

WHS LIBRARY

Newsletter

Book of the Month!

I Dare You by Tamsin Winter

Willow and Alma are best friends, sharing a love of the spotlight. All they want is fame and fortune, and Willow is determined that the best way to get it is to go viral. So they start filming dares. Okay, so getting stuck in a basketball hoop doesn't get them the sort of attention they were hoping for, but as their challenges get more extreme, their fan base grows. Duct-taping themselves to a wall? No-brainer. Eating super-hot chillis? Of course! Waxing an eyebrow off? Super funny! And if they get in a bit of trouble, it's worth it.

But if they really want to prove themselves, they have to go all-out. So they come up with the perfect idea. An idea that causes more than just a bit of trouble. An idea that might destroy not just their ambitions but their entire friendship for good.



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PRIDE picks!



Proud library statement

We are committed to offering a wide range of books at WHS Library which are accessible to all. We actively promote and display books that include a diverse range of characters and experiences.

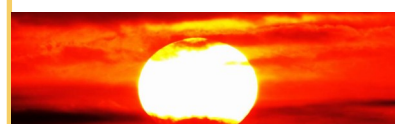
Our aim to allow all young people to see themselves represented in fiction. We believe in the power of books to teach empathy and understanding.

KINDNESS
PEACE
EQUALITY
LOVE
INCLUSION
HOPE
DIVERSITY

Word of the Month

Swollocking

Swelteringly, stiflingly hot.



Ms Jones on OVERDUES

As we come up to the end of the year, we still have a large number — 500+ — of books outstanding. If you have lost a book, please ask an adult to pay the voluntary £3.50 “lost fee” on Scopay so that your account can be cleared.



Author profile: Dav Pilkey



When Dav Pilkey was a kid, he was diagnosed with ADHD and dyslexia. He was so disruptive in class that his teachers made him sit out in the hallway every day. Luckily, Dav loved to draw and make up stories, so he spent his time in the hallway creating his own original comic books—the very first adventures of Dog Man and Captain Underpants.

Since then, Dav has written and illustrated lots of best-selling and award-winning children’s books. His Captain Underpants series and Dog Man graphic novels have been translated into many languages.

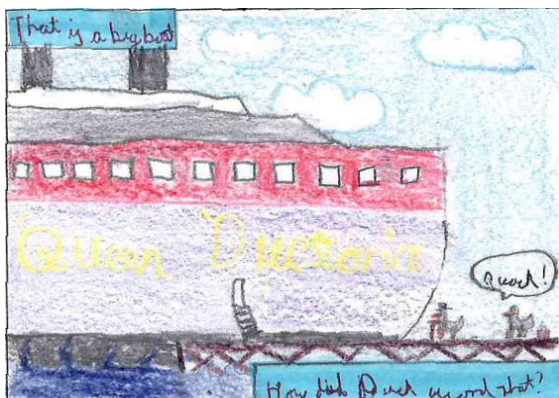
Dav’s stories explore universally positive themes that celebrate the triumph of the good-hearted.



Comic Club

Every Tuesday lunchtime, students come to the library to draw their own comic strips. Pens, paper and resource books provided on request! We love to see graphic artists hard at work, inspiring each other.

This frame was drawn by Ollie S, from a comic about Duck.



Mrs Wheat's Famous Dingbats

Dingbat puzzles are visual word puzzles that require you to guess a well-known phrase or saying from a set of symbols or words. They often use clever wordplay and cryptic clues to convey hidden meanings.



So long, farewell etc

Goodbye and good luck to our long serving prefects, Hannah T and Maisie V



who are in the throes of their GCSE exams! We will



miss them and their excellent leadership in the Library.

Borrower of the Month

Ethan L in Year 7 is a regular library visitor and has borrowed over thirty five books so far this year. Ethan really enjoys our Manga collection; he has read the whole of *My Hero Academia*, *Naruto* and *Demon Slayer* and has now started on *Deathnote*!

Congratulations Ethan and keeeeeeeeeeep reading!

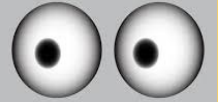


The world's worst puzzle



This 'Where's Wally' puzzle was universally agreed to be the most appalling, difficult, disagreeable and overall hideous jigsaw we have ever attempted. Once we were done we found that five pieces were missing, adding insult to injury. Therefore we took it in turns to drop-kick the taped up box across the room and then ceremoniously dump it in the bin.

Watch this space!



A **new** service should be added to the school's library offer before the end of the summer—allowing students to borrow and enjoy both eBooks and audio books!

Cheshire School Book Awards

We had a fantastic day at Chester Storyhouse for the Cheshire Schools' Book Awards on 18th May. Students enjoyed a range of inspiring talks and workshops with published authors, had the opportunity to get their books signed, and experimented with blackout poetry. All our students represented the school brilliantly, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The award winners were Josh Silver for *Traumaland* (older category) and for younger readers, Polly Crosby for *The Vulpine*. Thank you Cheshire ELS!



Save story time!

Reading to children leads to greater happiness, educational success, empathy and social mobility – and we want to encourage everyone to do it more.

Reading is in crisis. Picking up a book for pleasure among children and young people in the UK is at its lowest level in 20 years. According to the National Literacy Trust, only one in three eight- to 18-year olds enjoy reading in their spare time – a 36% drop in two decades.

The decline is worst among **teenage boys** and the poorest children. A quarter of pupils left primary school in England this year without adequate reading skills. All of this should be no surprise given that half of adults in the UK don't read regularly themselves, and research shows that many parents don't enjoy reading to their children.

Reading, like storytelling itself, is a gift handed from generation to generation. If the link breaks, we risk losing the skills altogether.

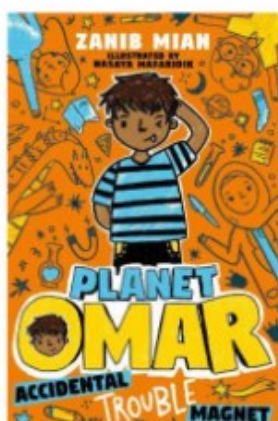
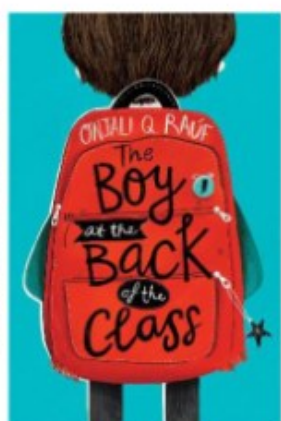


Many thanks to the generous parents who have already bought us books from our wish list or spent money at LoveReading4Kids.co.uk!

Our wishlist can be found at <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/wishlists/68993e536889aedcb6ed403fb9de7ff3>



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