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# Inspire

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It's time for Christmas, with lots of exciting events and activities coming up, and our librarians are raring to go!

Our Brilliant Book Awards has just been announced, with six exciting books for kids to explore. We're also taking part in this year's Winter Mini Challenge, encouraging kids to keep reading over the holidays. Keep reading below to find out how your students can get involved.

In the world of music, there's Christmas concerts, choirs and music classes on the cards, along with fun weekend activities for families in our libraries to keep families entertained over the festive break.

Read on to find out more!

## Education Library Service

**The Education Library Service is open for teachers to visit, subject to UK Government guidelines.** Teachers will need to book an appointment by phoning the ELS Base and provide their personal telephone number / email for NHS Test and Trace.

For ELS staff to make up collections, please continue to submit project requests on our [project order form](#) or [contact us](#).

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Term time: Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 6pm, Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm

School Holidays: Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 5pm, Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm

**Christmas Opening times**

We will close on Thursday 23 December and will re-open after the Christmas break on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

**The Brilliant Book Award 2022 shortlist is here!**

Our shortlist for this year's Brilliant Book Award has just been announced! The Award aims to promote Reading for Pleasure to Key stage 3 students. Students in participating schools read all of the shortlisted books and vote for their favourite title.

The shortlist is now available [on our website](#), and schools can start reading and voting for their favourite books.

If you want to find out more about getting your school involved in InspiREAD or the Brilliant Book Award, contact Rachel Marshall: [rachel.marshall@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:rachel.marshall@inspireculture.org.uk)



**The  
Brilliant Book Award**



## Do you have any ELS topic books or fiction in your school not being used?

If your school borrowed books that ELS have not been able to collect due to government Covid-19 restrictions, we invite you to send back all the books you are not currently using and order new books ready for the next academic year.

Please email us at [elsg@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:elsg@inspireculture.org.uk) or phone us on **0115 804 4499** to arrange for a van to collect from your school.

To order your new books please use our [Online order form](#).

### Book collection receipt printing

Please note that we will be phasing out sending paper receipts for book collections this academic year. We will email them to school offices as well as to individual customers where we have email addresses.

**GUARANTEED  
PROJECT  
DATES**



## Guaranteed Project Service - Beat the Rush!

If you give us half a terms notice, we will guarantee to send your project collections to you by the date required.

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January 2022.

We will of course continue to do our best to provide teachers with collections irrespective of when the request is received.

## Education Library Service Project Request Form

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### Inspire Libraries



Our libraries have already kicked off their Christmas events and there's plenty going on throughout December!

From Christmas Fairs and Christmas Crafts to Heritage Cafés and musical performances, there's something for everyone over the holiday break and into the New Year. Click the link below to find out more about what's happening near you.

[Find out what's on in libraries](#)

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The 2021 Winter Mini Challenge, run by The Reading Agency in partnership with WWF, is on!

The Summer Reading Challenge this year saw thousands of children reading and exploring nature and action for the environment as part of this year's Wild World Heroes theme.

Now things have started to get chilly and the winter holidays are coming, children can join the Wild World Heroes as they embark on an Arctic adventure. They can find out about the creatures that live there and the environmental issues facing this precious, remote place.

The Challenge runs from 1 December to 16 January 2022; don't forget to drop into your local library to pick up some books.

More information on the Challenge and how to get involved can be found at [wintermini.org.uk](http://wintermini.org.uk) or visit [our website](#).

## Inspire Music



### Inspire Music Advent Calendar 2021

It wouldn't be Christmas without the Inspire Music Advent calendar! Countdown to Christmas with a daily dose of musical joy from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Hosted on the Stream Park event platform, get ready to have your spirits lifted by the best of our infant, primary and secondary music talent, plus some very special guests.

Join us at [Stream Park](#) from 1 December, and daily across our social media (on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram) [@nottsmusichub](#)

# ASHFIELD SINGING HUB SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

## Nottinghamshire Music Hub - Singing Hub Schools Network

Did you know that Nottinghamshire county has a network of Singing Hub Schools?

Our Hub is passionate about singing and our Singing Hub Schools Network works with primary school communities across the County's districts and boroughs to reinvigorate choirs, provide CPD opportunities and develop shared mass performance celebrations. Singing Hub Schools have a proven track record of singing in school, the capacity to host events and staff to support other schools with their singing strategy.

Each Nottinghamshire district / borough has a dedicated Singing Hub School. If you would like to be put in contact with them, please email [nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk)

More details here:

[www.inspireculture.org.uk/singinghubschools](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/singinghubschools)

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## Coming soon – The Planets educational concert, March 2022

We are excited to be working with the Nottingham Trent University music team on a live educational focused performance of The Planets next March, performed at the Albert Hall, Nottingham.

If you think this may be of interest to your primary classes, please email us [nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk)





Music Hub

# PRIMARY MUSIC CPD NETWORK

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## Primary Music CPD Network

Our Hub's Primary Music CPD Network kicks off again this month, sessions are held at The Minster School in Southwell and each session is a full day packed with teaching ideas and activities to try back in the classroom.

Learn more here: [www.inspireculture.org.uk/primarycpdnetwork](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/primarycpdnetwork)

## FREE *Inspirations* choir - for years 4-8



Our weekly *Inspirations* choir for pupils in years 4 to 8 meet online on Thursdays from 6-6.45PM and are led by Daniela Smith and Liz Heath.

If you know any talented singers who are ready for a fresh challenge, please [encourage them to sign up here](#).





## Inspired Voices choir for years 9-13

Our senior choir, Inspired Voices a capella choir, are also recruiting this term.

We'd love to hear from vocalists in years 9 to 13 - get in touch for further details, or read more on [our website](#).

## Inspire Music Ensembles **Online**

Instrumental and vocal ensembles led by Inspire Music Teachers

FREE for Notts Music Hub area pupils - sign up  
[www.inspireculture.org.uk/musicensembles](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/musicensembles)



## Inspire Music online ensembles - we're recruiting!

Inspire Music's popular instrumental ensembles are currently rehearsing online and are looking to recruit more young musicians. For more details, including rehearsal schedules, go to [our website](#).

## The Mighty Creatives - Artsmark and Arts Award

[Artsmark](#) is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. It provides a clear and flexible framework to embed creativity across your whole curriculum and address school improvement priorities.

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their own skills as future art leaders.

Contact the team to get an overview of both programmes, the steps you need to take to deliver and how working towards these awards can benefit your young people and your wider school community.

Web address: [themightycreatives.com/what-we-do/programmes/artsmark/](https://themightycreatives.com/what-we-do/programmes/artsmark/)

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