

We Come TO YOU!



Schools Week *Monday 19th - Friday 23rd March 2018*

- Authors, illustrators and workshops **for all age groups**
- **We visit your school** so no need for transport and risk assessments
- Advance copy of the book sent to you **FREE of charge** to help you prepare
- Signed copies to buy, and **we'll supply a letter for parents**

Cost of Events:

(The Festival is a charity and honours the Society of Authors' rate for events plus authors' travel and expenses.)

£5 per pupil for groups of 40 or fewer

£4 per pupil for larger groups for up to 120 (*Special rates for whole school groups*)

Creative Writing Workshop: **£13** per pupil (*2 hours, 20-30 participants*)

SEE INSIDE FOR HOW TO BOOK

All prices exclude VAT.



Stratford
**Literary
Festival**

with THE WEEK



HOW TO BOOK

Take a look at the list of featured authors, then let us know as soon as possible which authors you would like to book. **Events will be filled on a first come, first served basis.** Most authors can visit morning or afternoon.

Tel: 01789 470185

Email: info@stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk

Monday 19th March

am or pm | Yrs 1-3

Bruce Ingman

My Worst Book Ever



Meet the award-winning illustrator and find out about all the things that can go wrong when you try to make a picture book. Created by Allan Ahlberg with Bruce Ingman, *My Worst Book Ever* is a fun litany of chaos – it gets soaked in tea, nibbled by snails and accidentally printed in French and Chinese! Children will learn

about the publication process as they listen to Bruce's stories and join in with his live drawing session.

Monday 19th March

am or pm | Yrs 4-6

Lauren St John

The Snow Angel



The acclaimed conservation author tells the story of Makena, growing up in vibrant, crowded Nairobi with only one dream: to climb Mount Kenya like her mountain guide father until her beautiful world is shattered. In a world of strangers, does she dare trust Snow, and is the sparkling fox friend or foe? Lauren St John is an Ambassador for the Born Free Foundation.

'Loaded with mountain-climbing, wild animals, survival skills and bags of hope.' *The Times*



Monday, 19th March

am or pm | Yrs 6-8

Victoria Adukwei Bulley

Not Just Where We Live
Event or Workshop Option



A name. A smell. A place. A favourite meal. Led by the acclaimed British-Ghanaian poet, this workshop takes a well-rounded tour of our identities and attempts to answer the question of what home really means – beyond the bricks and mortar. Exploring our images and ideas of belonging, we'll surprise ourselves by stumbling upon the



poetry in our everyday lives. Victoria, a writer and film-maker who is a former Barbican Young Poet, will also be reading poems from her part of the new poetry anthology, *Rising Stars: New Young Voices in Poetry*, along with more of her own new work.

Tuesday 20th March

am or pm | Yrs Reception-2

Sophy Henn

Almost Anything



George is quite sure he can't roller-skate, George is positive he can't paint, and George is certain he most definitely can't dance! Bear, however, thinks that, with a bit of magic, George will be able to do all these things - and more. Join Sophy - best known for her brilliant *Pom Pom Panda* series – for a fun filled story-telling, draw-along and



making event. She was the 2015 and 2016 official World Book Day illustrator and *Where Bear?* was shortlisted for the 2015 Waterstones Children's Book Prize. *Pass It On* won Gold in the Junior Design Awards 2016.

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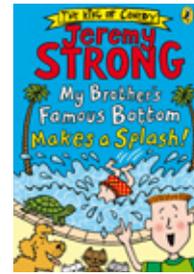
am or pm | Yrs 3-5

Jeremy Strong

My Brother's Famous Bottom



The much loved and multi-award-winning author, who has written more than 100 books including *The 100 Mile An Hour Dog* and *Romans on the*



Rampage, returns with the latest in the *My Brother* series. Meet Nicholas and his loopy family in this silly and delightful series that gets children reading – and find out how much chaos one family can get into!

Tuesday 20th March

am or pm | Yrs 4-7

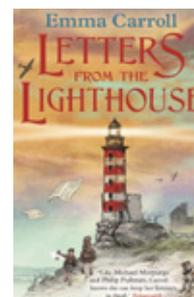
THE BIG READ 2018

Emma Carroll

Letters from the Lighthouse



Delve into fascinating historical fiction set in WWII as Olive and her brother are evacuated to the Devon coast. Hear Emma talk about her wartime adventure and discover facts about World War II – from painting camouflage on lighthouses, to evacuation, refugees and code-breaking. Find out about the process of writing a book from idea to publication and I earn how Emma became a writer and what



inspires her. 'Carroll writes original, timeless stories' *The Times*
Read the book in advance! Buy copies at a discount for children to read before her visit.

Wednesday 21st March

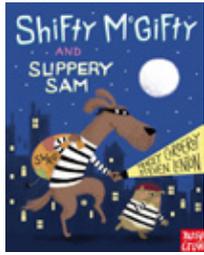
am or pm | Yrs 1-2 or 2-4

Tracey Corderoy

Storytelling Fun



Join this master-storyteller in a highly interactive event, with storytelling, props, puppets, drawing, songs and games in a session designed to suit a variety of age groups. An award-winning writer, Tracey will bring storytelling alive, sharing a variety of her hugely successful books including *Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam*, *Squish Squash Squeeze, Now!*, *Baddies Beasties and a Sprinkling of Crumbs*, and *Fairy Tale Pets*.



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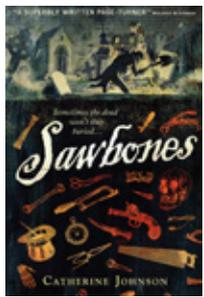
am or pm | Yrs 7-8 or 9

Catherine Johnson

Sawbones and Blade and Bone



Enter a world of medical intrigue and body snatching set against the backdrop of the French Revolution. Winner of the Historical Association's Young Quills Award for Historical Fiction, Catherine Johnson is of Welsh/African Caribbean descent, and her novels for children include *Stella*, *The Dying Game*, *Arctic Hero* (selected for Booked Up 2009), *The Curious Tale of the Lady Caraboo*, and *A Nest of Vipers*, shortlisted for the UKLA Award. She lectures in creative writing at London Metropolitan University, is a Trustee of The Reading Agency. 'Pacy, gruesome and thought-provoking.' *The Guardian*



Thursday 22nd March

am or pm | Yrs 2-4

Lucy Coats

Beasts of Olympus – Zeus's Eagle



Join the author of the hugely successful *Beasts of Olympus* series to hear about hero Demon's rambunctious adventures with gods, goddesses and hundreds of mythical beasts of the ancient Greek pantheon. Discover fun facts of Greek mythology's deadly immortal creatures and learn how to draw a grumpy griffin! Lucy Coats is the author of more than 30 books for readers of all ages, including *Atticus The Storyteller's 100 Greek Myths*, which was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award.

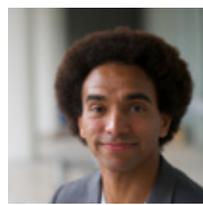


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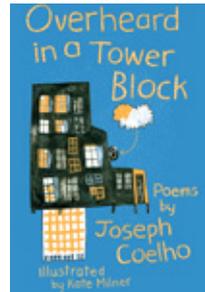
am or pm | Yrs 3-6 and 7-8

Joseph Coelho

Performance Poetry



The winner of the CLPE CLIPPA Poetry Award, this dynamic poet will be sharing poems from his latest poetry collections with a series of explosive, interactive performances, that draw on a long theatrical background as a performer and playwright for the UK's top children's theatres. His poetry has appeared in many anthologies, he has been beamed on to Cbeebies *Rhyme Rocket* to share his *Bug Stew* poem and featured in Michael Rosen's Cbeebies



radio show *Poetry Playtime*. Joseph will offer up a menu of poems that will take you through magical landscapes, into a new world. His collection *Overheard in a Tower Block* has been nominated for the 2018 Carnegie Medal.

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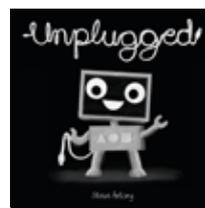
am or pm | Yrs Reception-2

Steve Antony

Unplugged



Steve is an internationally published and award-winning UK author and illustrator whose books *Green Lizards v Red Rectangles* and *Monster in the Hood* were nominated for the Kate Greenway Medal, and much-nominated *Please Mr Panda* was *The Times* Book of The Week. He also illustrated the book of Tim Minchin's *When I Grow Up*. In his latest book, he puts down the



computer and explores what's outside to discover and enjoy. A hugely fun session with a strong message.

Thursday 22nd March

am or pm | Yrs 3-5

Tony De Saullles

Bee Boy – Clash of The Killer Queens



From the acclaimed illustrator of the bestselling *Horrible Science* series comes a terrific and highly entertaining story of one boy – half bee, half boy – and his rise to superhero status as he protects the bees from the greatest menace of them all - Nasty Norman Crudwell. Bee inspired by Tony's brilliant drawings and fascinating facts as he illustrates his talk, and by the end of the session the children will be buzzing!



'MY AUTHOR' PROJECT

This hugely rewarding project offers children the chance to really engage with an author's work, and is especially suited to reluctant readers. Your author will visit in February and return during Schools Week in March. In between times, the children will be involved in workshops we will bring into school in creative writing, art and/or drama to explore the themes of the author's work

Author:

Tracey Corderoy



Theme: **Something Wicked!**

First visit: **15th February 2018**
(1 hour)

Second Visit: **21st March 2018**
(1 hour +)

Workshops we can deliver include:

Creative writing

Drama with Playbox Theatre

Craft workshop with Escape Arts

(Each session: 2 hours min)

Ideal for all year groups.

Cost: **£600+VAT including two author visits and one 2 hour workshop**



More Events...

Bedtime Story Parties

3.30pm



Designed to encourage storytelling at home, we invite parents and children to write a story together then we share

them with authors such as Sophy Henn and Bruce Ingman at an after-school party in school, complete with pyjamas, teddies and hot chocolate!

Suitable for yrs 2-4

FREE to 3 schools in CV37*

Cost to other schools: £300

No limit to numbers

*Courtesy of Stratford Town Trust

School Link with Nigeria

Sharing stories across the world



The Festival has forged a link with two schools in Nigeria and for the last three years has run a pal project with both children

from Stratford Schools and Nigerian schools writing to each other about their lives and swapping the letters.

The Festival will come into your school in February and talk to the children about the Nigerian schools and life in Nigeria. Letters need to be completed to send off by the end of March.

Ideal for Year 6 | FREE

Contact us at info@stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk or on 01789 470185 if you would like to be involved.

Advance copies of authors' books

We will send you a copy of the latest book by your chosen author and information about them so that you can plan ahead and make the most of your session.

Book signings and sales

Authors need to sell books and, once pupils have listened to an author, they are often keen to buy a signed copy. These will be available to buy at every event and supplied by Waterstones. We will send you a letter for parents with prices prior to the event.

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April Children's Events

A weekend packed with fun authors, activities and shows.

DATE
FOR YOUR
DIARY



Creative Writing Workshop

Wednesday, 21st March

Catherine Johnson

Min 20/Max 30 students

Min age 9

£13 per person

Yrs 5 - 6 OR 7 - 13

Stimulate confidence and great writing with this fast-paced workshop, accessible to all skill levels. Aimed at encouraging skills in young writers, the award-winning author will play with words and ideas, and have participants writing using description and building characters.

All exercises are short and snappy and can work with all levels of literacy, with participants leaving at the end with a piece of writing they have started and will want to take away and finish!

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