

We Come TO YOU!



Festival Schools Week *Monday 1st - Friday 5th April 2019*

- 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' guidelines for events plus authors' travel and expenses.)

£5 per pupil for groups of 40 or fewer (min £200)

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

Creative Writing Workshop: **£14** 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.

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Monday 1st April

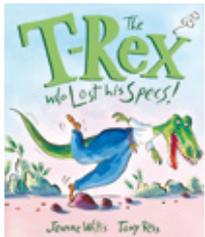
am or pm | Yrs 1-3

Jeanne Willis

The T-Rex Who Lost His Specs



Jeanne is an award-winning and prolific children's author whose work has won the Children's Book Award and the Silver Smarties Prize. Amongst many titles, she is author of Chicken Clicking and Tadpole's Promise. Jeanne will talk about a variety of her stories, including the brand new book #Goldilocks from the Internet Safety series and



the story, The T-Rex Who Lost His Specs. This event is ideal for young learners and will be full of audience participation with lots of fun, excitement and props.

jeannewillis.com

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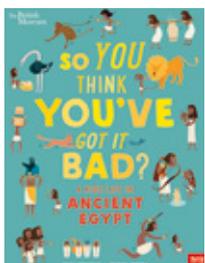
am or pm | Yrs 3-5

Chae Strathie

So You Think You've Got It Bad



Option for Ancient Egypt or Ancient Greece event
Life in ancient times may sound like fun, but with Chae you'll discover it was actually pretty tough! Children will enjoy learning about history as Chae talks about what life was really like in Ancient Egypt or Greece, from dodging Deathstalker scorpions to clearing up cow dung, eating roast hedgehog to being



slammed in the stocks. Chae Strathie is an award-winning children's author and can deliver this event using either of his books: So You Think You've Got It Bad: A Kid's Life in Ancient Egypt or A Kid's Life in Ancient Greece.

Tuesday 2nd April

am or pm | Reception and Yrs 1-2

Michelle Robinson

Ten Fat Sausages



Ten fat sausages sizzling in the pan... decide to escape, if they can! What happens when the sausages make a break for freedom? Michelle will present a fun-filled and hilarious event about her book featuring these ten brave sausages. Dressed as a sausage herself, Michelle will be giving a high-energy storytelling session of Ten Fat Sausages with



a bit of rock and roll thrown in! Michelle is a major award-winning children's author. Her picture book There's a Lion in My Cornflakes, won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Awards.

michellerobinson.co.uk

Tuesday 2nd April

am or pm | Yrs 2-4

James Carter

Science and Space Poetry



Fire their imagination with an interactive performance from the poet James Carter, author of The Big Beyond, Once Upon a Star, Once upon a Raindrop and Zim Zan Zoom. Ideal for KS 1 and 2, he'll deliver a lively, quirky show with guitar music aplenty and poems on all kinds of topics - from wolves to angels, woolly mammoths to brains, electric guitars



to garden sheds! There'll be action rhymes about bugs, bubbles, pirates, dinosaurs and travelling around the world.

jamescarterpoet.co.uk

Tuesday 2nd April

am or pm | Yrs 5-7

Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth



Frank Cottrell-Boyce is the celebrated screenwriter who also authored the London 2012 Olympics Opening Ceremony. His first children's book, Millions, won the Carnegie Medal, and was made into a film by Danny Boyle. His new book, Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth, will send children's imaginations into orbit! Ever wondered what happened to the first dog in space? Want to



find out Ten Things Worth Doing on Earth? Frank's event will provide all these answers and more.

Wednesday 3rd April

am or pm | Yrs 1-2

Smriti Prasad-Halls

Don't Make Me Cross



Smriti is an award-winning author whose books have been published in 25 languages. Before becoming an author, she worked in children's publishing and TV, and has now written over 37 books. She writes inspiring stories, often with a strong message, and she'll be talking about her latest, Don't Make Me Cross, about a grumpy monster. Her book, The Ways of The Wolf, won the 2018 English Association Best Non-fiction Picture Book Award.



smriti.co.uk

Wednesday 3rd April

am or pm | Yrs 6-11

Sophia Bennett and Manjit Thapp

The Bigger Picture



Winner of the Times/Chicken House competition, Sophia's books include Threads, Following Ophelia and Unveiling Venus. Ideal for mixed audiences, she especially focusses on confidence-building for girls. With her illustrator Manjit, they will share the inspiration behind their latest book The Bigger Picture: Women Who Changed The Art World, introducing young readers to the lives and work of the world's most

renowned and inspirational artists in a fun, interactive event.

See also [Creative Writing Workshop](#).

sophiabennett.com

Thursday 4th April

am or pm | Yrs 1-3

Tom Percival

Ruby's Worry



Tom is the author and illustrator of Perfectly Norman and Ruby's Worry. His books celebrate diversity and encourage all children to dare to be different and to have the courage to stand out. Tom will talk about how he turned his love of drawing into a career and will read from his latest picture book, Ruby's Worry. Get ready to create your own brand new story with Tom,

using a suitcase full of props. Creating a story doesn't always have to be done in writing – together with Tom you will create a story for everyone to enjoy.

tom-percival.com

Thursday 4th April

am or pm | Yrs 4-6

Nicola Davies

A First Book of the Sea, and Flying Free



Nicola Davies is an zoologist and writer, and was one of the original presenters of the BBC children's wildlife programme, The Really Wild Show. She'll will talk about her two new books: A First Book of the Sea is a new, spellbinding collection of poems about the oceans of the world and their shores. Flying Free is one in a series of six illustrated short stories about young

people growing up in the countryside. Mixing a strong emotional connection with animals with fascinating detail.

www.nicola-davies.com

Thursday 4th April

am or pm | Yrs 7-9

Steven Camden

Nobody Real



Steven is one of the UK's most acclaimed spoken-word artists and has performed around the world. This will be a high-energy session about writing, creativity and storytelling. He'll talk about how he writes, how to come up with new characters and create settings, and get everyone involved in the action. Renowned for his straight talking style, his gripping storytelling and hip hop sensibilities, he is ideal to engage young readers and writers.

See also [Creative Writing Workshop](#)

Friday 5th April

am or pm | Yrs 2-4

Laura James

Fabio, the World's Greatest Flamingo Detective



Laura James is a celebrated children's author. Her debut novel Captain Pug was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2017. She'll be introducing children to Fabio, the World's Greatest Flamingo Detective, and the audience will learn what it takes to be a detective and find out how to create their very own mystery that only Fabio could solve! Ideal for newly confident readers and reluctant readers with its fun storyline.

laurajamesauthor.com

Friday 5th April

am or pm | Yrs 4-6

David Solomons

The 'My' Series



David is the well-known children's author whose books have won the Waterstones Children's Prize 2016 and the British Book Industry Award's Children's Book of the Year 2016. At this fun event, David will share stories from some of his side-splittingly funny books, including My Brother is a Superhero and My Arch Enemy is a Brain in a Jar! Perfect for confident readers, reluctant readers and those heading to year 7.

david-solomons.com



SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR SCHOOLS

Thursday 2nd May

10.30am

Aliens Love Underpants

Tickets: **£10**

Based on the bestselling book by Claire Freedman, the zany and hilarious tale 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 fantastically fresh and funny production will delight everyone.

Running time:

55 mins, no interval

Suitable:

children 3 and up

**Stratford Play House,
Rother Street CV37 6LU**

Minimum booking:
20 tickets

Call
01789 470185
to book



More Events...

Bedtime Story Parties

3.30pm during Schools Week



Designed to encourage storytelling and bedtime stories at home, we will come into school and invite parents and children to write a story together then,

a few weeks later, we'll share their stories with authors such as Jeanne Willis, Smriti Prasad-Halls or Tom Percival at an after-school party in school, complete with pyjamas, teddies and hot chocolate!

Suitable for Yrs 1-3

Cost to schools: £250

No limit to numbers

School Link with Nigeria

Sharing Stories across the World



The Festival has forged a link with two schools in Nigeria and for the last four years has run a penpal project with children from Stratford Schools and Nigerian schools

writing to each other about their lives and then 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 Y 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.

Spring Festival: Saturday 28th April-5th May Children's Events

A week packed with fun including favourite authors and illustrators, activities and shows.



Creative Writing Workshop

Wednesday 3rd April

Sophia Bennett

Min 20/Max 30 students

Min age 11

£14 per person

Yrs 7-13

Winner of the Times/Chicken House competition, Sophia's books include *Threads*, *Following Ophelia*, *Unveiling Venus*. Ideal for mixed audiences, she focuses, though not exclusively, on confidence-building for girls.

Her two-hour creative writing workshops are for Key Stages 2, 3 and 4. Younger students will explore ideas and techniques for writing from their imagination, and students doing GCSE will enjoy a session on tips for approaching the Writing section.



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Steven is one of the UK's most acclaimed spoken-word artists and has performed around the world. He'll get the creative ideas flowing and get participants to work in collaboration with each other to come up with character and story ideas, with an outcome that will fill students with confidence and pride in their skills. This workshop is ideal for all age students, but especially those who may feel mainstream literature is 'not for them'.

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