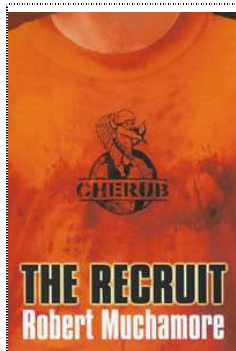


Our favourite books

Books we love now - chosen by Year 6

On World Book Day we brought to school our favourite books. Here is a list of our favourite books, we hope you enjoy them as much as we do.



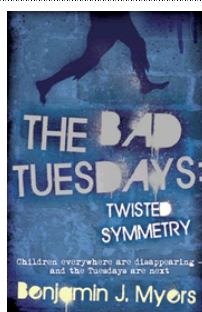
The Cherub series by Robert Muchamore – loved by both boys and girls, this came out as number 1 in our Year 6 survey.

The bestselling, the recruit. It is the first in the CHERUB series, winning several awards and a well known favorite. The story is set in a hooded area of London, with James Adams the main character. His Mother is Obese, and he has a half sister. The story begins with James in school (year seven), and getting annoyed by a girl who makes fat jokes about his mum. He slams her against a wall, and the girl's cheek is scraped by a nail. James pushes his teacher to the floor and runs away from his school. He returns home to find he has been expelled. He also contemplates the fact that his mum manages a shoplifting gang, and how his quality of life was through crime.

Age 10+ *May not be suitable for younger children*

Twisted Symmetry by Benjamin Myers

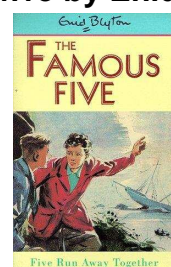
Chess Tuesday and her brothers, Box and Splinter, are street rats; outcast children who live on the fringes of society. They know nothing of their past but now they are being tracked by two powerful, rival sides - the Twisted Symmetry and the Committee. They don't know why - but it soon becomes clear that they possess a terrifying legacy for their future. This came second in our vote. We all enjoyed meeting the author when he came into school. We can't wait for the next in the series – keep it up Mr. Myers!



Age 9+

The famous five by Enid Blyton

An old classic but still enjoyed by many. Lots of different adventures and different titles – an easier read.



Maximum ride by James Patterson

In James Patterson's blockbuster series, fourteen-year-old Maximum Ride, better known as Max, knows what it's like to soar above the world. She and all the members of the "flock"--Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman and Angel--are just like ordinary kids--only they have wings and can fly. It may seem like a dream come to some, but their lives can morph into a living nightmare at any time.

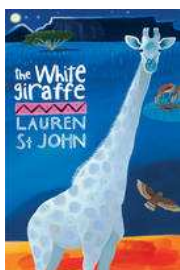
Age 10+



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The White Giraffe series by Lauren St John

After a tragedy Martine has to go live with her Grandmother in an African game reserve. Here she learns she has a special connection to animals - especially a very unique white giraffe. A great read with some wonderful descriptions of the African wilderness. Age 8+



By Royal Command – Young Bond by Charlie Higson

Following a treacherous rescue mission high in the freezing Alps, James Bond is preparing for life back at Eton. But James is under surveillance; his every move is being watched. He alone holds the clue to a sinister plot that will bring bloodshed and carnage to his school - and his country. Life for James Bond will never be the same again.

Age 9+



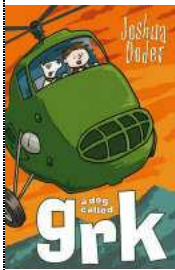
Dead Gorgeous by Malorie Blackman

Moving to the country because her parents want to run a dilapidated old hotel is not 11-year-old Nova's idea of fun. Her older sister hasn't got time for her and her younger twin brothers just wind her up. The hotel guests are a peculiar bunch and life is tough for the whole family. An entertaining and moving story from a best-selling author. Age 10+



Girl Missing by Sophie McKenzie

Lauren has always known she was adopted but when a little research turns up the possibility that she was snatched from an American family as a baby, suddenly Lauren's life seems like a sham. How can she find her biological parents? Age 10+



A dog called Grk by Joshua Doder

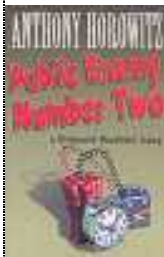
When Tim finds an abandoned and bedraggled little dog outside his house, he turns out to be Grk, the much loved pet of

the recently replaced ambassador of Stanislavia. Tim innocently wants to reunite them, but it means that he will become embroiled in the violent and dangerous politics of this little known East European country. Could this be the new 007? Age 8+

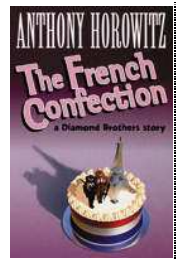
The Diamond brother series by Antony Horowitz

The French Confection

When the hard-up Diamond brothers, Tim and Nick, win a weekend for two in Paris, it looks as if their luck is taking a turn for the better. But looks can be deceptive. No sooner have they arrived in the French capital than the brothers are up to their necks in danger.



Thirteen-year-old Nick Diamond is in prison! Framed for a jewel heist, quick-thinking Nick finds himself sharing a cell with public enemy number one: Johnny Powers. Nick's only chance of clearing his name is to nail the Fence, the country's master criminal. Age 10+



The following books were also highly recommended.



I know what you did last Wednesday by Antony Horowitz

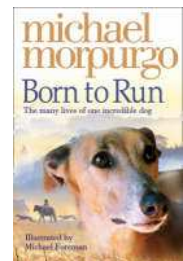
It's dangerous being the younger brother of the world's worst private detective, but Nick Diamond's survived...so far. When the pair receive an invitation to a school reunion on a remote Scottish island, things seem to be looking up. But Nick's got a bad feeling, and it's not indigestion.

Age 9+

Michael Morpurgo is one of our favourite authors – many of his books are read by both the girls and boys. Here are just two but we'd recommend any of his books really!

Born to Run

Joy and heartbreak combine in this bittersweet tale of a champion greyhound's journey through life -- and from owner to owner!



Private Peaceful

Heroism or cowardice? A stunning story of the First World War from a master storyteller. Told in the voice of a young soldier, the story follows 24 hours in his life at the front during WW1, and captures his memories as he looks back over his life. Full of stunningly researched detail and engrossing atmosphere, the book leads to a dramatic and moving conclusion. Both a love story and a deeply moving account of the horrors of the First World War, this book will reach everyone from 9 to 90.

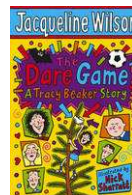
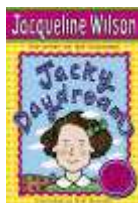
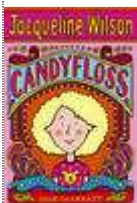


Jacqueline Wilson – still a favourite author for the girls.

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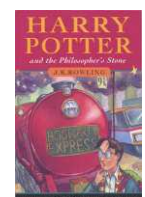
- Vicky Angel**
- Dare Game**
- Candy Floss**
- Girls in Tears**

Age suitability, depends on book

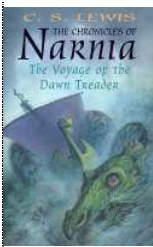


Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling

Even if you're sick of hearing about Harry Potter, and even if you've never gone near one of the books or films, just give this one a try. It is charming, funny, likeable and not too long, reminding the reader of what it was that made Potter such a hit in the first place.



And if you like it then you have six more books to read as well! Age 8+



The Voyage of the Dawn Treader by CS Lewis

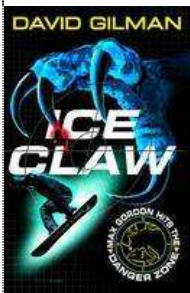
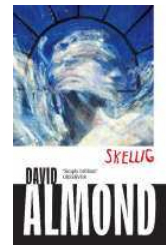
Edmund and Lucy and their irksome cousin Eustace are returned to Narnia as their friend Caspian is about to chart a sea voyage to the end of the world. As their journey takes them into uncharted waters, the young heroes learn that pirates, dragons and monsters are not only real but very, very dangerous.

Age 8+

Skellig by David Almond

When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive.

Age 10+



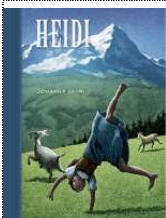
Ice Claw by David Gilman

Max Gordon is wanted for murder. Two thousand freezing metres high in the mountain peaks, Max Gordon is grappling with death. His race to win an X-treme sports challenge has become a race to survive. Max witnesses the last moments of a mysterious Basque monk, who screams a cryptic clue before plummeting to his death. The clue is a prophecy that foretells of a cataclysmic ecological event which will kill millions across Europe. Now Max is trapped in the darkness of a dead man's secret and the hunt is on. How will Max prove his innocence when nobody will trust him - and he can trust no one? Age 10+

Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery during Britain's countdown to join the Euro. Suddenly finding themselves with a vast amount of cash, the boys have just one glorious, appalling dilemma - how to spend it in the few days before it becomes worthless.

Age 10+



Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Little Heidi goes to live with her grandfather in his lonely hut high in the Alps and she quickly learns to love her new life. But her strict aunt decides to send her away again to live in the town. Heidi cannot bear being away from the mountains and is determined to return to the happiness of life with her grandfather.

Age 8+

The Princess diaries by Meg Cabot

'You're not Mia Thermopolis any more, honey,' Dad said. 'You're Amelia Mignonette Grimaldi Thermopolis Renaldo. Princess of Genovia.' A Princess?? Me??? Yeah. Right. One minute Mia's a totally normal Manhattan 14-year-old. Next minute she's heir to the throne of Genovia, being trailed by a trigger-happy bodyguard, taking princess lessons with her bonkers old grandmere, and having a makeover with someone called Paolo. Well, her dad can lecture her till he's royal-blue in the face, but no way is Mia going to turn herself into a style-queen. And they think she's moving to Genovia? Er, hello? Age 10+



Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

The story's unlikely heroine is Catherine Morland, a seventeen-year-old woman from a country parsonage. While spending a few weeks in Bath with a family friend, Catherine meets and falls in love with Henry Tilney, who invites her to visit his family estate, Northanger Abbey. Once there, Catherine, a great reader of Gothic thrillers, lets the shadowy atmosphere of the old mansion fill her mind with terrible suspicions. What is the mystery surrounding the death of Henry's mother? Age 10+

The secret seven series by Enid Blyton

It's their very first adventure and the Secret Seven super-sleuths are already on the trail of a mystery! The gang are dressed in disguise, following a lead to a spooky old house in the snow!

Age 7+



