

# LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Oathall Library welcomes new students 2026



## General Information

- Open from 8.30 - 4pm daily
- Students may borrow up to 3 books of their choice
- Weekly book clubs
- Regular events celebrating books and reading
- A welcome space for all

## About our books

We have over 6000 books, mostly stories, available to borrow. We have a wide-ranging and diverse collection including books suggested by students. There are two spinners of dyslexia-friendly books plus another spinner with graphic novels which have huge appeal with reluctant readers as well as our comic book fans.

Our non-fiction, or information, collection is one we are continuing to build around students' interests and hobbies as well as support the curriculum where appropriate.

## How they are organised

The library books are organised into genres. This means that students should be able to find books in the topics they like, both fiction and non-fiction alike. This is in response to students' requests. We hope that this will make it easier for students to explore the range of books we have in the library.

## Accelerated Reader (AR)

AR is a computer programme that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. Passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood what they have read. The absolute key here is the understanding. Your child may be able to physically read the words of almost any book out loud but the quizzes test their understanding & comprehension of their book.

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## Book Clubs

There are two book clubs open to students as they move through school.

BookChat Tuesday is for year 7s. We alternate between talking about the books students are currently reading, and following the Spark! Book Awards. Run at lunchtime every Tuesday, this club is open to all year 7s.

The Teenage BookWorms club is aimed at students in years 8 & 9 and meets every Thursday lunchtime. We follow the Southern Schools Book awards (SSBAs) and attend the finale where all the shortlisted authors give a presentation. A highly popular club, it is open to everyone in years 8 & 9.

## Complimentary Book

We are delighted to give year 7 students a free book for them to read and enjoy over the summer holidays. You might want to read it with them, or to them, because sharing stories is a fantastic way to let your child know how important reading is to you, not just for them.

“Shared reading at home exerts a stronger influence on children's academic performance than parents' supervision, control of homework or attendance of school activities.”

Book Trust 2024

## Events in the library

World Book Day  
A week of celebration



Open Mic events  
throughout the year



Author visits



# Try these fantastic recommended books for every kind of reader.



Feed your imagination with this delicious Fiction Menu for Year 7. Devour 34 tales of moving on and change, school, friendship, courage and being yourself.  
www.readingjackdaw.co.uk

## STARTERS

Shorter, quicker reads



**New Kid, Jerry Craft** – A graphic novel about starting a new school, new beginnings, fitting in, art & being yourself.....**250p**

**The First Year, Matt Goodfellow** – A verse novel following Nate as he navigates Y7...**480p**

**Guts, Raina Telgemeier** – A graphic novel about the highs & lows of school & friends whilst battling a stomach problem.....**224p**

**The Den, Keith Gray** – An old bomb shelter tests friendships & family bringing emotions to the surface in this short sharp novel.....**120p**

**Look Both Ways, Jason Reynolds**...Short stories about everything, anything & the freedom of walking home from school.....**199p**

## NATURE'S FEAST

Stories from the natural world



**October, October, Katya Balen** -A girl lives happily in the woods with her father when tragedy strikes and her world changes.....**290p**

**The Boy in the Tree, Lisa Thompson** – A troublemaker & a goodie-two-shoes team up to save a majestic oak tree & its inhabitants...**120p**

**The Falling Boy, David Almond** -Joff & his dog escape illness at home by exploring the Chapel of Doom with its myths & legends.....**260p**

**Bird Boy, Catherine Bruton** – After his mum dies, Will explores the mountains, his emotions & a new friendship as he heals.....**291p**

## A FEAST OF FANTASY

Fantasy, horror, supernatural & magic



**Dread Wood, Jennifer Killick** – Strange & horrifying things are happening at Saturday detention.....**320p**

**Amari and the Night Brothers, B.B. Alston** – Amari will do anything to find out what happened to her brother, even join a school for the supernatural.....**384p**

**The Girl Who Couldn't Lie, Radhika Sanghani** – White lies, honesty, a magic bangle, friendship & kindness.....**295p**

**When Secrets Set Sail, Sita Brahmachari** – Not fitting in at school, Usha meets Immy, some ghosts & puts their differences aside to save a home for refugees.....**304p**

## A SLICE OF KINDNESS

Stories of courage & empathy



**Quiet Storm, Kimberly Whittam** - Shyness, friendship & standing up are hard, will Storm find her voice?.....**272p**

**Fight Back, A.M. Dassu** – Aaliyah is the target of racist bullying, will she find the courage to fight back?.....**336p**

**Steady for This, Nathanael Lessore** – Warm, funny & often emotional, a teenage boy finds new motivation & courage to save his family from eviction.....**320p**

**The Soup Movement, Ben Davies** – A boy in remission sets in motion a movement of soup & kindness.....**320p**

**The Wrong Shoes, Tom Percival** – Life is challenging but with confidence, help & friends, it can be easier.....**325p**

**Keedie, Elle McNicoll** – Keedie is figuring out how to be herself & stand up to the bullies in town.....**207p**

**When the Sky Falls, Phil Earle** – A thrilling WW2 adventure, wrapped in anger, love & loneliness.....**320p**

**Safiyah's War, Hiba Noor Khan** - A young Muslim girl helps save the lives of 100's of Jews.....**336p**

**Can You See Me? Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott** - Tally is starting secondary school and she's anxious about lots of things, what are the rules for being 'normal'?.....**365p**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Tales from the school day



**The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh, Helen Rutter** – A boy with a stammer dreams of being a standup comedian.....**304p**

**Kofi & the Rap Battle Summer, Jeffrey Boakye** – Follow Kofi's crazy schemes to make money. Full of fun, friendship & music....**256p**

**The King of Nothing, Nathanael Lessore** - Matthew saves a life, learns about friendship, peer pressure & resisting macho culture..**309p**

**The Double Life of Ted Amos, Simon James Green** – Edward reinvents himself to fit in at his new school. What could go wrong!?...**232p**

**On the Wall, Anne Fine** – Finley sits on the wall quietly, happily. Slowly others join him in finding happiness in the simple things.....**256p**

**Ella on the Outside, Cath Howe** – Ella has a terrible secret. When she joins a new school she is befriended by a manipulative girl...**230p**

## EATING WITH FRIENDS

Friends & Enemies



**All the Things that Could go Wrong, Stewart Foster** – The bully & the bullied are forced to work together, what could go wrong!?...**320p**

**When I See Blue, Lily Bailey** – Ben is new & he has a bully in his brain called OCD. With a new friend he learns to stand up to the bully...**340p**

**Best Friends Forever, Lisa Williamson** – The change & upheaval a new school brings...**256p**

**In the Key of Code, Aimee Lucido** – School, coding, music & friends in verse.....**416p**

**Zak Munroe is (Not) My Friend, Simon Packham** – Friendship, school & bullies....**256p**



Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.

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ALL  
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# Mrs Perrin recommends...

## Year 7 Brilliant Books!

