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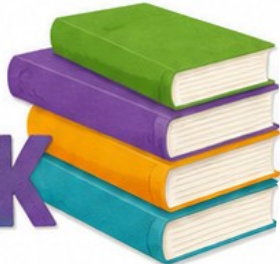
READING MATTERS

SUMMER 2026 EDITION



≡ Celebrating the National Year of Reading 2026 ≡

FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S DESK



Dear Readers,

As another fantastic school year draws to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on everything we've achieved together in the OLSB Library.

This year has been filled with stories in every sense of the word. We've celebrated books, welcomed new readers, explored different cultures, shared ghost stories, championed kindness and empathy, taken part in the National Year of Reading and watched our library become one of the busiest and happiest places in school.

One of the greatest joys of being a librarian is seeing students discover their book—the one they simply can't put down. Throughout the year I've watched pupils recommend books to friends, challenge themselves to try new genres, lose themselves in magical adventures and laugh out loud at unforgettable characters. Those moments remind me why reading matters.

Now, summer offers something truly special: time.

- ⌚ Time to read without homework.
- ⌚ Time to visit your local library.
- ⌚ Time to discover a new favourite author.
- ⌚ Time to reread an old favourite.
- ⌚ Time to simply enjoy a great story.

Whether you're travelling abroad, spending time with family, relaxing in the sunshine or enjoying a quiet afternoon at home, I hope you'll take a book with you. Stories have a wonderful way of turning ordinary days into unforgettable adventures.

Inside this special Summer Reading edition you'll find our most borrowed books of the year, exciting new titles arriving next academic year, summer reading recommendations, reading challenges and a celebration of everything we've enjoyed together in the library.



I'd also like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic Student Librarians. Your enthusiasm, kindness and willingness to help others have made a real difference. You've helped create a welcoming library where everyone feels encouraged to read, explore and belong.

Finally, thank you to every student who has borrowed a book, recommended a favourite read, joined one of our reading events or simply spent time in the library this year. Every visit, every conversation and every recommendation has helped make the OLSB Library such a special place.

I wish you all a happy, restful and well-deserved summer holiday.



Keep reading.



Keep wondering.



Keep discovering.

I'll see you in September, ready for another year of fantastic books and new adventures.

Happy Reading!

Ms Jawaid

Librarian & Reading Lead

“A library is where every reader's next adventure begins.”

THANK YOU STUDENT LIBRARIANS

● THANK YOU!

To our amazing Student Librarians for everything you do to keep our library running, welcome everyone and help our school discover the joy of reading!



THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATED...



HALLOWEEN GHOST STORIES

Spooky tales, creepy classics and chilling reads! Our ghost story sessions were a huge hit.



EMPATHY WEEK

We explored what it means to understand others, show kindness and build a more caring school community through stories and activities.



KINDNESS DAY

Small acts, big impact. We celebrated kindness in our words, actions and choices, making our school a brighter place for everyone.



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Different stories, different voices, one community. We celebrated the many cultures, backgrounds and perspectives that make us who we are.



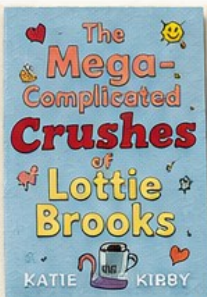
Thank you for helping our library thrive this year.
We couldn't do it without you!



BOOKS WE COULDN'T PUT DOWN

OLSB's Most Borrowed Books of 2025-26

Every school has its favourite books, and this year our students have spoken! From laugh-out-loud stories and epic adventures to manga, mythology and football heroes, these are the books that flew off our library shelves again and again. If you've not read one of these yet, why not add it to your summer reading list?



The Mega-Complicated Crushes of Lottie Brooks by Katie Kirby

Lottie Brooks is back with more hilarious diary entries, embarrassing moments and friendship dramas. Packed with humour and heart, it's easy to see why this has been our most borrowed book of the year.

Perfect for readers who enjoy:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Tom Gates and funny, realistic stories.

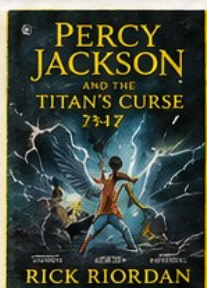


My Hero Academia: The Boy Born with Everything by Kohei Horikoshi

The world of heroes continues in this action-packed manga adventure. With unforgettable characters, incredible battles and stunning artwork, it's no surprise that My Hero Academia remains one of our most popular series.

Perfect for readers who enjoy:

Manga, superheroes and adventures.

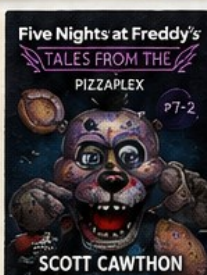


Percy Jackson and the Titan's Curse by Rick Riordan

Percy's adventures continue as he battles monsters, uncovers ancient prophecies and discovers that being a hero is never easy. A modern classic that continues to capture the imagination of readers.

Perfect for readers who enjoy:

Mythology, fantasy and adventure.



FNAF: Tales from the Pizzaplex -B7-2 by Scott Cawthon

If creepy mysteries and unexpected twists are your thing, this latest collection from the Five Nights at Freddy's universe delivers plenty of suspense. One of our most requested horror titles this year.

Perfect for readers who enjoy:

Horror, mystery and gaming.



Haaland by Harry Coninx

Discover the inspiring story of one of football's biggest stars. From his early years to becoming one of the world's most exciting strikers, this biography has been hugely popular with football fans across the school.

Perfect for readers who enjoy:

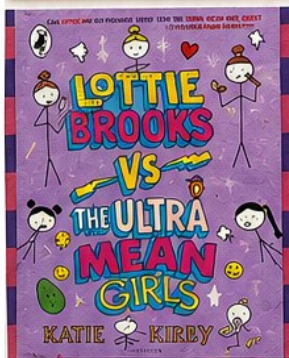
Sport, biographies and football.

COMING SOON

TO OUR LIBRARY

We have a lot of exciting new reads coming to our catalogue next academic year, drop by and check them out.

And if you want to read a book you can't find on our shelves, speak to Ms Jawaaid and we will try and get it for you.



Lottie Brooks vs The Ultra Mean Girls

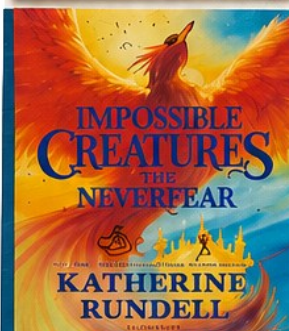
by Katie Kirby

Lottie is determined to win back her best friend, but the Ultra Mean Girls are making everything more complicated. Expect embarrassing plans, friendship drama and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments from one of the funniest diary-style series around.

Perfect for readers who enjoy: funny realistic fiction, friendship stories, Dork Diaries and Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

AVAILABLE

SEPTEMBER
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The Neverfear

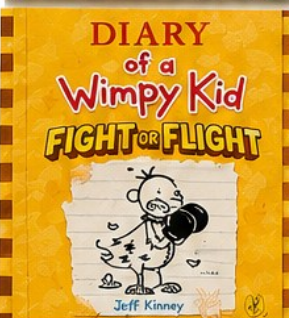
by Katherine Rundell

The third adventure in the bestselling Impossible Creatures series returns to the magical Archipelago. As fear spreads across the islands and people they love are placed in danger, Christopher, Mal and their extraordinary companions must face their most perilous challenge yet.

Perfect for readers who enjoy: epic fantasy, mythical creatures, magical worlds and high-stakes adventures.

AVAILABLE

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Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Fight or Flight

by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley faces his biggest challenge yet when his best friend, Rowley Jefferson, takes up karate. Before long, Greg finds himself caught in an uphill battle. Will he step into the ring—or throw in the towel?

Perfect for readers who enjoy: hilarious illustrated stories, school mishaps, friendship dramas and the rest of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.

AVAILABLE

20 OCTOBER
2026



Dog Man: A Sprinkle in Time

by Dav Pilkey

Dog Man returns for another brilliantly chaotic graphic-novel adventure. When Grandpa alters the fabric of time and space, Dog Man and his friends must work together to put things right—and discover whether everyone has the power to make a positive change.

Perfect for readers who enjoy: graphic novels, comedy, superheroes, action and the Cat Kid Comic Club series.

AVAILABLE

3 NOVEMBER
2026



Keep an eye out for these exciting new books arriving in the new academic year!



ACCELERATED READER

YOUR GUIDE TO READING SUCCESS!

READ • QUIZ • EARN REWARDS • GROW AS A READER



WHAT IS ACCELERATED READER?

Accelerated Reader (AR) helps you find books that match your reading level and interests. Every AR book has a **Book Level (BL)** and an **AR Quiz**.

Once you've finished reading, simply complete the online quiz to test your understanding and earn points!



HOW IT WORKS

1 CHOOSE A BOOK



Pick an AR book from the library. Look out for the AR stickers on the shelves.

2 READ



Enjoy your book at your own pace—at school or at home.

3 TAKE THE QUIZ



Log into Accelerated Reader and complete the quiz while the story is still fresh in your mind.

4 EARN POINTS



Every successful quiz helps you earn points, improve your reading record and work towards rewards.

WHY TAKE AR QUIZZES?

- ✓ Check your understanding of what you've read.
- ✓ Discover books that are just right for you.
- ✓ Track your reading progress throughout the year.
- ✓ Build confidence and become a stronger reader.
- ✓ Earn points, certificates and prizes!

REWARDS



At OLSB we celebrate reading success! Students can earn:

- ★ Reading Certificates
- ★ Prizes and special rewards
- ★ Recognition in school
- ★ Points towards reading milestones

TOP TIPS



- Take your quiz soon after finishing your book.
- Only quiz on books you've actually read.
- Don't worry if you don't score 100%—every quiz helps you improve.
- Challenge yourself by reading different genres.

WHERE CAN I QUIZ?



AT SCHOOL

Library computers during break, lunchtime or after school (except Fridays).



AT HOME

Use your school login via the OLSB Accelerated Reader page.

LOG IN HERE!

<https://ukhosted35.renlearn.co.uk/2234318>

QUESTIONS?



Speak to **Ms Jawaaid in the library!**

Whether you need help finding an AR book, checking your reading level, logging in or choosing your next read, I'm always happy to help.



“The more you read, the more you know. The more you quiz, the more you grow!”



Accelerated Reader is here to support you in becoming a stronger, more confident reader. Every quiz you take brings you one step closer to achieving your reading goals, and maybe even to winning your next reward!

★ Happy Reading!

OUR LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS

A look at our library this year



5,842
BOOKS
BORROWED



782
ACTIVE
READERS



356
NEW BOOKS
ADDED



1,152
VISITS TO
THE LIBRARY



23
BOOK TALKS
& EVENTS



100%
LOVE OUR
LIBRARY!

Thank you to all our readers for making
our library such a special place!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026

Reading for pleasure helps children build confidence, supports wellbeing, sparks creativity and opens the door to a world of possibilities.

Our Summer Reading Challenge is a fun way to keep reading all summer long!

1

GET YOUR PASSPORT

Pick up your passport from Ms Jawaid in the library or your tutor.

2

READ IN 16 WAYS!

Complete challenges in 16 different categories.

Read widely, read differently, read your way!

READ OUTSIDE



READ SOMETHING NEW



MYSTERY READ



POETRY OR VERSE

3

BRING IT BACK IN SEPTEMBER

Return your completed passport in September to be entered into our prize draw!



THE MORE CHALLENGES YOU COMPLETE, THE MORE YOU EARN!

Collect points, earn rewards and be in with a chance to win amazing prizes!

WHY IT MATTERS

- ★ Builds confidence and independence
- ★ Improves vocabulary and comprehension
- ★ Supports mental health and wellbeing
- ★ Encourages curiosity and creativity
- ★ Most importantly – it's enjoyable!

READING TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE!



PARENTS & CARERS

You can support your child by:

- ✓ Reading with them
- ✓ Visiting the library together
- ✓ Talking about books
- ✓ Encouraging them to try something new

Let's make this a summer full of stories, adventure and discovery!

THANK YOU

for helping us build a community of readers!

We can't wait to see what you read!

READING TIPS

Three simple ways to keep up with your reading this summer and always!



KEEP IT CLOSE

Ten minutes of reading still counts.



MIX IT UP

Try an audiobook, eBook or graphic novel.



NOT FEELING IT?

Choose something else.
Reading shouldn't feel like a chore.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Reading for pleasure improves wellbeing and reduces stress.
- It builds confidence, vocabulary and imagination.
- It helps us understand others and the world around us.



2026 IS THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

Looking for even more?

Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Read to the Beat! is presented by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries. Visit your local library to take part!

