English Hubs

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Hub Update

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Reading for Pleasure: Transforming your school's reading culture (TSRC)

- Understand the research underpinning RfP practice and pedagogy
- Widen knowledge of children's literature
- Transform whole school reading culture in your school
- Develop the leadership skills to initiate and sustain change
- Become advocates for RfP and share experiences and best practice

The first session is on Thursday 8th October (online)

Book Now

Reading Ambition for All (RAFA)

- Teaching children who need the most support, including those with SEND.

The first sessions is Wednesday 7th October (online)

Book Now

Find out more about these courses and more by looking at our new CPD offer 2026-2027



Pickatale

Go All In with the National Year of Reading

We're giving every UK primary school free access to over 200+ high quality digital books for the National Year of Reading. Spark a love for reading and classroom literacy with content from Super Simple, Sweet Cherry, Earth Cubs, Storymix and more!

Get Free Access Today

Pickatale is UNICEF-vetted and curriculum-aligned. We're proud to be a named partner in the National Year of Reading 2026, alongside Amazon Audible, Cambridge, HarperCollins, Macmillan, Pearson, and Penguin Random House.

New year, new RfP ideas and inspiration!



Join us on **17 October** for the OU RfP Autumn Conference: *Re-imagining Reading Communities.*

Spend the day with fellow educators exploring research, practical ideas and fresh inspiration to help you build richer, more inclusive reading communities.

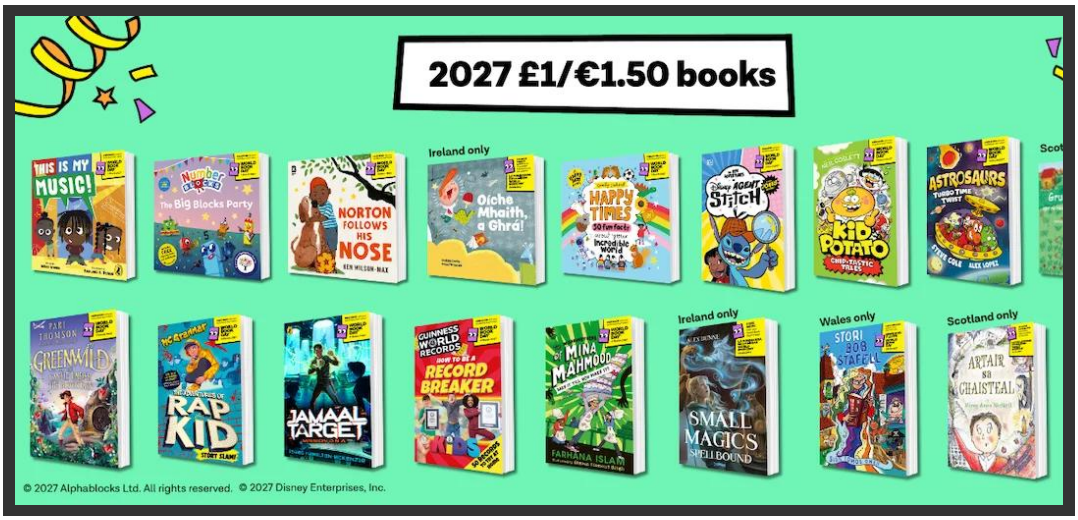
The workshops will explore strategies to build connections and networks through reading aloud, reader identity work, social reading spaces and nurturing home-school partnerships.

Over half of our tickets have already been snapped up, so **book your place now**. Tickets are £60 per person

Kick-start your World Book Day 2027 preparatic

Update your details to ensure your free World Book Day £1/€1.50 book tokens, poste
packs are delivered to the right person for your school.

Registration closes on Sunday 11 October 2026.



Check out our brilliant line-up of brand-new £1/€1.50 books for 2027, chosen with the help of children. Children can choose a book for **FREE** with their £1/€1.50 book token from **11 February to 21 March 2027.**

Visit our **YouTube playlist** to watch the 2027 authors and illustrators talk about their books.



BBC 500 Words, the UK's largest story-writing competition for 5–11 year-olds, is back! **Entries open at 8am on Tuesday 29 September** and **close at 9pm on Friday 6 November 2026.**

Find out more, explore creative resources and discover how to enter.

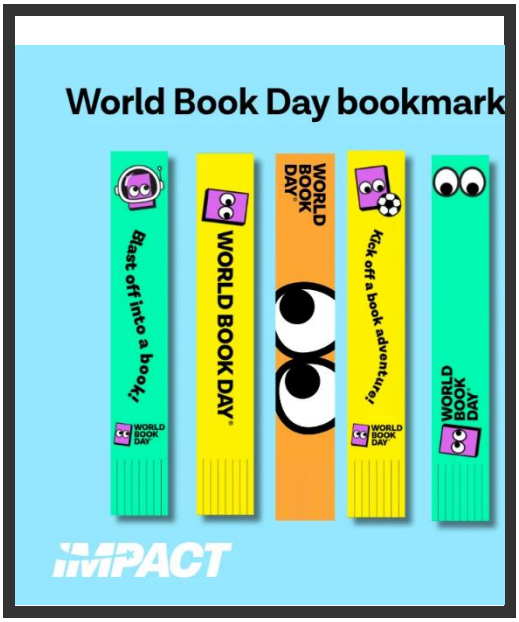


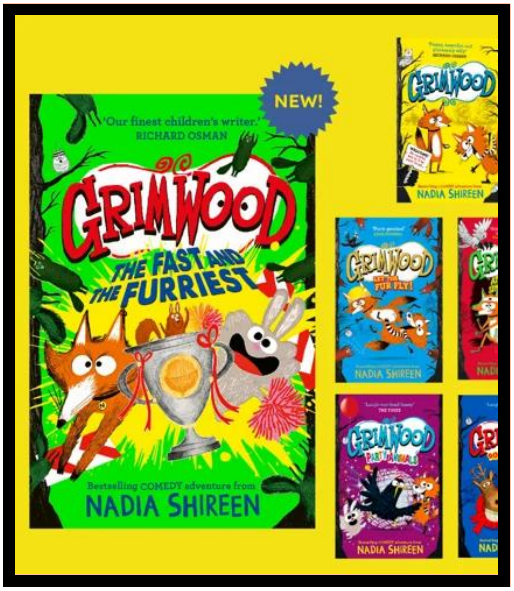
New badges and keyrings for 2027!

Our new range of World Book Day 2027 badges and keyrings have arrived.

Every badge and keyring sold supports the charity and could raise money for your school library!

Announcing the 2027 £1/€1.50 books





Mark your page with our eco-friendly, premium leather bookmarks!

They are great for encouraging children to read and making the experience more fun. Every bookmark sold supports the charity and could raise money for your school library.

Win ONE full set of 30 copies of The Fast and the Furriest up for grabs for ONE lucky class.

Keep the World Cup fever alive with the sixth and latest instalment of the award-winning and truly bonkers Grimwood series by Nadia Shireen.