STRATFORD LITERARY FESTIVAL

Childrens Events 2019
28th April to 5th May

Jacqueline Wilson
Francesca Simon
Nick Sharratt
Lydia Monks
The Rainbow Fish
Aliens Love Underpants Show
Harry Potter’s Magical World

David Litchfield
Gaspard the Fox
Playbox Theatre
Build a Giant Elmer
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AND MUCH MORE

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Playbox Theatre
My Magic Island
Stratford Play House
10.30am-11.30am OR 12.30pm-1.30pm | Children 5-8yrs
£8 (Adults £4)

**Sunday 28 April**
We are such stuff as dreams are made on... Playbox Theatre brings an enchanting, interactive adventure for children aged 3-9 yrs, inspired by Shakespeare's magical tale, The Tempest. Prospero the wizard has lost his mighty book of spells and he needs your help to find it. Along the way, we'll meet the mysterious inhabitants of the island... Part performance and part workshop, children and grown-ups are invited to join the quest. My Magic Island follows the success of Playbox Theatre's Mustardseed's Magical Mayhem which performed across the UK and USA.

Get Creative!
Elmer Make and Take
Avon Boathouse Lawn, Swan's Nest Lane or, if wet, Stratford Play House
11.00am-4.00pm | Free | 3+

**Sunday 28 April**
Celebrate the 30th birthday of one of the world's best-loved children's characters - the loveable patchwork elephant created by David McKee. Drop in and help us build a giant Elmer, and make your own little Elmer to take home and keep.

Pre-School Events
Red Day with Kate Storytree
Stratford Play House
9.30am-11.00am | £4 per family

**Monday 29 April**
Join storyteller Kate's Storytree in her telling of the tale of Little Red. Create a Red Riding Hood puppet to take home and join us as we start to build our rainbow.

Pre-School Events
Orange Day with Ros Ingram
Stratford Play House
9.30am-11.00am | £4 per family

**Tuesday 30 April**
Local artist Ros Ingram will be sharing the story of Orange Pear Apple Bear followed by a creative printing session. Using hands, sponges and stamps, you and your child will create printed pictures to take home. Please wear old clothes...this will be a little bit messy!
Pre-School Events
Yellow Day with Storyvine
Stratford Play House
9.30am-11.00am | £4 per family

Wednesday 1 May
Join local children’s writers group Storyvine as they take you on a journey with their story Down at the Beach. Sharing their own stories, this session will be an interactive event followed by a craft activity.

Aliens Love Underpants
Stratford Play House
4.45pm-5.45pm | £12 children
£14 adults

Wednesday 1 May
Thursday 2 May
Aliens love underpants
Of every shape and size
But there are no underpants in space
So here’s a big surprise!

This zany and hilarious tale based on the best-selling children’s book is wonderfully brought to life on stage for the very first time. With stunning effects, madcap action, original music (and lots of aliens of course!) This fantastical fresh and funny production will delight. ‘An excellent show for the entire family’ Primary Times ‘A close encounter of the most entertaining kind!’ Metro.

Pre-School Events
Green Day with Kate Storytree
Stratford Play House
9.30am-11.00am | £4 per family

Thursday 2 May
Storyteller Kate invites you to join in with the adventure story of Green Ship, the story of two children who find a ship made from trees. This is a storytelling session followed by a craft activity making your own green ship to take home.

Blue and Purple Day with Hannah Young
Stratford Play House
9.30am - 11.00am | £4 per family

Friday 3 May
Hannah Young, a local Actor and Educational Practitioner, will be exploring the story of Flyaway Katie by Polly Dunbar. The story of a little girl who lets her creativity fly. Create a rainbow to take home.

The Rainbow Fish
Riverside Theatre
Stratford Play House
10.00am-11.00am | £7 | 3+

Saturday 4 May
We welcome back this wonderful children’s theatre company in a multi-sensory, musical adventure which transports us to the bottom of the deep blue sea and to the glistening world of the Rainbow Fish. Based on the book by Marcus Pfister, you will travel with the Rainbow Fish as he discovers how sharing his most treasured things brings colour and joy to the underwater world around him.
Chicken Clicking and Other Tales
Riverside Theatre

Stratford Play House
12.00pm-1.00pm | £7 | 3+

**Saturday 4 May**
One night Chick hops into the farmer's house and has a browse on his computer - CLICK - soon she's shopping online for the whole farm! But when she arranges to meet up with a friend she's made online, she discovers all is not as it seems... We welcome back this wonderful children's theatre company in a multi-sensory, musical adventure based on Jeanne Willis' bestselling book - Little Red Riding Hood for the iPad generation!

Make a Book
Ursula Jeakins

Stratford Play House
1.30pm-3.30pm | Free | 5+

**Saturday 4 May**
Ursula Jeakins is an experienced bookbinder and the creator of Starsmead Books. Join her for this drop in children's workshop and make a small book to take home.

Kidz & Big Kidz Witty Workshop
Maggie Irving visualised by

Stratford Play House
2.00pm-3.00pm | £12 (£10 students and 7+ children)

**Saturday 4 May**
A chance for adults and children to get together and experiment with different comedy styles - physical and verbal - with the intention of getting a laugh. Try out a number of techniques, including finding funny words, funny sounds and using expressive actions to get you to stand up to stand out! There's no pressure to be comical, just a chance to have a go at expressing your quirky or serious side and your unique point of view on a number of topics. Maggie Irving will be joined by cartoonist Harry Venning who'll visualise the session as you go.

Gaspard The Fox
Zeb Soanes

Stratford Primary School
2.00pm-3.00pm | £6 | 4-8yrs

**Saturday 4 May**
Experience the enchanting story of Gaspard the Fox as he sets out one summer evening in search of adventure and something to eat, read by its author (Radio 4 newsreader) Zeb Soanes, with live on-stage musical accompaniment from Chris Warner and James Mayhew's beautiful projected illustrations. It's a warm-hearted story about friendship and being accepted for who you are. Get Gaspard's golden paw-print for your book!

Box Office: **0333 666 3366** or online at ticketsource.co.uk/stratford-literary-festival | stratlitfest.co.uk
Storytelling
That’s Not My...
Stratford Play House
10.00am-10.30am | £4 | 0-3yrs

Celebrate the 20th birthday of That’s Not My... with a sensory adventure. Hunt for the magical rainbow birthday party for our hero, Puppy, and meet lots of friends along the way! Same story at each session.

David Litchfield
The Bear, The Piano, The Dog & The Fiddle
Stratford Primary School
10.00am-10.45am | £6 | 4-6yrs

The author and illustrator of the award-winning The Bear and the Piano is bringing his own musical Bear Band to the Festival! He’ll read from his new book accompanied by live music, then help David create a piece of animal-themed artwork!

Francesca Simon
Horrid Henry Up, Up and Away
Stratford Play House
10.00am-11.00am | £7 | 6-9yrs

The number one for fiendish fun is back! Join author Francesca Simon to find out what Henry gets up to in his latest mischievous adventures – a brand new collection of wickedly funny and totally brilliant stories featuring the inimitable Horrid Henry! This is a Perfect Peter of an event for Horrid Henry fans of all ages!

Lydia Monks
The Girl, The Bear and The Magic Shoes
Stratford Primary School
11.45am-12.30pm | £6 | 3-6yrs

Join the bestselling and award-winning illustrator of the What the Ladybird Heard stories for an interactive storytelling and illustration session not to be missed. Go on an exciting adventure and see mermaids, unicorns and a whole host of glittering characters come to life before your very eyes.

Jacqueline Wilson
My Mum Tracy Beaker
Stratford Play House
12.00pm-1.00pm | £8 | 9+yrs

We welcome back the much loved author who’ll discuss her writing career, and how she created some of her best-loved characters including the irrepressible Tracy Beaker. Former Children’s Laureate and author of over 100 books, Dame Jacqueline Wilson is one of Britain’s best-selling children’s authors.

Tickets: All events individually priced

Signed copies to buy but she will not be signing afterwards.
Love all things Star Wars? Channel your inner Wookie, talk like a Droid and get ready to be creative. Join JAKe, illustrator of How to Speak Droid with R2-D2 and How to Speak Wookie as he teaches you the tricks of the trade, shows you how to draw your own Star Wars characters and answers all your questions about illustration.

Meet Princess Swashbuckle. She’s Swashbuckle by name, swashbuckling by nature and she’s about to show the world what a great pirate captain she can be in a rollicking tale of adventure about finding your own happy. Join the author for a reading followed by piratical arts and craft!

Join Fleurble Laffalot for a family friendly journey through J.K. Rowling’s much loved books. Discover fun facts about the Harry Potter books as well taking part in some of the key elements of life at Hogwarts – the sorting ceremony, Quidditch, moving portraits, potions and much more. A funny, silly event for anyone who has ever wanted to explore the magical world of Harry Potter!

Come and meet the hilarious heroes of much-loved illustrator Nick Sharratt’s first ever chapter books, The Cat and the King and Nice Work for the Cat and the King. Learn about the pair’s spectacularly silly adventures when they have to move out of their castle and start a brand new life. Nick will be telling all, and drawing lots of funny pictures too, at this right royal event.

Following last year’s hilarious event, we gather together the illustrious illustrators with us today for a Draw-Off and challenge them to draw, in less than two minutes, ideas suggested by the audience. The madder the better.

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How to book:
Box Office: **0333 666 3366**
(Open 9.00am-7.00pm Monday to Friday, 9.00am-5.00pm Saturday)
or online at: [ticketsource.co.uk/stratford-literary-festival](http://ticketsource.co.uk/stratford-literary-festival)

Tickets also available on the door and in person at Stratford Play House from 10am on 27th April and throughout the Festival

Events take place at:
- **Stratford ArtsHouse**
  Rother Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6LU

- **Stratford Primary School**
  6 Broad Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6HN

- **Avon Boathouse Lawn**
  Swan’s Nest Boathouse, Swan’s Nest Lane, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 7LS

Festival Café and Bar

Open from 9am until end of play each day throughout the Festival at Stratford Play House

- Teas and coffees
- Sandwiches and cakes
- Soft drinks
- Refreshments
- Bar
  (Bar open from 5pm)

Terms and Conditions

» The venues have step free access and disabled toilets.

» Children under 16 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult (over 18 years of age). We cannot accept responsibility for unaccompanied children. Children over 16 may attend alone but must be delivered and collected by a responsible adult, and are not the responsibility of the Festival.

» Adults attending children’s events are expected to buy a ticket.

» We reserve the right to alter the programme or substitute performers if circumstances dictate. Go to stratlitfest.co.uk for the most up-to-date information.

» Seating is unreserved. Tickets are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged.

» All events are an hour long unless otherwise stated and authors will be signing copies of their books.

» All details and prices are correct at time of going to press.

» Please check our website at stratlitfest.co.uk before you travel.

» All tickets include VAT and phone or tickets purchased on line incur a booking fee.