

# THE MAYFIELD QUIBBLER

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## Welcome to Summer 2025 Issue

We have more news from the world of books and feature articles we hope you will enjoy reading.

What an amazing year we have had and we have enjoyed sharing some of that with you through our library newsletter The Mayfield Quibbler. Many pupil librarians have helped bring each issue into being and they have done this during their A1 library club or in their own time. A big

Thank you to you all!

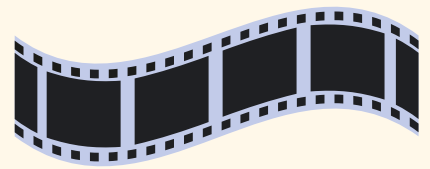
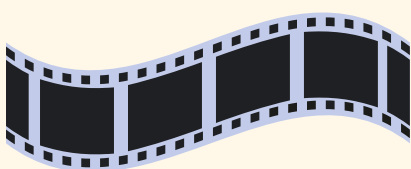
From our first Issue where author, Joseph Elliott, kindly answered Gloria's questions, to the visit by rap poet Karl Nova and all the Staff interviewed In the Hot Seat, and now our Summer issue we hope you are inspired to Keep Reading!



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# The Thursday Murder Club New Film

The new film based on the first book of the Thursday Murder Club series will be released on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, coming to the cinemas first before being available on Netflix. The books are available at the library, and we recommend that you read the books before watching the film, it can make it more fun to compare!





# Jenny Ireland

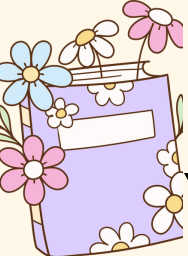
Irish author Jenny Ireland is a modern writer who published her first book in 2023, titled *The First Move*, and has written two more books in the following years. Her stories are different from what you might have read before. They explore true love, high school themes, and the idea that sometimes the person we needed most has been there all along — but realising that can take time.

Her books feel like your fav high school movies brought to life in book form. It's a new level of romance that I would really recommend people try.

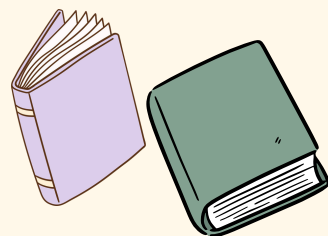
She has yet not written a series so all her books do not share a plot, so depending on the trope you enjoy, you might prefer to start with a different one than I did:

- *The First Move* — Enemies to Lovers, Online Relationship (2023)
- *The Boy Next Door* — Childhood Best Friends to Lovers (2024)
- *The Match Up* — Forbidden Romance (due to a sibling rivalry) (2025)





# Your Library Survey Results



Ina-Mae and I recently conducted a survey on the lower school library to find out what our community truly loves-and what it wants more of. With valuable feedback from students, here's a breakdown of the findings and what's next for our beloved library.

The lower school library earned a solid 7.3 out of 10 in our recent survey, showing appreciable satisfaction among students while highlighting opportunities for improvement.



Pupils expressed a love for genres such as history, crime, dystopian and mystery with *The Hunger Games*, *Harry Potter* and *Bunny vs Monkey* as standout favourites. They also enjoy a diverse selection at home and, based on their suggestions, several new titles have already been added especially works by Katherine Rundell, JK Rowling and Hannah Gold.

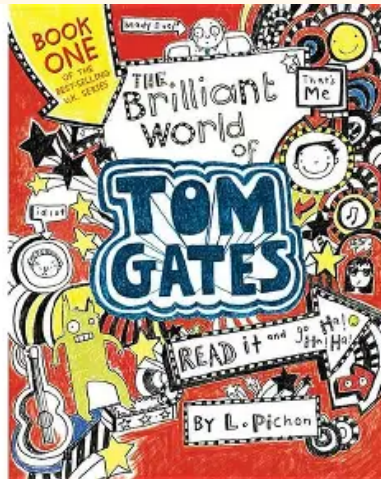
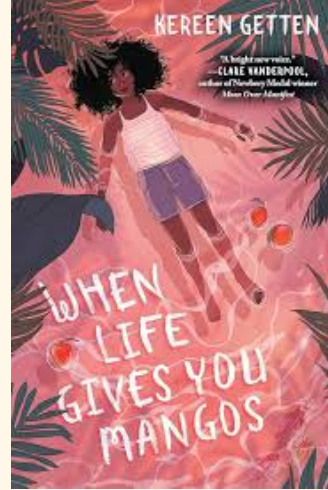
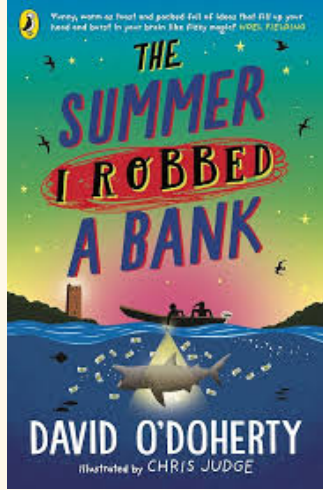
Students shared thoughtful ideas to elevate the library experience: introducing more comfy seating, completing full book series, creating more open space and adding some more seasonal decor to refresh the environment.

Research shows that soft , flexible seating encourages longer visits, better posture and better engagement while seasonal displays can spark curiosity and help readers discover fresh titles.

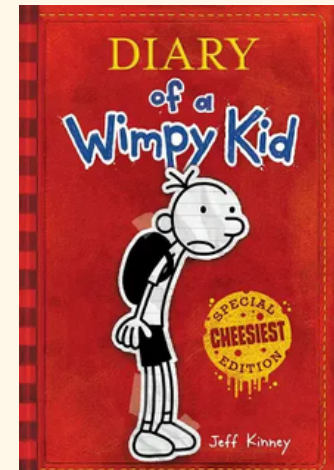
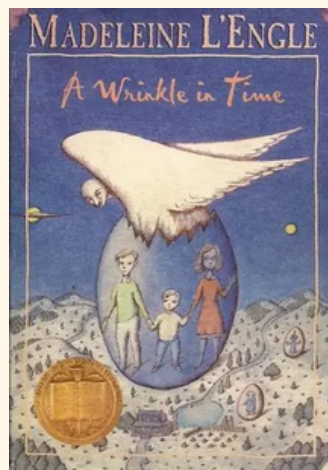
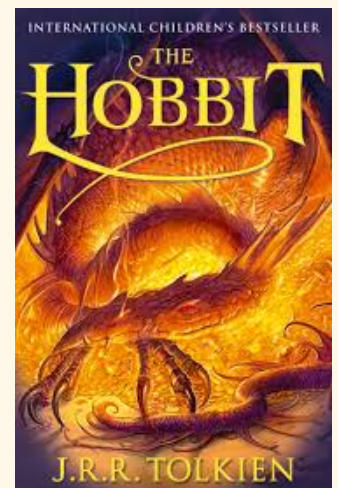
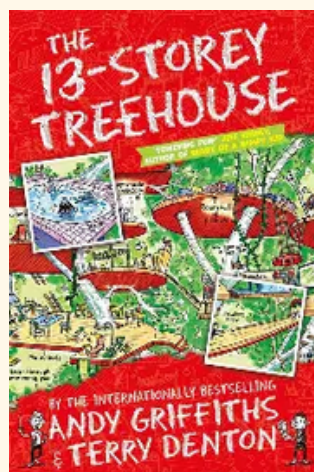
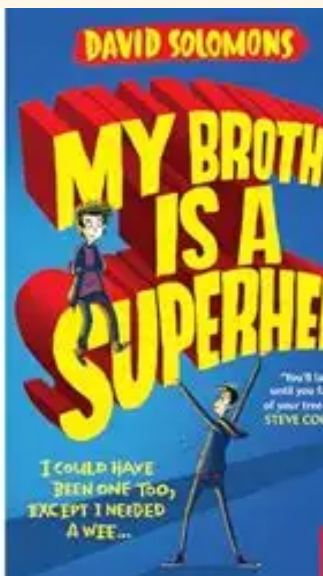
We're now exploring options like more soft seating and fewer desks to create a cosy dynamic space that supports both independent and shared reading.







# Summer reads





In the Hot Seat.....is  
Mrs. Kilvington



**What are you reading at the moment?**

I'm reading *The Persians*, The author has an Iranian name, it's difficult for me to pronounce this is how you spell it, Sanam Mahlodji

**What is your favourite genre?**

I wouldn't say I have a favourite I like literary fiction. I like novels that have deep characterisation and get into the psyche of the characters so I suppose I like character driven novels.

**What was your favourite book when you were our age?**

It would have to be *Anne of Green Gables*

**Why do you read?**

I can't imagine not reading its like breathing, its something I do. I suppose to relax, I think its true that when you read you get to live a different life, you get to meet new people, they can be like friends and you can experience historical times. It's escapism.

**Where do you like to read?**

My favourite place is in bed first thing, wake up make a cup of tea go back to bed on a Sunday morning. I also like getting the train to London or sitting on a plane or in a hammock and reading.

**How often do you borrow from the library?**

Very rarely because I always forget the book and I don't want to wait for a book that I really want to read

**How often do you read?**

I read every day pretty much

**Do you prefer print or audio?**

Definitely print. I've just started listening to audio books and I can do it when I walk the dogs at the moment I'm enjoying a book called *The Great Tree Story*. It's non fiction.

**Do you have a kindle?**

I do have a kindle which I normally use when travelling

**Do you like a long read i.e. over 700 pages?**

I love it!!!!!! My favourite book of all time is Crime & Punishment when I first read it I was in my teens and it had a profound effect on me, I also like Donna Tartt she's a bit like Dickens in her details. Different books resonate with you at different times in your life.

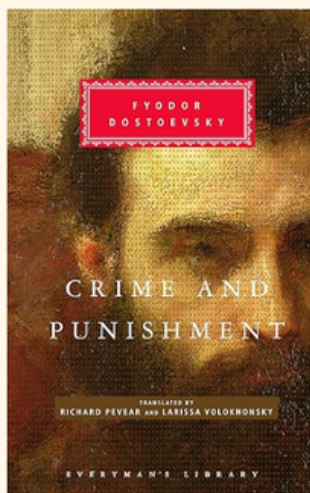
**Do you like to read out loud, like to your students?**

Yes I love it because its lovely to do and you can share the book with the whole class. Not all books work read aloud, sometimes I read a book and think it will be lovely read to read to a class and it just doesn't work.

**How many books do you own?**

About a 1000. I belong to the school book club and I'm reading a book called *Fundamentally* It's a sort of fictionalised story about a teenage girl who joined ISIS in Syria. It's funny in places but you also see her sadness and it looks at the workings of the UN all the documents and everything around her wanting to get back home but she has been denied the right to return.

## On Mrs Kilvington's bookshelf



## Book word search

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Horror	Thriller
Fantasy	Crime
Sci-Fi	Mystery
Poetry	Adventure