

It's Roald Dahl Day! Some of the teachers at Cavendish have been telling us which is their favourite book by this prolific children's author, and why...

My favourite Roald Dahl is definitely The Twits. It's so funny! I also love the quote: 'If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely'. Miss Hansen Y3

Mine is The Twits! I always enjoy reading it to the children especially when they play tricks on each other. The video re-enactment of the wormy spaghetti on the BBC brings it to life. I like the fact the birds and monkeys get revenge. Miss Critchley Y1

I love so many of his books but my favourite is probably Charlie and The Chocolate Factory because of the wondrous, magical chocolate inventions. George's Marvellous Medicine has a place in my heart too from when we had to make a potion for homework one time, and I also went to see the pantomime in back in the Birmingham Old Rep theatre. Fond memories. Mr. Moule Y3

My favourite was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! Loved how Roald Dahl described the factory so that you could almost taste the chocolate! Yummy!! Mrs. Powell YN

Mine would be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and, having read it to my kids, it is still as magical for me now as it was then! I love all the characters, the rags to riches story and the idea of fizzy lifting drinks, edible marshmallow pillows, and hot ice-cream for cold days!!! Ms White YR

My favourite has to be 'Danny Champion of the World'. My dad must have read it to me at least 3 times when I was younger and I also had the audio tape. I loved the idea of living in the caravan in the countryside and the plan to save the pheasants from the rich, pompous land owners. Miss Hanly Y6

The Twits has always been my favourite because I love the mischief they get up to, but also because we used to pass a house on the way to and from school and the couple who lived there were always arguing and shouting so we used to call them the Twits (which was rather cruel of us). The photograph of Tom and Sameed, dressed as Mr and Mrs Twit at one of our book day events, sealed the deal. *Mr. King PE*

My favourite Roald Dahl book is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. My mum used to read it to my three sisters and me. My favourite part is the description of the edible land created in the factory with the chocolate river. If only it was real!! *Ms Tattersall YR*

I think I'd have to choose Matilda - funny, gripping throughout and of course a happy ending for Matilda! *Mrs. Monaghan Y1*

The Twits. I just love the tricks they play on each other. You can't beat the old glass eye in beer, or the food in his beer. The illustrations are fabulous. *Mrs. Myers YN*

George's Marvellous Medicine. My favourite chapter is when he makes the medicine, because of all the awful ingredients. *Miss Tingling Y2*

James and the Giant Peach, because I love how James gets his own back on his hideous, money-grabbing aunts when the peach crushes them as it sets off on its wonderful adventure. I also think the contrasting personalities of the creatures James meets inside the peach are hilarious, and how eventually the peach ends up on the top of the Empire State Building in NYC! It was the first Roald Dahl book I read to my class when I became a teacher and I recall how much the children enjoyed it each afternoon, just before home time. I wonder if they read it to their own children now? *Miss Marland HT*

My favourite story is James and the Giant Peach as this was the first one I ever heard. I remember a teacher reading it to the class in primary school and I couldn't wait for the next chapter. I was very scared of the horrible aunts! I also love Matilda especially when Bruce Bogtrotter had to eat the chocolate cake!

Ms Devine Y5

My favourite Roald Dahl book is *The Twits*. I can still remember vividly imagining how disgusting they were from the descriptions, particularly the chapter in which Mrs Twit makes Mr Twit some spaghetti bolognese with the generous addition of worms!
Mr. Tate Y5

George's Marvellous Medicine is my favourite RD book. Repeating the phrase "Never grow up...always down!!" in our 'best' Grandma voices always made me and my siblings giggle.
Mrs. Hookes SENCO

My favourite is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. It's the first story I remember when I first got back from South Africa when I was 7. It was read to the whole class at the end of the day.
Mrs. Cloake YR

So tough to choose but my overall favourite is *Danny the Champion of the World*. I loved the amazing relationship Danny had with his dad, and even though they didn't have much money they were always doing such exciting things together. My favourite part of the story was when they put tablets inside the raisins, and the pheasants started falling to the ground with a plop! Magical storytelling at its best!
Mr. Davies Y4

Mine is *Matilda* - I love both the book and the film, and when I was little I used to want to be a teacher just like Miss Honey!
Miss Frazer Y4

Going for *Fantastic Mr Fox*. I always loved the fact that he was so clever and he never gave up, even when there seemed like no hope for him and his family. It was very hard to choose one favourite.
Mr. Griffiths DHT

Matilda...because they made it into a fantastic musical!! I preferred it to the musical of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, which was good fun but more about the sets and costumes. It's always about the musicals in our house!
Mrs. Day Y6

I love *Matilda* because my children found it so funny when they were young!
Mrs. Law Y2

It's so hard to choose. I'm stuck between *The Twits*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The BFG*, and *The Enormous Crocodile*. I think, simply due to the ending, it has to be *the Enormous Crocodile*.

Ms Marsden Y2

I love *Matilda* because it's always great to see children surviving and coming out on top. We all have a bit of magic in us...and we should never allow bullies to stop us believing in ourselves. *Miss Carla Art Maestro*

One of mine is *Matilda*. This was one of the first Roald Dahl books I read and like *Matilda*, I loved reading when I was little. The best parts, I think, are when she plays tricks on her horrible family and teacher and I used to wish I could have her powers (to use for good of course!). I also remember wanting to have a teacher as lovely as Miss Honey! *Miss Threlfall Y5*