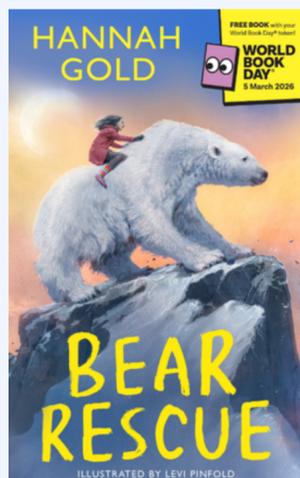
As we teased in the last edition, the NSB Trust is very excited to welcome an award-winning author to speak to our students about reading, writing and the inspiration for his stories. We are delighted that TOM PALMER will be visiting NS on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April and NSB on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Details of how to purchase a copy of Tom's latest book will be released after half term, and we will have copies of 'If the Invader Comes' a week before they go on general sale!



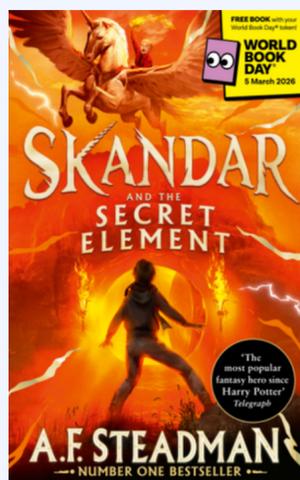
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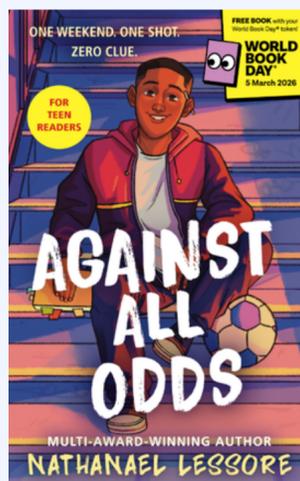
On the final page is a digital World Book Day voucher which can be scanned in participating book sellers to either redeem one of the World Book Day special edition books OR to discount £1 off the price of any other book. We have selected some of our favourites for secondary age groups from this year's special edition books.



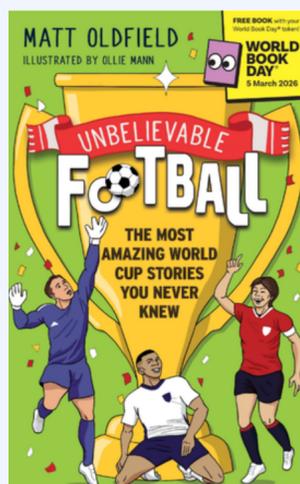
Connected to Hannah Gold's popular animal/climate crisis fiction, *Bear Rescue* is a tale of the connection between boy and beast. A gripping adventure with beautiful descriptions of the natural world and the mighty creatures at the heart of this narrative, this will delight both animal and nature lovers.



Described as the best fantasy hero since Harry Potter, this is a special edition in the popular "Skandar" series. Get ready for unlikely heroes, elemental battles, dangerous secrets and bloodthirsty unicorns. Suitable for fans of the series or newcomers, this will capture the imaginations of fantasy fans!



A funny and authentic story about the joys and challenges of dreaming big and showing the world you don't have to fit into just one box. Protagonist Noranto is a keen footballer and secret poet, until his two identities collide... this novel is suitable for older readers.



Think you know everything about football? This non-fiction text is packed with unusual, ridiculous and entertaining facts about the beautiful game. A sure-fire hit with football fans and one for all ages!



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5 March 2026

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