



# Key Dates<sup>o</sup> 2026/27



## **InspiREAD Book Award (EYFS/KS1/KS2)**

**19 Jan** – Shortlist Shared  
**20 Feb** – InspiREAD Launch  
**Apr/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  
*(Squire Performing Arts Centre - Nottingham)*  
**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  
*(Derby University)*  
**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**

**21/22 Sep** – ELS Membership Refresher:  
*Online Drop-In Q&A* (3:30pm–5pm)  
**15 Oct** – 'What on Earth' Online Quiz

### **OU UKLA Teachers' Reading Group**

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



### **Best Books List**

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

