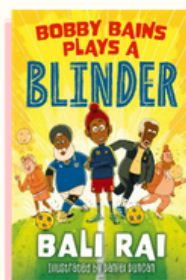
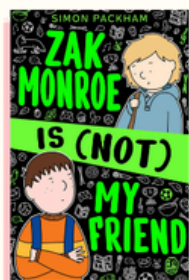
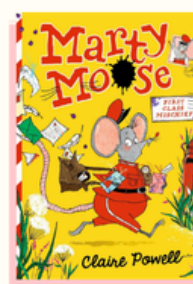


INSPIREAD BOOK AWARDS 2026

FREE VIRTUAL AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR TALKS



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INSPIREAD BOOK AWARD FREE VIRTUAL EVENTS

As part of the [InspiREAD Book Award](#), we are delighted to be inviting your primary school to join us for FREE virtual events with shortlisted authors and illustrators – hooray!

These talks will give pupils a fantastic opportunity to engage with reading, meet the authors/illustrators and ask their own questions!

The events are taking place on various days throughout April and May 2026, and each talk will last for 30 minutes.

Not participating in InspiREAD Book Award? Schools are still welcome to attend these wonderful events!

HOW TO BOOK:

Schools need to register in advance to take part.

When registering for these events, please ensure:

- There will be a member of staff present with pupils during each event.
- Schools will need to register with a different email address per class/group watching the event. Once registered, staff will receive a joining link to use on the day.
- Staff registering for the events must use their school email address.



Have a question about the author events?
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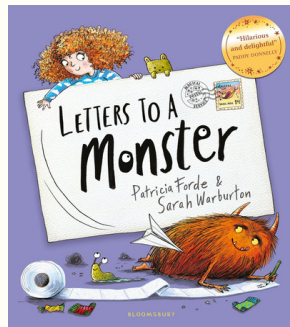
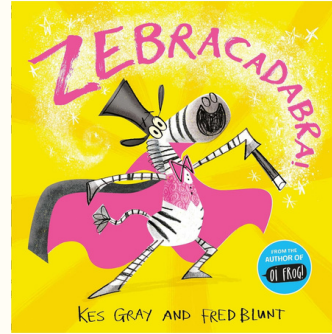
PICTURE BOOKS VIRTUAL EVENTS

Zebracadabra

Fred Blunt - Illustrator

Tuesday 14 April | 2:30pm

[Register here](#)



Letters to a Monster

Patricia Forde - Author

Thursday 23 April | 2:30pm

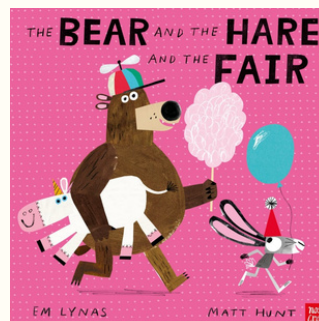
[Register here](#)

The Bear and the Hare and the Fair

Em Lynas - Author

Friday 8 May | 2:30pm

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SHORTER BOOKS VIRTUAL EVENTS

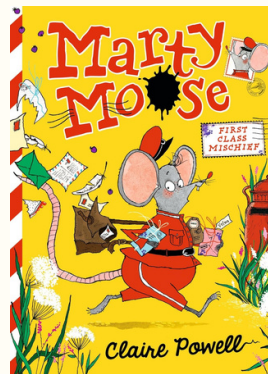
Marty Moose

Claire Powell -

Author/illustrator

Thursday 16 April | 9:30am

[Register here](#)



**Wild Magic: Legend of
the Black Lion**

Emma McCann -

Illustrator

Monday 27 April | 2:30pm

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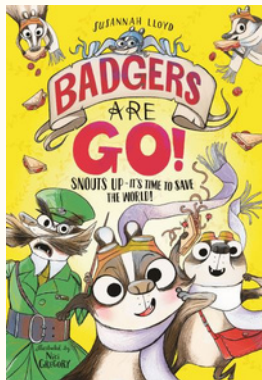
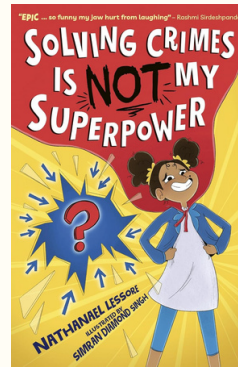
SHORTER BOOKS VIRTUAL EVENTS

Solving Crimes is NOT My Superpower

Simran Diamond Singh -
Illustrator

Friday 1 May | 2:30pm

[Register here](#)



Badgers Are Go!

Susannah Lloyd -
Author

Thursday 7 May | 2:30pm

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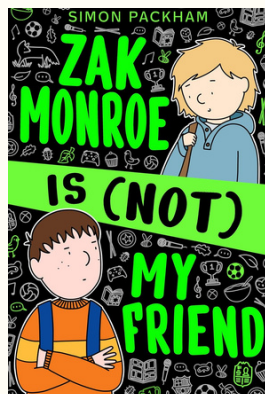
LONGER BOOKS VIRTUAL EVENTS

The Cheat Book: Can Kamal Cheat his Way on to the Cool Table?

RAMZEE - Author/illustrator

Friday 24 April | 2:30pm

[Register here](#)



Zak Monroe is (Not) My Friend

Simon Packham - Author

Tuesday 28 April | 2:30pm

[Register here](#)



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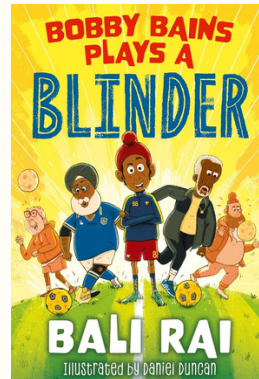
LONGER BOOKS VIRTUAL EVENTS

Bobby Bains Plays a Blinder

Bali Rai - Author

Monday 18 May | 2:30pm

[Register here](#)



Scarlet Defender of the Universe

James Davis - Author

Tuesday 19 May | 2:30pm

[Register here](#)



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ABOUT INSPIREAD BOOK AWARDS

InspiREAD encourages the sharing of reading for pleasure.

Readers have from Wednesday 1 April until Friday 26 June to [vote online](#).

The Award has three categories:

- Picture Books – suitable for KS1
- Shorter Books – suitable for lower KS2
- Longer Books – suitable for upper KS2



Readers can choose to read the books and vote in one, two or all three categories.

Please email elsg@inspireculture.org.uk for more information about taking part.

WHO ARE WE?

InspiREAD Book Award is organised by Inspire: Education Library Service (ELS), supporting schools across Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City, Derbyshire and Derby City.

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