

Baillie Gifford Schools Programme 22–30 August

In-person & online

**Free tickets
for all events
+ Free books**

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The Baillie Gifford Big Book Giveaway 2022

Free Books for Pupils

Every pupil attending the Baillie Gifford Schools Programme in person at the Book Festival this year will automatically receive a free title relating to the event they come and see. Your pupils will be given the books during their visit to the Book Festival village. Why not come to our Signing Tent afterwards so pupils can meet our authors and get their books signed?

Pupils attending the Baillie Gifford Schools Gala Day will also receive a free goody bag, making their visit extra memorable.

Competition – Book Bundles for Schools Watching Online

For schools who choose to watch events online instead, we're running an exclusive competition to help grow your library collections. Six lucky schools (three primary schools and three secondary schools) will win a fantastic set of books by authors appearing in the 2022 Baillie Gifford Schools Programme.

To enter your school, visit learning.edbookfest.co.uk/news/free-books-for-schools-2022 and complete the application form. Terms and conditions apply.

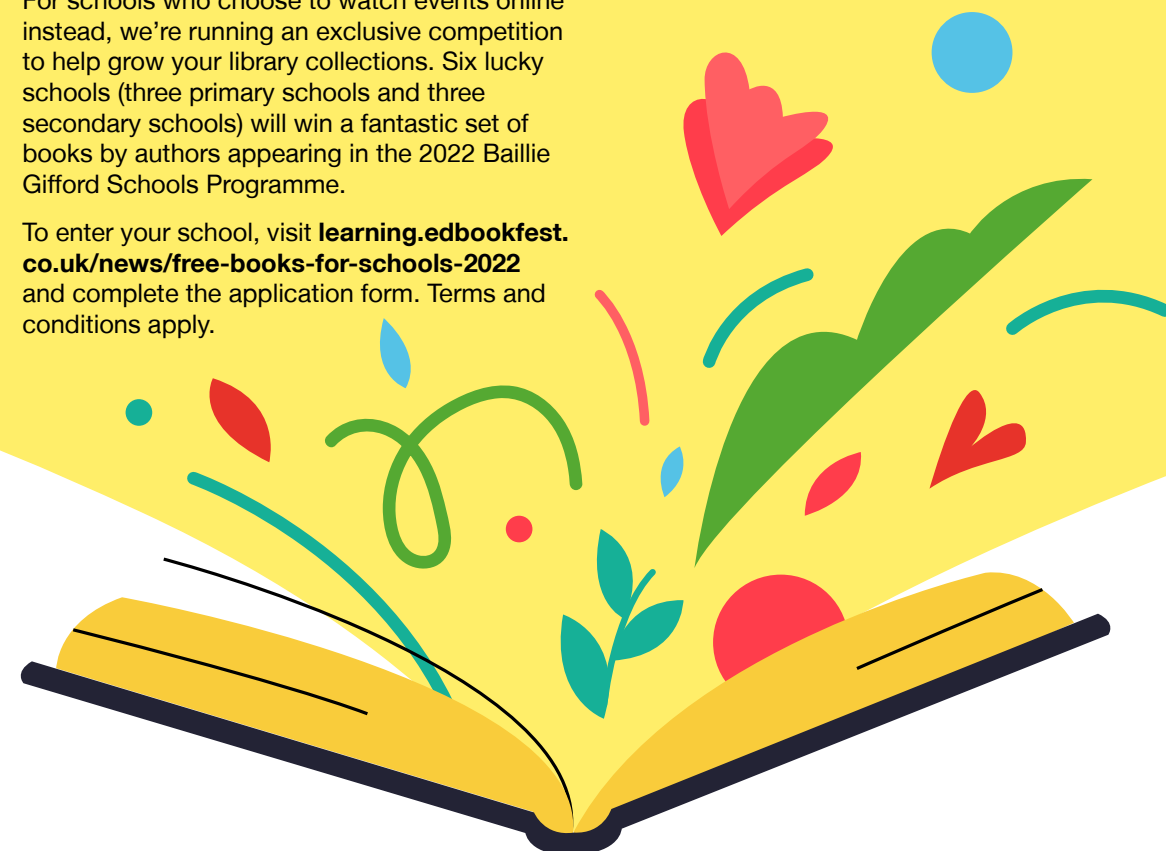
Discounted Books for your School

Visit the specially created Schools page of our online bookshop shop.edbookfest.co.uk/schools-2022 to browse books and receive 25% off all orders placed.

The offer applies to all books featured in the Baillie Gifford Schools Programme and the Baillie Gifford Children's Programme and is valid until 30 September 2022.

To claim your discount simply enter the coupon code SC25BG22V at the checkout.

For terms and conditions on all of the above, please visit: edbookfest.co.uk/terms-conditions/competition



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Welcome to the 2022 Baillie Gifford Schools Programme

Join us in-person or remotely from your classroom for a packed programme of free events created specially for schools this summer (22–30 August) including Baillie Gifford Gala Day for primary schools which returns to the Book Festival on Tuesday 30 August.

- All events are FREE and available to attend in-person or watch online (and on-demand).
- All events take place in our state-of-the-art studios inside Edinburgh College of Art where authors will be appearing live on stage.
- All pupils attending in-person will receive a FREE book related to the event, which they can get signed by the author following their event.
- All events are 45 minutes in duration (except our learning disability-friendly event which is 1 hour).

Thank you to Baillie Gifford

The Baillie Gifford Schools Programme enables children to participate in one of the world's leading book festivals. This year, Baillie Gifford is also making it possible for all schools to attend entirely free of charge – and all pupils attending in-person will receive a free book during their visit too. Additionally, schools who watch the events online can enter a giveaway to receive free books for their school library.

Founded in 1908, Baillie Gifford & Co is an Edinburgh based independent investment management firm who employs more than 1,600 people. The firm plays an active role in the community and supports projects in education, social inclusion and the arts.



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Mystery on the Tracks with M G Leonard and Sam Sedgman

Tuesday 23 August
10.00am–10.45am
P4–P7

Murder Mystery Adventure Steam Trains

All aboard for a rip-roaring quest with M G Leonard and Sam Sedgman as they introduce the latest instalment of their award-winning Adventures on Trains series. *Danger at Dead Man's Pass* follows our hero Hal and his uncle Nat as they go undercover to investigate a supernatural mystery on the Brocken railway. Can your class help crack the clues and solve the case? Fast-paced, fun and accessible – while touching on topics of conservation, art, geography and engineering – this event will delight thrill-seekers, codebreakers, adventurers and train enthusiasts everywhere!



Izzy Investigates with Pamela Butchart

Wednesday 24 August
10.00am–10.45am
P3–P5

Laughs Secret Missions Aliens

Blue Peter Award-winning author Pamela Butchart needs YOUR help in this unmissable event. In her hilarious new book, *The Secret School Invasion*, Izzy's school is being merged with St. Bartholomew's Primary – their greatest rivals! – and there's something VERY suspicious about their too-shiny shoes and their too-loud singing... Join Pamela and Izzy on a SUPER SECRET mission to discover the truth and enjoy some seriously silly stories, with lots of giggles and A LOT of crisps.

See pages 7+8 for
more primary school
events at our Baillie
Gifford Gala Day on
Tuesday 30 August

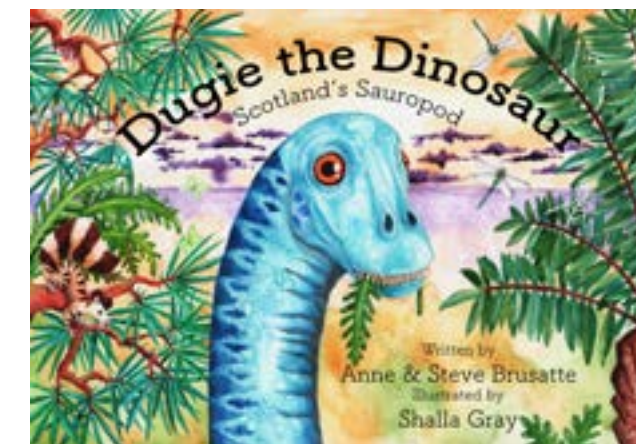


Strictly Come Writing with Maisie Chan

Thursday 25 August
10.00am–10.45am
P5–P7

Intergenerational Relationships Dancing
Humour

From drawing to dim sum, Maisie Chan loves writing her favourite things into her books. During lockdown, she loved to watch Strictly Come Dancing as it made her very happy in an uncertain time. The result is *Keep Dancing, Lizzie Chu*, her second hilarious and action-packed novel. What makes you happy? Let Maisie guide you around the metaphorical dancefloor as she shares her own inspirations: from goddesses and cosplay to a wacky road trip! Then leap into writing your own story about what's important to you.



Learning Disability– Friendly Event:

Dugie the Dinosaur: An Interactive Sensory Event for People with Learning Disabilities

Monday 22 August
2.00pm–3.00pm
All ages

Inclusive Multi-sensory Dinosaurs

Stomp, stamp and growl along in this immersive sensory event created specially for people with learning disabilities. Authors Anne and Steve Brusatte have been working with inclusive arts specialists The Arts End of Somewhere and the PAMIS Art for Wellbeing Group, consisting of participants with profound and multiple learning disabilities, to tell the story of Dugie the Dinosaur, Scotland's Sauropod, using interactive multi-sensory stimuli.

Venture with Dugie all the way up to his home on the Isle of Skye then hold on tight as a storm batters the island and its dinosaur residents. Can you help Dugie find his family and return to the safety of his lagoon home?

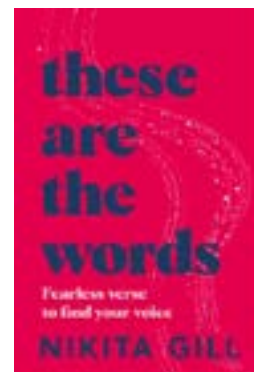


Challenging Discrimination with Patrice Lawrence and Jason Reynolds

Monday 22 August
10.00am–10.45am
S2–S5

Social Justice **Teenage Hardships**
Choices

Two megastars of Young Adult literature come together for a special event exploring class, the justice system and... knitting? New York Times bestselling author Jason Reynolds introduces his heartfelt urban coming-of-age novel, *When I Was the Greatest*. He's joined by award-winning writer Patrice Lawrence whose latest teen drama *Needle* sheds a light on the criminal justice system for young people. What would you do if you found yourself on the wrong side of the law – or the wrong neighbourhood? Discover how these authors help us empathise with their characters and manage to weave warmth and humour into tough narratives. Have your questions ready!



Discover your Power with Nikita Gill

Monday 22 August
11.15am–12.00pm
S1–S6

Poetry **Teenage Experience**
Empowerment

These Are the Words is the essential and empowering YA collection from international poetry sensation Nikita Gill. In this event, she shares all the hard-won wisdom, advice, and validation you need to heal from your first breakup; get through conversations with racist relatives; celebrate true friendship; express your anger and joy; understand the pressures of society; and help you break a few rules to be your true self.



Young and in Love with Dean Atta

Tuesday 23 August
11.15am–12.00pm
S1–S6

Love **Sexuality** **Resilience**

Join the inspirational Dean Atta – named one of the most influential LGBT people in the UK by the Independent on Sunday – and jump headfirst into his must-read queer love story, *Only on the Weekends*. Written in Dean's signature verse-novel format, the story follows fifteen year old Mack on a journey of love, longing, and loneliness. Tackling themes of gender, identity, race, sexuality and growing up, this event shines a light on how to be resilient in romance.

Check out our
learning resources at
[learning.edbookfest.
co.uk](https://learning.edbookfest.co.uk)



Unleash your Creativity with Sita Brahmachari and Natalie Sirett

Wednesday 24 August
11.15am–12.00pm
S2–S5

Illustration **Grief** **Friendship**

Step inside the Raven Treasure Box, an immersive multi-media presentation exploring the creation of *When Shadows Fall* – a poignant coming-of-age novel by award-winning author and Amnesty ambassador Sita Brahmachari and multi-media artist Natalie Sirett. In this interactive event, journey through the artistic collaboration between author and illustrator as they share their techniques and inspirations. Then, using the Raven Treasure Box as your own creative catalyst, write or draw your own artwork inspired by the words: “When shadows fall”.



YA Book Prize 2022: Who would you choose?

Thursday 25 August
11.15am–12.00pm
S3–S6

Prize-winners Young Adult Fiction

Come and meet some of the brilliantly imaginative authors shortlisted for this year's YA Book Prize as they talk about and read from their – potentially – award-winning books. We'll reveal the line-up for this event in June, when the shortlist is announced.

A team at The Bookseller magazine, organiser of the Prize, selects the shortlist first, and then the winner is chosen by a panel of expert and teenage judges, who are asked to pick the book they believe is the best-written and that they would be most likely to share with young adults.

Look out for a series of special events – including two for schools – each featuring a selection of the shortlisted authors as part of our new partnership with the YA Book Prize. This is the first of the events for schools; the second takes place on Friday 26 August.

With previous winners including Sarah Crossan's *One*, Patrice Lawrence's *Orangeboy* and Juno Dawson's *Meat Market* – we can't wait to find out who will be joining us this year!



LGBTQ+ Love, Life and Mental Health with Alexis Caught

Friday 26 August
10.00am–10.45am
S3–S6

Inclusive Mental Health Confidence

Queer Up: An Uplifting Guide to LGBTQ+ Love, Life and Mental Health is the debut book from award-winning podcaster and author, Alexis Caught. In this open, helpful and heart-warming event, Alexis takes you through an inclusive account of what it means to grow up queer: from questioning and pride to relationships and allyship. Perfect for young people who are queer or questioning – and their allies looking to better support them.

All events are
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“P2 enjoyed our virtual visit to @edbookfest this morning. Lots of aspiring authors in our class!”

Primary school in Edinburgh, 2021



Baillie Gifford Gala Day



Tuesday 30 August Events for primary schools

Calling all young changemakers – the future is in our hands!

Be a planet protector and join us at our very special climate change-themed Baillie Gifford Gala Day – exclusively for primary schools – on Tuesday 30 August.

- Join the Festival team in dressing up as your favourite animal from our incredible animal kingdom.
- Meet some of the wonderful animals whose homes we need to protect as Cool Creatures bring some amazing wildlife, including insects and reptiles, to the Festival site.
- Use your creative skills as you make your own protest placards from recycled materials.
- Chat to some of the organisations fighting to protect our planet and find out how you can help them in our Eco Marketplace.
- Say hello to your favourite book characters making an appearance in the Festival Village.
- Get your free book signed by our amazing authors in the Signing Tent.
- Tell Dr Book your interests and receive a reading prescription to discover your next favourite read.
- Enjoy your packed lunch in our grassy courtyard with covered seating or relax in the café.

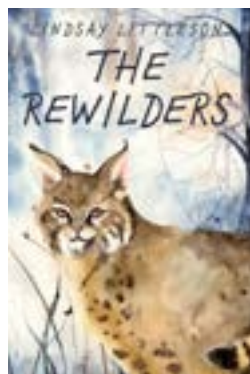
**“Thank you for inspiring
us to think of different
ways to protect our planet.”**

Primary school in Stirling, 2021



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Baillie Gifford Gala Day Tuesday 30 August



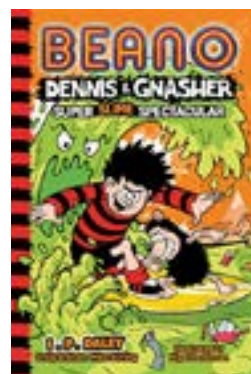
Scottish Rewilding Adventures with Lindsay Littleton

Tuesday 30 August
10.00am–10.45am
P4–P7

Environment Wildlife Adventure

Scotland was once a country of enormous forests, peat bogs and wetlands, where wolves, bears and lynx roamed freely. But what would you do if you discovered a real-life Lynx kitten roaming wild today? Kelpies Prize-winner Lindsay Littleton's latest novel, *The Rewilders*, is an action-packed environmental adventure set in the Highlands of Scotland, in which the modern world comes face-to-face with its ancient past. Hear some of the story and be inspired to discover more about the rewilding movement and what can be done to rescue Scotland's rainforest.

Get your **FREE** book
signed by authors
in our Signing Tent!



Bang! Wallop! Ooft! Meet the Editors of the Beano!

Tuesday 30 August
10.15am–11.00am
P2–P4

Mischief Jokes Comics

Calling all mischief-makers! Expect fun and mayhem in this interactive session from the brains behind *Beano*, the world's longest running (and greatest!) comic. Get ready for lolz as Craig Graham and Mike Stirling share the secrets behind characters such as Dennis the Menace and the Bash Street Kids and tell you how they invented Boomies – the ultimate mix of books and comics. Then create your own brilliantly funny story as you experience the creative process LIVE!



Saving the World One Library at a Time with Polly Ho-Yen

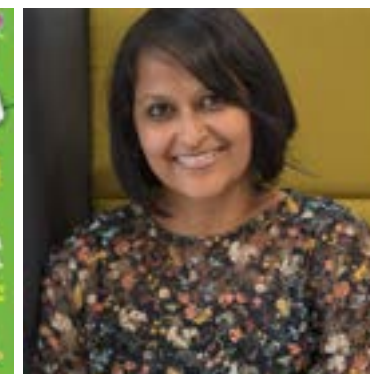
Tuesday 30 August
11.00am–11.45am
P1–P3

Conservation Community Urban Life

Join author Polly Ho-Yen as she explores her beautiful and mesmerising story *The Boy Who Grew a Tree*, which follows nature-loving Timi on his quest to save the magic tree growing in his soon-to-be-closed local library. Shining a light on the need for nature in our cities and highlighting the sacred space of community libraries, as well as tackling topics like sibling displacement and living in urban housing, this event gently explores themes of change and conservation, and what we can all do to make a difference.

**“Many of my class
enjoyed seeing people like
them being represented.”**

Teacher, 2021 Feedback Survey



Become an Accidental Detective with Serena Patel

Tuesday 30 August
11.45am–12.30pm
P3–P5

Mystery Laughs Minority Voices

Anisha's family holiday turns into an investigative mission when the holiday park's mascot-duck is vandalised in this laugh-out-loud new book in the series from Serena Patel. Meet Serena and find out all about how she turned from a child who loved books but never saw herself in them into the prize-winning author of hilarious and action-packed books, featuring heroes who children can identify with. Come prepared to ask questions and get tips to write your own funny adventure stories.

Baillie Gifford Gala Day Tuesday 30 August



BREAKING NEWS: How to Tell What's Real From What's Rubbish *with Nick Sheridan*

Tuesday 30 August
12.00pm–12.45pm
P4–P7

Journalism Fake News
Non-fiction Writing

It's never been easier to access the news: on TV, radio, billboards, newspapers and endlessly buzzing from the screens in our pockets. But with more and more news available, it's hard to know what to trust. Where do stories come from? How do we know what's real and what's fake? What should we do if the news confuses us, or even upsets us? Join journalist and presenter Nick Sheridan for an interactive event that will help you understand – and scrutinize! – the news.



Enter the Forest of Lost Things *with David C Flanagan*

Tuesday 30 August
12.45pm–1.30pm
P2–P5

Determination Collaboration Kindness

Calamity! Uncle Pete the kindly explorer and his fearless mouse sidekick have lost their stardust powered plane. Where should they look for it? The Forest of Lost Things? But nobody should EVER go there...! Join author David C Flanagan as he reads from his latest magical laugh-out-loud adventure and discover the importance of determination, collaboration, ingenuity, kindness and acceptance. Expect lots of laughs and thrills, and a special guest appearance by some of the book's characters!

All pupils attending
Gala Day in-person
will receive a
FREE goody bag!



Take Action and Change the World *with Georgina Stevens*

Tuesday 30 August
1.30pm–2.15pm
P2–P4

Climate Action Motivational

Meet author and climate campaigner Georgina Stevens and discover how her love for nature and our planet inspires her to take action. Then learn how you can get involved and make positive changes too! Join Georgina as she explores the issues of climate change: from the major causes (like farting and fast fashion!) to its impact on the world around us, before showing you how you can use your own motivation to help protect our planet.

“The online option is a wonderful resource to allow our pupils to gain access to authors. We appreciate these opportunities to bring reading and writing alive.”

Teacher, 2021 Feedback Survey

Attending in-person Book for FREE from Tue 3 May

You can book FREE tickets for your class to attend the Book Festival in-person by filling in our online booking form. Tickets are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

1. Browse the Baillie Gifford Schools Programme and select the event you would like your class to attend.
2. Choose two alternative events in case your first choice is unavailable.
3. Complete the online booking form at learning.edbookfest.co.uk/tickets. The form includes the Baillie Gifford Transport Fund application.
4. You'll be notified within 14 days if your booking has been successful. Our Schools Booking Coordinator will get in touch with you via email with further information. If your requested events are full, we will contact you to discuss alternative options and our waiting list procedure.
5. Get ready for your visit to the Book Festival Village (more details on page 11).

Book your trip with confidence:

- We will be following the latest government guidance regarding covid precautions. Keep an eye on our website for updates.
- In the event of having to cancel your trip or reduce numbers due to covid, your books will be delivered to your school following the event and schools receiving transport funding will still receive a contribution towards any travel costs incurred.
- A risk assessment document is available on request – please email schools@edbookfest.co.uk.

Watching online Book for FREE from Wed 8 June

All events in the Baillie Gifford Schools Programme are available to watch online and on-demand for free. Events will be visible on edbookfest.co.uk when the main programme launches on 8 June and you can book at any time before the event starts.

1. Register or log in to your account: create a free account at edbookfest.co.uk/login
2. Book your free spot: find the event you want to watch at edbookfest.co.uk and select the 'School' and 'free ticket' options. We will send you an email confirmation with a 'watch' link for every event you book.
3. Tune in to the event: once booked, simply log in to your Book Festival account before the event starts and go to the event page where you will see a 'go to player' button. It will take you to the event videoplayer page.
4. Ask the author questions: if there is a Q&A option for the event, you can type your pupils' questions into the Q&A box during the session. Selected questions will then be passed on to the author via our moderators.
5. Share with us: Tweet your class getting involved and tag us [@edbookfest](https://twitter.com/edbookfest)

If you have any questions about programme content or require access for any pupils learning remotely, please contact our Schools Booking Coordinator: schools@edbookfest.co.uk



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3 May

Ticket booking opens for schools attending in-person.

Tuesday 31 May

Baillie Gifford Transport Fund application deadline.

Tuesday 7 June

Successful Baillie Gifford Transport Fund applicants notified.

Wednesday 8 June

Ticket booking opens for schools watching events online. Public programme announced.

Tuesday 14 June

Deadline to amend or cancel bookings (excluding for COVID reasons).

Thursday 16 June

Teacher info packs emailed to your school.

Tuesday 9 August

Reminder and final information emailed to your school.

Friday 12 August

Deadline to enter competition to win free books for your school library (open to schools watching events online).

Monday 22 – Tuesday 30 August

Baillie Gifford Schools Programme.

Tuesday 30 August

Baillie Gifford Gala Day.

Wednesday 28 September

Deadline to invoice for Baillie Gifford Transport Fund reimbursement.

Friday 30 September

Last day to receive 25% off book orders at shop.edbookfest.co.uk/schools-2022

**You can book to
watch online right
up until the day
of the event!**





Visiting the Book Festival in-person

Pre-visit Information Pack

When your booking for attending the Festival with your class is confirmed, we will send you information to help plan your visit. Your information pack will be emailed to you and will include a map and details about accessibility, parking, and on-site facilities. A risk assessment document is also available on request.

Financial Support for Transport

If your school needs financial support towards the cost of transport, you can apply to our Baillie Gifford Transport Fund to have the costs reimbursed. You can apply using the online booking form when booking tickets. The deadline for applying is **Tuesday 31 May**.

Visiting the Book Festival Village

This year's Book Festival, including the Baillie Gifford Gala Day, takes place at the Edinburgh College of Art on Lauriston Place.

All in-person events are held inside Edinburgh College of Art where authors will be appearing live on stage. Each pupil attending in-person will receive a **FREE** book related to the event which they can get signed by the author following their event.

The lovely grassy courtyard in the Book Festival Village makes the perfect picnic spot for pupils to enjoy their packed lunches and undercover seating is also available for rainy days. The Book Festival Bookshop is packed full of titles from every author in the programme, including books for children and young adults.

Accessibility

The Book Festival Village (including toilets, theatres, and on-site café) is wheelchair accessible and there are infrared systems in our theatres. Do get in touch with us if your class has specific access requirements: schools@edbookfest.co.uk

“Nothing beats visiting the actual festival to inspire pupils to read more.”

Teacher, 2021 Feedback Survey

More Lovely Stuff

“Learning resources are great to supplement the video broadcasts.”

Teacher, 2021 Feedback Survey

Learning Resources

You'll find lots of engaging learning resources which accompany Book Festival events on our Learning Site. From celebrating difference, nature and feminism, to tackling climate change, sexism and mental health, the site is full of activities and resources to engage your class in discussion, spark new ideas and expand pupils' horizons.

Explore the resources at learning.edbookfest.co.uk/resources

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Schools and Education eBulletin

Want to be the first to hear about Book Festival education news, learning resources, school events and opportunities?

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