

ELS 2026-27 Key Dates

Book Awards

InspiREAD (EYFS/KS1/KS2)

19 Jan – Shortlist Shared
20 Feb – InspiREAD Launch
Apr – Virtual Author/Illustrator Events
May – Virtual Author/Illustrator Events
4 May – Voting Opens
10 Jun – InspiREAD Live Event (TBC)
18 Jun – Voting Closes
25 Jun – Winners Announced

Brilliant Book Award (Y7/8/9)

25 Sep – Shortlist Shared
3 Nov – BBA Launch
2 Feb – Voting Opens
16 Mar – BBA Live Author Event
19 Mar – Voting Closes
23 Mar – Winner Announced

Edge Book Award (Y9/10/11)

17 Jul – Shortlist Shared
14 Sep – Edge Book Award Launch
2 Nov – Voting Opens
24 Nov – Edge Live Event(s) (TBC)
30 Nov – Voting Closes
11 Dec – Winner Announced

Networks & CPD

Primary Network



5 Nov – Online (4–5pm)
2 Mar – Online (4–5pm)
21 Jun – Online (4–5pm)

Secondary Network



13 Oct – Hybrid (9:30am–12:30pm)
8 Feb – Hybrid (9:30am–12:30pm)
2 Jul – Hybrid (9:30am–12:30pm)

Books & Babble

1 Oct – Open Afternoon (2:30pm–5pm)
1 Feb – Open Afternoon (2:30pm–5pm)
4 May – Open Afternoon (2:30pm–5pm)

ELS Events

8 Oct – 'What on Earth' Quiz (Heats) 9:30am
15 Oct – 'What on Earth' Quiz (Grand Final) 9:30am

Best Books List

30 Sep – Autumn Term List
29 Jan – Spring Term List
30 Apr – Summer Term List

OU UKLA Teachers' Reading Group

14 Jan – Launch
4 Feb – Session 2
4 Mar – Session 3
22 Apr – Session 4
8 Jul – Session 5