

# THE HUB NEWS

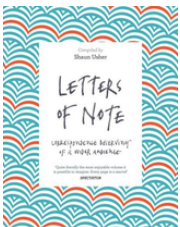


BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION



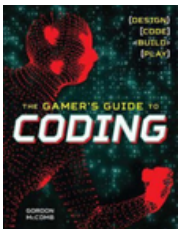
## MONTHLY ROUND UP IN NON- FICTION

### World Letter Writing Day 1st



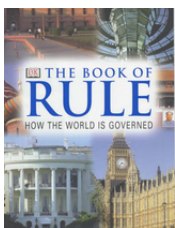
Celebrate the art of letter writing with this fascinating collection of correspondence from some famous names.

### National Coding Week 16th



Learn to create and test computer games with this interactive book.

### International Day of Democracy 15th



Brush up on your political knowledge with this comprehensive guide to governments.

FOCUS ON.....

## Friendship Month



With the start of the new school year, September is a time for new beginnings, fresh starts, making new connections and re-establishing old ones. This month, the Hub is celebrating stories with unforgettable friendships and characters who support each other through challenges. Discover one of these books where friendship is at the very heart of the story...

Book of the month



An endearing story about two boys who strike up an unlikely friendship and discover that even the most unexpected connection can change everything. Winner of Waterstones Best Book for Older Readers 2025.



Uncover the secret Nick's hiding in his cellar in this lyrical fantasy which deals with bullying and the power of friendship. A must read if you enjoyed *Skellig*.



Reality and the gaming world begin to blur in this tense adventure. When Lori finds herself trapped at home her best friend helps her survive a terrifying night.



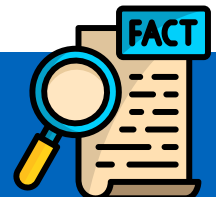
Storm hates standing out from the crowd but her talent for running puts her in the spotlight. Her friends help empower her and grow her confidence.



A relatable verse novel which covers all the challenges and new friendships that Nate encounters in his first year of secondary school.

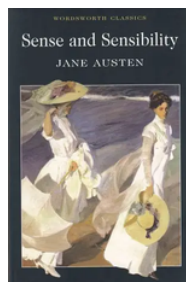
## Fast Fact of the Month

- September gets its name from the Latin word *septem*, meaning "seven" — it was originally the seventh month of the Roman calendar before January and February were added.



FROM PAGE TO SCREEN

## READ IT FIRST!



A new adaptation of Jane Austen's first novel *Sense and Sensibility* will be released in cinemas at the end of the month. It follows the lives and loves of the Dashwood sisters after their family loses their fortune and must move to a more modest home.

Try the opening here: "The family of Dashwood had been long settled in Sussex. Their estate was large, and their residence was at Norland Park, in the centre of their property, where for many generations, they had lived in so respectable a manner as to engage the general good opinion of their surrounding acquaintance."

SEPTEMBER BORN

## BOOKISH BIRTHDAYS



15th

Agatha Christie (1890–1976) is one of the world's most famous mystery writers, best known for creating detectives Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple, and helping to shape the modern detective genre.

21st

Born in 1866, H. G. Wells was a **pioneering** science fiction writer. He penned classics such as *The Time Machine*, *The War of the Worlds* and *The Invisible Man*. His ideas about technology, space and the future continue to inspire readers today.

23rd

F. Scott Fitzgerald was an American writer best known for his novel *The Great Gatsby*. He was born in 1896 and became one of the most important writers of the 1920s. His writing often explored themes such as love, wealth and ambition.

DICTIONARY CORNER



**Pioneering** – involving new methods and ideas

**Children's Laureate** – a position awarded every two years to a writer or illustrator to celebrate outstanding achievement and promote the importance of reading.

WAY BACK WHEN...

## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY



On 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666, a fire broke out in a bakery in London. It spread quickly, raged throughout the city for almost 5 days and became known as The Great Fire of London. Learn more in Non fiction...



In September 1888, London was captivated by one of history's most famous unsolved mysteries: Jack the Ripper. In this book his ghost returns to haunt the characters. Read it if you dare.



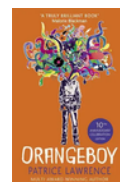
AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

## PATRICE LAWRENCE

"I believe that every child deserves books that make them gasp with laughter, thrill with adventure and widen their horizons so they can gaze at the world from new perspectives."



Patrice Lawrence is an award-winning British author who writes mainly for young people. She was born in Brighton and grew up in London. Her books often focus on important topics such as family, friendship, identity, relationships and the challenges young people can face. Earlier this year she was named as the **Children's Laureate**.



⊗ "THERE ARE NO STRANGERS HERE; ONLY FRIENDS YOU HAVEN'T YET MET." ⊗