

21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 2 Week 3

Welcome to this week's parent letter.

Reading at Lowton

This week, I am delighted to include our very first '*Lowton Loves Reading*' newsletter for you to enjoy. We all know how important reading is especially for our jobs and careers, but there's also so much research that shows us what a positive impact reading for pleasure can have on all us, but especially on children and young people. We are dedicated to promoting a positive reading culture at Lowton and we hope you enjoy reading all about it.

Book Fair next week

The book fair is in school from 24th – 27th November. All students will be able to visit it – Years 7 and 8 during their English lessons and Years 9-11 at break time or after school.

Careers Update – Enrichment Day 1



Today was our first Enrichment Day of the year.

The theme of the day was 'Believe in Your Future' and through a range of exciting activities, visiting speakers and interactive workshops our students had the chance to explore their future, be inspired, learn new skills and gain confidence in planning their next steps.

We had over 45 different employers and providers visiting school during the day. We are very grateful for their time and for their investment in our students and in their futures.

Careers Update – Pendleton Sixth Form College Visit



The 'Painted People' matinee at Pendleton Sixth Form College gave some of our Year 9 students a fabulous opportunity to experience college life while enjoying the life of L.S. Lowry in dance. It was great to see so many of our past Lowton students involved in the production too.

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AND SUCCEEDING**

School sport update

It's been another really successful sporting week at Lowton!



Congratulations go to our **Year 9** and **Year 10** netball teams. The Year 9 team played in a hotly contested game against St Edmund Arrowsmith last week. After two big wins 11-2 and 9-2 in the previous round of competition the girls found themselves locked in a much tougher contest here which ended 8-8! It was a fantastic game and everyone worked really hard. Well done to all of the girls!

Our **Year 10** girls rounded off the most recent stage of their season with two fantastic performances this week. First up were Golborne and our first win of the season 9-7!

Buoyed by their first win, the team carried their momentum into the next match against Cansfield. Full of confidence, the girls produced an excellent performance to secure an 8-5 win.

We are very proud of the progress our **year 10** team has made this year and thrilled to see their hard work rewarded with well-deserved victories. Special mentions to our captain, Elizabeth Wilford, who was chosen as player of the match this week, and to Imogen Fletcher who received the Overall Player's Player award. Both girls have been outstanding in supporting their teammates who were new to competitive netball at the start of the season. Well done girls!



On Thursday evening, we hosted the **KS3 Wigan Schools Badminton Competition**. Our team consisted of Eloise, Emme, Hannah and Reegan. The team played a combination of singles and doubles matches against three other schools from across the borough. They played brilliantly, winning all but one of their 15 games. Here are the girls pictured with their gold medals. Well done girls!

Important notice

School is closed on Friday 28th November. We hope you all enjoy the long weekend. School opens again as normal at 8.30am on **Monday 1st December.**

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Galbraith

Headteacher



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Welcome to our first edition of 'Lowton Loves Reading'

Each term we will write to you with updates regarding reading for pleasure across the school. Within this newsletter you will find information about key dates in our reading calendar and learn all about our Reading Room. Each term, we will include reviews and details about new books which we have recently stocked too.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator that a child will grow up to enjoy a happier and more successful life. However, we also know that countrywide only 1 in 3 children say they enjoy reading.

At Lowton Church of England High School, we are committed to promoting a positive reading culture because we know how important it is for vocabulary development, academic success and overall wellbeing. We want everyone to recognise reading as an entertaining, social and fun thing to do.

Read on and be inspired to pick up a book today!



WEBSITES & resources

Penguin Talks, in partnership with Speakers for School, is a programme of free, creative talks for young people, giving them the opportunity to both hear from, and directly question, a world-renowned thinker, writer or influential figure from our family of authors.

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/about/social-impact/penguin-talks>

For younger readers, Chapter One offers a free online library of texts that celebrate the world's diversity.

<https://library.chapterone.org/#/>

upcoming EVENTS

Week beginning 24th November 2025 School Book Fair

The book fair will be back on the 24th November and will run until the 27th November. **BOOK FAIR**

Students in year 7 and 8 will be able to attend the fair during their English lessons that week.

Year 9, 10 and 11 will be able to attend the fair at break time or after school.

Advance Notice: Thursday 5th March 2026 World Book Day

World Book Day is all about ensuring more children to grow up with a life-long, life-changing habit of reading for fun, and all the benefits this brings. This year, Lowton will be celebrating this important day and promoting a love of reading in a variety of ways. More information from school will follow.

For further details please see the official website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>



FIRST CHAPTER FRIDAY



This year in school, we are introducing 'First Chapter Friday' linked to our 'Flourishing Fridays' initiative. On the final full Friday of each half term, staff will share the opening section of a novel, short story, or non-fiction book which they are currently reading or have enjoyed previously with students. This is aimed at promoting a love of reading and allowing students to engage with a range of genres and texts. *Please ask your child about what they have heard or been read!*

BOOK review

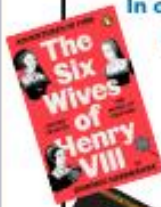
In our Reading Room we currently stock the **History Adventures in Time series by Dominic Sandbrook**

A great book on Henry VIII told from the point of view of his unfortunate wives. This is a fun and easy to read account of a homicidal romantic at work - at a time of enormous change in English society.

★★★★☆

Intended for children, but serves as a wonderful introduction to the First World War for everyone. Sandbrook really captures the devastation and impact of the War through the stories of individuals.

★★★★☆



AUTHOR profile

Students in Year 9 will study the Science Fiction classic, 'War of the Worlds' by H.G. Wells later this year.

Wells was an influential English writer best known as a "father of science fiction" for his early novels like 'The Time Machine' & 'The Invisible Man'.

He came from a working-class background, and used his writing to explore social inequality and the potential consequences of technological advancement.



You can find out more about H.G. Wells and his works here:
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/H-G-Wells>



NEW releases

In the Reading Room this month...



We have recently stocked the whole series of 'Heartstoppers' by Alice Oseman in our Reading Room.

A popular graphic novel suitable for readers aged 13+.

We also have a range of sporting titles available.

Football Superstars are proving very popular currently with our Key Stage 3 students.

There really is a book for everyone...
Come and join us at lunchtimes to find yours!



SPARX winners

Students topping the leaderboards this month:

Top 3 in year 7

Keira Jackson

Gishomika Sivakumar

Kayden Drummond

Top 3 in year 8

Stephanie Leung

Declan Jaques

Leah Andrews

Please encourage your child to read at home using Sparx Reader

