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14th - 24th March 2019

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BookFest

Here's what families said last year:

"It's an event for children simply about BOOKS – what could be better? The volunteers and team were also incredibly friendly."

"BookFest encouraged my kids to try something new"



"Honestly it was so well organised!"



"Getting close up to authors and illustrators really inspires my children."

"It's an outstanding event. Seeing the community inspired together really touches my heart."

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Now we are 6!

Hello and welcome to Bournville BookFest 2019!



What a treat we have in store for you and your family as Bournville BookFest turns 6. It has been a real joy to put together this fantastic programme of festival events, and we think we can guarantee that there is something to appeal to everyone in your family!

We've invited some of the top names in children's literature, and created three new sister festivals, to bring our events to more neighbourhoods: Sutton Coldfield BookFest (2nd March); Solihull BookFest (9th March); and Barnt Green BookFest (16th March). This year's programme better reflects the diversity of our city, with stories and poetry from many cultures, including a dual language poetry performance - a BookFest first!

We rely upon your support to keep making the magic that is Bournville BookFest happen! Please see page 38/9 for ideas of how you can help support the festival.

We hope you and your family will have a wonderful time at Bournville BookFest 2019 and that you will create fantastic family memories to last a lifetime. The BookFest team are ready and waiting to give you a very warm welcome.

Best wishes,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Mullen".

Sarah Mullen Festival Director
Founder of Busy Parents Network



"Bournville BookFest is worth clearing the diary for!"



Thank You

A **BIG** Thank You

We couldn't make the magic happen at BookFest without the generosity of our wonderful sponsors - not just for their financial support, but for catching and believing in our vision:



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Our grateful thanks to our creative partners, publishers, theatre groups, authors and illustrators with special mentions to: Festival Patron, Nick Sharratt - who created the brilliant original illustrations for our programmes; Andersen Press, Bloomsbury; Macmillan; Nosy Crow; Orchard Books; Red Fox; Scholastic; Usborne; Lantana Publishing; Graffeg; The Emma Press; Oxford University Press; Penguin; Puffin; Barrington Stoke; HarperCollins Children's Books; Barefoot Books; and Walker Books.

Thanks to the following for allowing us to use their buildings as venues: Town Hall Birmingham, Rowheath Pavilion, The Blue Coat School, Bournville Village Primary School, Selly Manor Museum, The Barber Institute of Fine Arts, Midlands Arts Centre, Cadbury World, Friends of Cotteridge Park, Friends of Bournville Park and community libraries.

Thank you to Dan Cottle for the brilliant work he does capturing our festivals on film, to Josh Angell and Rory Pickering for web design, and to Pete Brown for designing our beautiful programmes. Thank you to members of the Birmingham Federation of Children's Book Groups, to all our venue managers and volunteers particularly Sebrina Miller.

And most of all, **THANK YOU** for coming!



We are bringing some of Britain's best-loved authors to school and home-educated children, with big audience performances at Birmingham Town every weekday of BookFest



*Michael
Rosen*



*Nick
Sharratt*



*Dame
Jacqueline
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**Shakespeare
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Will's Word Warriors – a fantastic day of interactive events inspired by Shakespeare's plays and sonnets, brought to BookFest by The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

The Literature Out of the Box programme brings brilliant authors within reach of Birmingham children whose families wouldn't usually attend book festivals. We hope they'll be entertained and inspired to keep reading!

Tickets were sold directly to schools in the Autumn term, and are not available to the general public.

Literature Out of the Box is sponsored by Anthony Collins Solicitors and funded by Arts Council England



Thursday 14th March - Pre-Schoolers' Day at Rowheath

Sponsored by Robert Oulsnam and Company

FESTIVAL MARQUEE

10.00am-10.30am

Storyteller Anna O'Brien Storytelling

LOCAL
TALENT

Join Anna the Storyteller to discover what is in her Pocket Full of Stories Coat. And be prepared to meet a very *greeedy* king and an extremely brave and smart little cockerel! Songs, dressing up and plenty of actions for little ones to join in with.

Recommended 3-8 year olds. £3.50.



11.00am-12 noon Magic Wellies and Muddy Puddles Drama Workshop with Toni's Tots Drama

LOCAL
TALENT

We've got our magical welly boots on and we're off to find some puddles to jump in... but watch out, there are some strange things swimming in the big muddy ones! Highly energetic and interactive drama fun for pre-school children and their grown ups.

18 months - 5 years.
£4.00 per child.



1.00pm-1.45pm

Animal Storytelling with BB Taylor

LOCAL
TALENT

Come along to our very special storytime with local author BB Taylor and her menagerie of animals – some of whom feature in the stories!

2-8 years. £3.50 per person.



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FESTIVAL MARQUEE

Lydia
Monks

10.00am-11.00am
and 2.00pm-3.00pm

What the Ladybird Heard

A long-time collaborator with Julia Donaldson, multi-award winning illustrator Lydia Monks brings her bright and colourful new books to the festival, with an interactive talk and drawing session for the very young. **2-5 years. £5.00 per person.**



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Friday 15th March - Pre-Schoolers' Day at Rowheath

Sponsored by Robert Oulsnam and Company

FESTIVAL MARQUEE

11.30am-12.15pm and 1.00pm-1.45pm

Relaxed Performance

Rainbow Fish. A storytelling performance with Riverside Performing Arts



The Rainbow Fish is a modern classic storybook, and a delightful underwater tale, with its universal message about making friends, and sharing.

Following on from hit shows *Elmer* and *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark*, this performance of *The Rainbow Fish* promises

to delight audiences with song, storytelling, percussion, interaction and innovative set design using recycled plastic!
2-7 years. £4.00 per person.

Der Regenbogenfisch (*The Rainbow Fish*) written and illustrated by Marcus Pfister © 1992 NordSüd Verlag AG, CH-8050 Zurich/Switzerland

LOST IN TRANSLATION?

Did you know children's books all over the world are translated into lots of different languages so everyone can enjoy them? *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls* was written in Italian and translated worldwide. Join Estonia's answer to Michael Rosen, poet Contra AND his translator at our dual language poetry performance! Page 28.

4.00pm-4.45pm

Nick Cope Family Sing-Along

With CD sales and signing afterwards

Nick Cope's hilarious and entirely original songs make him a firm BookFest favourite. From headlice to robots, his warm-hearted repertoire will have you grinning long after this brilliant after-school treat.

2-8 years. £4.00 per person.

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ALL DAY 10.00am-4.00pm

Kate's Storytree

Kate is a weaver of stories, a teller of tales - and she'll be in the terrace room all day long to engage your little ones' imaginations.

Drop in any time between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Free.



FESTIVAL MARQUEE

10.00am-10.45am

We Wear Pants & We Wear Bananas with Katie Abey

Join illustrator Katie Abey for a fun and colourful event. Find out how Katie became an illustrator and delve into the pages of *We Wear Pants* and *We Eat Bananas*. There will be a chance to live draw with Katie and learn how to draw just like her.

4+. £3.50 per person.



FESTIVAL MARQUEE



11.30am-12.30pm

Fairytale Pets with Tracey Corderoy

When Bob decides to become a pet sitter, little does he know the chaos that will ensue!

Join the brilliant Tracey Corderoy for a fun and interactive event featuring all your favourite characters from fairy tales.

Watch animal madness begin as Tracey brings the story to life with songs, games and costumes. Make your own Grumpy Baby Bear glove puppet to take home too!

**3-6 years.
£3.50 per person.**



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Saturday 16th March - Rowheath

Sponsored by Robert Oulsnam and Company

1.00pm-1.45pm and 3.15-4.00pm

Nick Cope's Family Sing-Along

With CD sales and signing after each performance.

Nick's witty self-penned songs about pirates, hedgehogs, robots and dragons will have you in fits of giggles. Join Nick for a fabulous family treat – you'll be singing his songs all year!

2-6 years. £4.00 per person.



2.15pm-3.00pm

Ten Fat Sausages and Odd Socks with author Michelle Robinson



Michelle Robinson is a hoot, and turns the old Ten Fat Sausages rhyme into a madcap adventure as hapless bangers try to escape their fate in the frying pan.

Then meet matching socks Suki and Sosh, separated when Suki begins to unravel. Will Sosh defy the rest of his underwear community by going in search of his warm woolly wife? Giggles guaranteed!

3-7 years. £3.50.



BOURNVILLE COMMUNITY HUB



10.00am-4.00pm

Pop up Storytelling with the Traditional Arts Team

LOCAL TALENT

Non-stop storytelling between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Drop in for half an hour or stay all day!

FREE.



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10.00am-11.00am

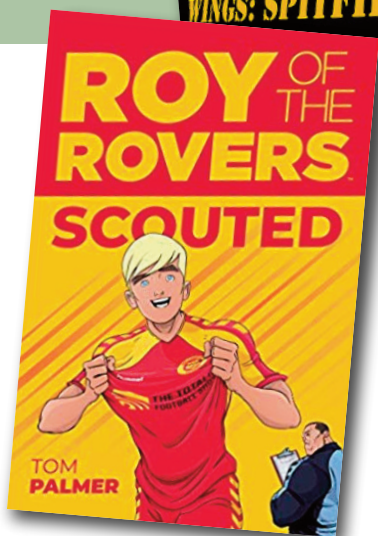
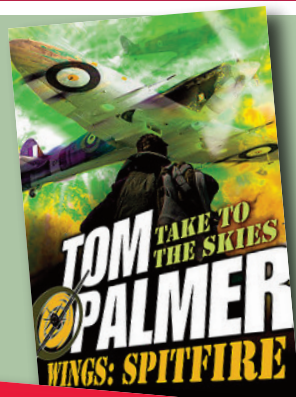
Flying through History with Tom Palmer

Jatinder, Greg, Maddie and Jess are staying in lodgings on a spooky old airfield. Mysteriously, they find themselves propelled back in time. Only if they can learn how to fly the great RAF planes – the Sopwith Camel, Spitfire and Typhoon – will history will lead them on a flightpath back to the present.

Author Tom Palmer is the writer in residence at the RAF Museum in Cosford. He writes adventure books to grip the most reluctant readers, combining history with football and aeroplanes.

Join him as he opens a door into the past, at this fun, interactive session.

7+. £4.00.



2.30pm-3.30pm

Roy of the Rovers with Tom Palmer

Join bestselling children's football author, Tom Palmer – the creator of the Football Academy and Foul Play series, as well as the brand new Roy of the Rovers fiction books – for a Football Reading Game. Test your football knowledge and get ready for an awesome penalty shoot-out!

7+. £5.00.

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CLASSROOMS

10.00am-11.00am and 2.00pm-3.00pm
**Drawing Workshops
with Dave Cousins**



The Birmingham-born writer and illustrator of the Charlie Merrick's Misfits books shares his tricks for creating characters and different expressions ... and how drawing a character can suggest story ideas. First build stories using simple stick people. Then with Dave's "magic eyebrow" trick they'll quickly develop personalities.
8+. £3.50 per person.



CLASSROOMS

11.30am-12.30pm
**Stand Up With Books
Dave Cousins**



A mix of anecdotes, pictures, readings and leaping about, with comic writer Dave Cousins. Dave writes books about friendships, football and families – and all the hilarious stuff that happens when you hang out with your mates.

His books are – according to one Year 7 reader – “well funny”.

“We all have a story to tell, and if an ordinary bloke from Birmingham can achieve his dream, anyone can!”

8-12 years. £3.50 per person.

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**LOCAL
TALENT**

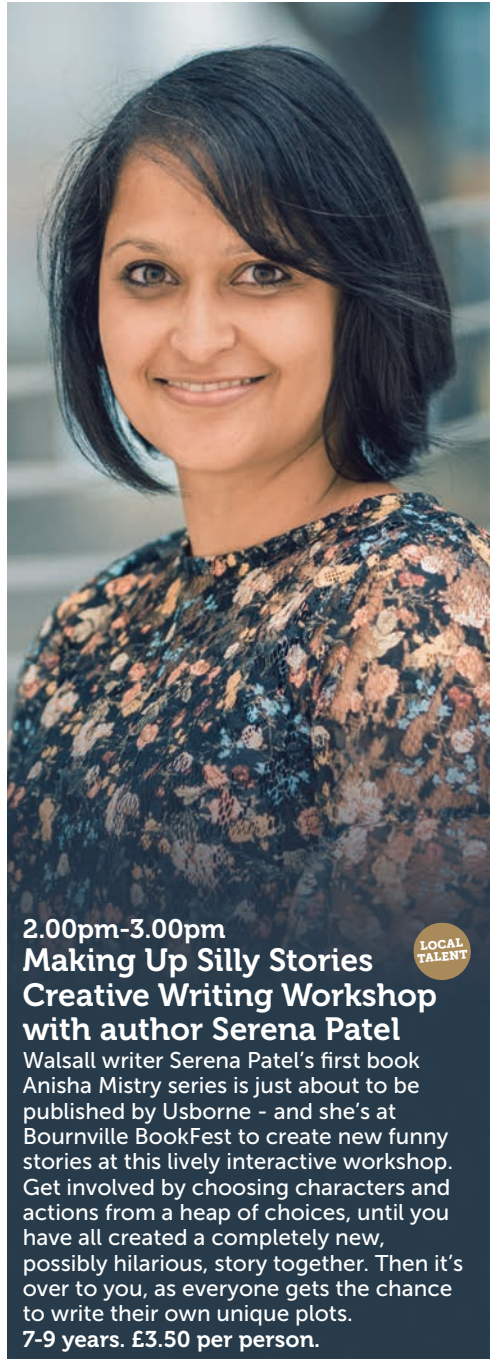
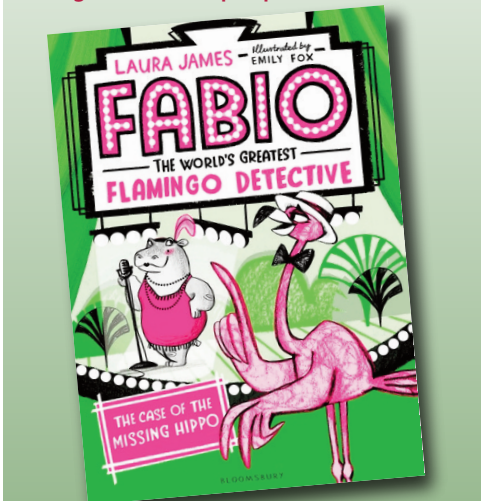
We want Bournville BookFest to be a force for good within our region so we seek to support local artists and emerging authors, as well as independent presses and small-scale publishers.
Look out for the Local Talent badges.



1.00pm-2.00pm
Fabio the World's Greatest Flamingo Detective
Laura James & Emily Fox

Come along and meet author Laura James and illustrator Emily Fox as they introduce you to Fabio – the World's Greatest Flamingo Detective. Learn what it takes to be a detective and find out how to create your very own mystery that only Fabio could solve! With live drawing from Emily Fox.

For ages 5+. £3.50 per person.



2.00pm-3.00pm
Making Up Silly Stories
Creative Writing Workshop
with author Serena Patel

LOCAL TALENT

Walsall writer Serena Patel's first book Anisha Mistry series is just about to be published by Usborne - and she's at Bournville BookFest to create new funny stories at this lively interactive workshop. Get involved by choosing characters and actions from a heap of choices, until you have all created a completely new, possibly hilarious, story together. Then it's over to you, as everyone gets the chance to write their own unique plots. 7-9 years. £3.50 per person.



ROOM 1

10.30am-11.30am

Teddy Bear's Chocolate Picnic Drama Workshop with Toni's Tots Drama

Energetic, interactive drama fun in the enchanted woods with the picnicking bears...but who's that trying to steal our chocolate eclairs?

**Suitable for pre school children
and their grown ups.**

2-5 years. £4.00 per child.

12 noon-1.00pm

The Secrets of Chocolate Island Drama Workshop with Toni's Tots Drama

Have you ever been chased by a crazed coco bean? A crew of brave adventurers is needed to uncover the secrets of Chocolate Island.

Highly interactive and energetic
chocolate-themed drama fun.

5-6 years. £4.00 per child.

ROOM 2

10.00am-12 noon, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Paper Engineering Workshop with Paul Stickland

You might have had one of Paul Stickland's brilliant pop-up books when you were small, including the brilliant Dinosaur Roar! Now find out how you can make your own pop-up books and birthday cards. Paul will demonstrate some amazing paper engineering techniques to get you started – then you will have a chance to make your very own pop-up dinosaur mouths or pop-up bugs, embellish them and take your creation home! All materials provided. **7-12 years. £5.00.**



WORKSHOPS

BookFest is a fantastic chance to enjoy new experiences as a family, and we do encourage adults to join in. But please buy a ticket too so we can ensure there's enough space and materials.

These sessions are not suitable for toddlers.





JULIA DONALDSON • LYDIA MONKS
**The Girl, The Bear
and the
Magic Shoes**



10.30am-11.30am

**Lydia Monks
The Girl, The Bear
and The Magic Shoes**



Long-time Julia Donaldson collaborator, multi-award winning illustrator Lydia Monks comes to BookFest for the very first time in this amazing live draw-along show!

Embark on an exciting adventure with a girl, a bear and some very special magic shoes. See mermaids, unicorns and a whole host of glittering characters and sparkling stories come to life before your very eyes – then learn to draw them yourself!

Our live draw-along shows have won awards, and this promises to be a fantastic and fun session for families. This session is British Sign Language interpreted.

3-7 years. £9.50 per person.
Discount for groups of more than 4:
£7.50 per person.

Bring along a pad and pencil so you can learn to draw with Lydia.



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Saturday 16th March - Selly Manor Museum

10.30am, 12 noon,
1.30pm and 3.00pm
**Roman Britain with
Professor McGinty**

If you like your history lessons taken with a dollop of fun, then join the hilarious Professor McGinty for a romp around Roman Britain. See what the Prof brings back from the past in his time machine, and discover what it was like to live in Roman Britain.

Professor McGinty's wit and energy have made his shows a very firm BookFest hit! Not to be missed.
4-11 years.
£4.50 per person.



Sunday 17th March - Selly Manor Museum

BOURNVILLE PARK

10.30am, 11.45am, 1.00pm
**Percy the Park-keeper
Storywalk, with Jake Evans**

Percy the Park-keeper is always there to help his furry and feathered friends in the park. Join Percy – aka award-winning storyteller Jake Evans - on a fun interactive storywalk around Bournville Park, as he brings Nick Butterworth's famous stories to life, as well as amazing facts about the natural world along the way.
£3.50 per child. 2 to 5 years.



This event will take place whatever the weather, so bring appropriate coats and footwear. Pushchairs welcome. Meet by "Percy's Hut" behind the bowling green in Bournville Park.

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EDUCATION ROOMS



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MODEL MAKING WORKSHOPS

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Make
Gromit

10.30am-11.30am

Make
Shaun

12.15pm-1.15pm

Make
Gromit

2.00pm-3.00pm

Aardman Animations are giving you the chance to learn how to make your very own Gromit or Shaun the Sheep character at these fun, hands-on clay modelling workshops. Lead by one of their expert model makers, you'll also get the opportunity to ask questions about the tricks of the trade from the Aardman studio.

Recommended for age 5+. £7.50 per person.

TRY SOMETHING NEW!

Are you sticking to what you know and like? One of the joys of a book festival is that you can experiment and try new things. Go on! Be bold! Stories from the Opera anyone? Page 32.

11.00am-12.00 noon

The Storm Keeper's Island with Catherine Doyle



It is very hard to believe in magic until it grips you by the shoulders and shakes you awake....

It's time for Arranmore Island to choose a new Storm Keeper – someone who keeps its magic safe from enemies. And when Fionn returns to his ancestral home, the ground stirs beneath his feet. Could he be the heir? And is our hero ready to face a new sinister magic which threatens to rekindle an ancient war?

This spellbinding adventure book has had children gripped since it was published, so join author Catherine Doyle and be prepared to be swept away!

**Recommended
7 to 12 years.
£5.00 per person.**



2.00pm-3.00pm

The Way Past Winter with Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Mila and her sisters live with their brother Oskar in a small forest cabin in the snow. One night, a fur-clad stranger arrives seeking shelter for himself and his men. But by the next morning, they've gone – taking Oskar with them. Fearful for his

safety, Mila and her sisters set out to bring Oskar back – even it means going north, crossing frozen wild-lands to find a way past an eternal winter.

We are delighted to welcome Kiran - bestselling author of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize-winning *The Girl of Ink & Stars* and the Costa and Blue Peter Award-shortlisted *The Island at the End of Everything*.

Learn about the inspiration behind the book, Kiran's incredible journey to becoming an award-winning writer, and hear her read a snippet from her story. You'll also get the chance to purchase your own signed copy!

This event will appeal to anyone who enjoy spellbinding adventure stories with a warm, fast-beating heart.

**Recommended 9 to 12 years.
£5.00 per person.**



MOVING STORIES

FOR THE VERY YOUNG

Hello and welcome
to Moving Stories,
our exciting new
mid-week programme
for Toddlers and
Pre-schoolers.



Thanks to the generosity of The Ernest Cook Trust we have been able to co-curate a lovely range of events designed to inspire your little ones with a love of stories and take that love to a new level!

We've called this programme-within-a-programme Moving Stories because all stories have the power to move us emotionally. We also happen to think that, with this age group in particular, telling stories on the move is really enchanting. When we hear stories outdoors that experience stays in our memory for a long time to come. We've gathered together some amazingly talented storytellers and artists for this very special adventure and we'd like to thank each and every one of them for taking part. We hope you really enjoy getting involved.

With our storytelling love,

Sarah Mullen & Kate's Storytree x



Monday 18th March

10.30pm-12noon

Stories and Dens at Martineau Gardens

Join **Little Leaf** at Birmingham's beautiful organic Martineau Gardens for an outdoor storytelling session complete with craft, den building and woodland exploration. Ideal for all bright eyed and bushy tailed children! Please wear wellies and appropriate clothing.

£4.00 per child.

(including a hot drink and biscuits)



Tuesday 19th March

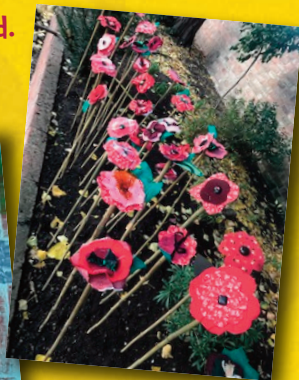
10.30am-12noon

Flower Printing at Masefield Gardens, off Bunbury Road, Northfield

Local artist Ros Ingram is coming to Masefield Gardens to work with children and their grown-ups for a very special outdoor community arts session making flower prints. Get hands-on and messy, and have fun together!

£2.50 per child.

(including hot chocolate and biscuits)



Tuesday 19th March

2.00pm-4.00pm

Terrific Trains & Dramatic Dinosaurs

All aboard! Join us at Bournville Station for Terrific Trains stories in the waiting room. Together we will board the train to University Station where amazing local storyteller Anna O'Brien will be waiting to meet us. Follow Anna as she leads us on a dinosaur stomp to the Lapworth Museum where we will pause to admire the dinosaur skeleton before Anna regales us with stories about dramatic dinosaurs. We'll then journey back to Bournville.

£4.00 per child.

(Ideal for all trains and dinosaur fanatics)

Wednesday 20th March

10.00am, 11.30am & 2.00pm

Brilliant Boats! With storyteller Pyn Stockman



Well we couldn't do Moving Stories without including a boat! Join storyteller Pyn Stockman for some Adventures in Storytelling aboard a narrowboat.

Get creative in this lively interactive performance of traditional and not-so-traditional tales full of puppets, props, playful characters and the occasional sandwich. Followed by a fabulously fun craft activity where you and your child can make you very own paper puppet.

Pyn - who actually lives on a narrowboat - spends all her time researching and telling stories, and we know this will be an unforgettable, magical event.

The boat - operated by Bosworth Cruises - will be enclosed and sheltered from the weather during the session, but care will need to be taken as everyone steps on and off the boat.

£5.00 per person.

(Meet at Brindley Place, Gas Street Basin, below Pitcher and Piano. No pushchairs please!)



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WINNIE THE POOH STORYWALKS

Wednesday 20th March

BOURNVILLE PARK

11.00am-12noon
& 2.00pm-3.00pm

Thursday 21st March

COTTERIDGE PARK

11.00am-12noon
& 2.00pm-3.00pm

Winnie the Pooh Storywalks with Storyteller Anna O'Brien

Join Christopher Robin and his friends for adventures in the Hundred Acre Wood. Play Pooh Sticks, help Eeyore find his lost tail and track the famous Heffalump!

Meet by the bridge in the middle of the park. Please wear suitable footwear and warm clothes as this event will go ahead whatever the weather!

£3.50 per child.



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£2.00
per child.
(adults go free)



The Storybike

Follow Kate's of Kate's Storytree as she embarks on a journey of sharing stories aboard her Storybike. With a bicycle full of books and toys, Kate will blaze a trail through the city, stopping off at libraries along the way. Starting at Yardley Wood Library and finishing at Northfield Library we invite you to come along for a story or two or three! Each session will start with storytime followed by a craft activity.

Monday 18th March

Yardley Wood Library

10.30am-11.00am and 11.30am-12 noon

Tuesday 19th March

Kings Heath Library

10.00am-10.45am and 11.45am-12.30pm

Stirchley Library - 2.00pm-2.45pm

Thursday 21st March

Kings Norton Library - 10.30am-11.15am

Harborne Library - 2.00pm-2.45pm

Friday 22nd March

Weoley Castle Library - 11.00am-11.45am

Northfield Library - 2.00pm-2.45pm

AUDITORIUM

10.00am-10.45am
Ella Bella Ballerina
& The Magic Toyshop
James Mayhew



Join Ella Bella author and illustrator James Mayhew on this enchanting journey to the Magic Toyshop, and discover stories of beautiful ballets and dazzling dolls and magnificent music. There may even be a surprise visit from one of the characters in the story...!

3-6 years. £3.50.



11.30am-12.15pm
Luna Loves Library Day
Joseph Coelho

Luna loves library day: that's the day she spends with her dad. Exploring the shelves they find magic, mystery and even start to mend their own history. An inspiring story from performance poet Joseph Coelho - one of the UK's greatest up-and-coming poets for children.

2-6 years.
£4.00 per person.

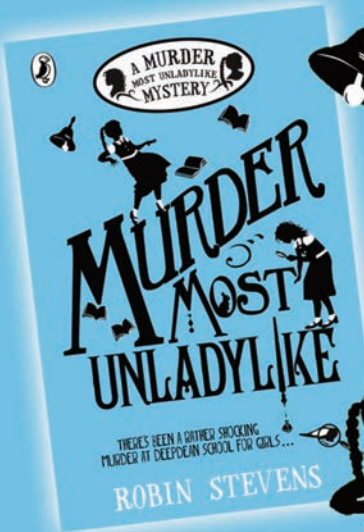
THERES BEEN A RATHER SHOCKING MURDER AT DEEPDEAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS...

1.00pm-2.00pm

Murder Most Unladylike
with mystery author
Robin Stevens

If you like detective stories, bun breaks and ginger beer then meet Daisy and Hazel. They are the feisty heroines of Robin Stevens' brilliant Detective Society series, on the look out for mysteries to solve – and happily they don't have to wait too long (despite the limitations of 1930s boarding school life!). Robin is overflowing with ideas about how to create the perfect mystery with compelling characters. A first-rate treat from a top author!

7-12 years. £5.00 per person



ROBIN STEVENS

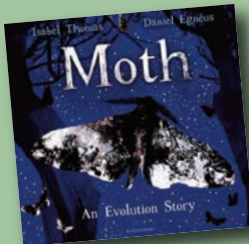


2.15pm-3.15pm

Moth: An Evolution Story, with Science writer **Isabel Thomas**

This beautiful picture book tells the story of how the resilient peppered moth has adapted to survive in a world polluted by humans. Critically acclaimed science writer Isabel Thomas weaves science with storytelling and art in a session which will appeal to young and old alike.

5-12 years.
£3.50 per person



3.40pm-4.30pm

Wonder Workers with the Science Magician

Join Dr Matt Pritchard "The Science



Magician" as he presents a show crammed with his favourite tricks, stunts and puzzles that will both amaze and astound. Wonder is all around us, but sometimes we just need to know where to look...

Matt - an Associate of the Inner Magic Circle and a lapsed atomic physicist – and his amazing experiments brought gasps of delight from the audience at BookFest 2018, so if you know any budding scientists, don't miss out!

6-12 years. £4.00

FESTIVAL MARQUEE

10.00am-11.00am
**Dame Jacqueline Wilson
& Nick Sharratt**

Jacqueline and Nick have created more than 50 books together, selling 40 million copies around the world.

We are absolutely delighted that for the first time, both both Jacqueline and Nick are appearing on stage at Bournville BookFest!

Find out how brilliant ideas are turned into books and learn how to draw some favourite characters at this unmissable BookFest highlight.

This show will be sign language interpreted.

Please note that Jacqueline will not be signing books afterwards.

5+. £7.50.



Tracy Beaker ★



11.30am-12.30pm

Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam, The Missing Masterpiece with Steven Lenton and Tracey Corderoy



Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam have packed up their pots and pans and are baking a spectacular gingerbread Eiffel Tower for a posh Parisian art gallery. But someone's pilfered the main masterpiece! Can the detective dogs find the culprit and serve up their showstopper in time? Hear about this high stakes heist as hilarious author-illustrator team Tracey Corderoy and Steven Lenton introduce the latest book in this hugely successful series. With interactive games and drawing too, this is one not to miss.

5-8 years. £3.50 per person.



Storytelling Yurt with professional storyteller Paul Jackson

Paul's Storytelling Yurt is a magical space, soaked with tales. It's where mermaids search for lost sailors, Merlin raises the dragons, witches live in houses which sprout chickenlegs, and an old woman turns a polar bear into her own son.

Paul will be telling stories all day, so step inside....

Drop in, no need to book.

2.30pm-3.30pm

Big Drawing Challenge with Andy Baker, Steven Lenton, James Mayhew & Antonio Reche-Martinez with poetic round ups by Matt Windle



Challenge some of Britain's best illustrators to speed-draw crazy characters, awesome actions and powerful plots! They all have very different styles and their race to sketch live on stage will have you in stitches.

This was a massive hit at Bournville BookFest 2018, and we can't wait to see what everyone comes up with this year. Witty round-ups conjured up on the spot by Birmingham's poet laureate Matt Windle, will be the icing on the cake!
5-12 years. £5.00 per person.

Big Drawing Challenge at Bournville BookFest 2018 had the audience in fits of laughter!



FESTIVAL MARQUEE



1.00pm to 1.45pm

Poetry Performance with Joseph Coelho

Joseph Coelho has worked as a gym instructor, transport planner and film extra – and now he holds audiences spellbound as a full-time performance poet. Listen to this master wordsmith as he inspires, excites and entertains.

5-12 year olds. £4.00 per person.

CENTENARY BUILDING

2.30pm-3.30pm

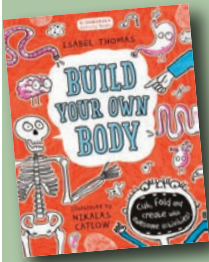
Superstar Sonnet Spinner with Joseph Coelho

Impress your friends and family by becoming a superstar sonnet spinner! Joseph Coelho will break down the Shakespearean Sonnet in a super-fun and active way.

Before you know it you will be creating sonnets that delight and wow, giant sonnets that you can perform out loud, whisper in secret or simply write and give away in birthday cards or add to your very own poetry book! If Shakespeare had taken this workshop... he would have written a few more sonnets!

5-12 years. £2.00.

THE CENTENARY BUILDING



10.30am-12 noon

Build Your Own Body Workshop Science writer and children's author Isabel Thomas

Do you know what it takes to build a body? Put your skills to the test in this inventive new workshop by *Whizz Pop Bang!* writer Isabel Thomas. You'll be tearing, folding, cutting and experimenting as you learn how the human body functions. Perfect for budding doctors, biologists, and anyone with a curious mind.

7+. £5.00 per child.



12.30pm-1.30pm

Contra Poetry Reading

A new collection of fantastical and merry poems for children, *Everyone's the Smartest*, by beloved Estonian author Contra (aka Margus Konnula) who has been dubbed "Estonia's Michael Rosen."

This will be a **bilingual** reading in Estonian and English, with one of the translators taking part as well.

6-12 years. £2.00.



3.00pm-4.00pm

How to Write a Female Villain Writing Workshop Anna Cermakova & Michaela Mahlberg of the University of Birmingham

LOCAL TALENT



© Steven Lenton

This hands-on workshop will be both fun and include some serious research. The focus will be on fictional characters and how authors make them memorable. The workshop will be packed with activities: you will do reading, researching, and writing! You will be thinking about characters you love and hate. How did the authors create those characters? Why do you love or hate them?

We will experiment with language in a computer lab and use a huge collection of digitised books to find out how words can create specific meanings and impressions on the reader.

Maybe we will also find the perfect female villain - but they are few and far between, aren't they?

Dr Anna Cermakova and Professor Michaela Mahlberg are linguists who research the language of fiction. At the University of Birmingham, they jointly work on a project called GLARE, in which they explore how boys and girls, and men and women are described in children's literature.

8-12 years. £3.50 per child.



glare

10.00am-12 noon
& 2.00pm-4.00pm

Mr Pop-Up Robert Crowther Paper Engineering Workshops

Join 3-D master Robert Crowther for a fantastic paper engineering workshop. Learn all the tricks to help you create your own pop-ups.

For anyone who loves construction and hands-on design.

7-12 years. £5.00 per ticket.



WORKSHOPS

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THE CENTENARY BUILDING

10.30am-11.30am and
12.30pm-1.30pm

Cartooning Workshops with Andy "Doodles" Baker

Do you love cartooning and doodling? Come and learn the art of cartooning from one of Birmingham's finest, Andy Baker.

7-12 years.

£5.00 per person.

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Saturday 23rd March - Winterbourne House and Garden



11.00am-12 noon; 1.00pm-2.00pm
and 2.30pm-3.30pm

Tales from Brambly Hedge with storyteller Anna O'Brien

Discover the secret world of Brambly Hedge – a self-sufficient community of mice who have a watermill to grind flour and looms to make clothes. Meet Poppy Eyebright, Wilfred Toadflax, Lord and Lady Woodmouse and their friends, as storyteller Anna O'Brien brings Jill Barklem's gorgeous books alive on a storywalk through Winterbourne Gardens. The ticket price includes entry to the house and gardens.

3 to 8 years. £4.00 per person.
(siblings under 3 come for free)

Meet on the terrace wearing suitable coats and footwear – this event will go ahead whatever the weather!



Image © Jill Barklem 2019

Different cultures are bound to have different stories, right? Well, yes, sometimes but you may be surprised how much overlap there is! Join Chitra Soundar and James Mayhew as they explore this huge topic in Flood Stories, Page 33.

10.00am-11.00am

**Nothing to See Here Hotel
with author Steven Butler and
illustrator Steven Lenton**

Welcome to The Nothing to See Here Hotel! – a hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel. When a goblin prince arrives to stay, the Banister family rush into action. But they have their work cut out with the demanding prince and his never-ending entourage, especially when it turns out the rude little prince is hiding a secret...

Meet bestselling author Steven Butler (*The Diary of Dennis the Menace*, *The Wrong Pong*), and find out how his host of wacky characters are brought to life by the wonderful Steven Lenton, in what promises to be a fun and energetic session!

6+. £3.50 per person.



Steven Lenton



Steven Butler



11.30am-12.30pm



**Gorillas
Talk with
naturalist
Michael
Leach**

Wildlife expert Michael Leach has worked with animals from all seven continents – elephants in Kenya, polar bears in the Arctic, sperm whales in the Atlantic and lemurs in Madagascar. But his experience with a family of mountain gorillas in Rwanda has stayed with him. Michael explains how to get close to these charismatic characters and demonstrates how to communicate with the gentle, intelligent primates that we have pushed to the edge of extinction. If you enjoyed the BBC's *Dynasties* and *Planet Earth* series, this is for you.

6+. £3.50 per person

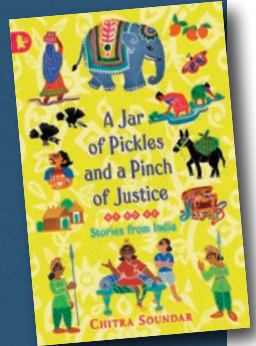




1.00pm-2.00pm
A Jar of Pickles and a Pinch of Justice – Stories from India, with Chitra Soundar

Stories are like pickles. They get better with age and sharing. Come and listen to author Chitra Soundar as she tells you some ancient pickled stories from India.

Chitra Soundar is an Indian-born British author of over 30 books for children. Find out more at www.chitrasoundar.com. 6+. £3.50 per person.



2.30pm-3.30pm
Dog Diaries with Steven Butler

"Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy! I've been waiting ages to tell my story, and now it's finally happening!"

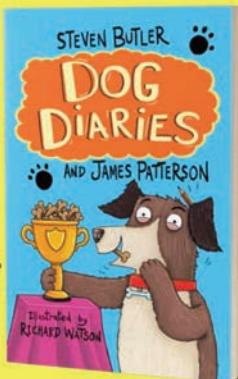
Meet Junior in the hilarious *Dog Diaries* series, as he describes life living with Rafe, hiding snacks and avoiding his nemesis, the vacuum cleaner.

Dennis the Menace author Steven Butler has teamed up with international bestselling author James Patterson (*Middle School*, as well as countless adult thrillers) to create a

Oh boy. oh boy. oh boy!

STEVEN BUTLER
AND JAMES PATTERSON

**DOG
DIARIES**



book which will have children in stitches as they catch the reading bug. If you like dogs and you like funny books with pictures on every page, this one is for you!

5-10 years. £4.00.

FESTIVAL MARQUEE

10.00am-11.00am

Flood Stories from many lands: Mrs Noah's Pockets & Pattan's Pumpkin James Mayhew & Chitra Soundar

Floods and sunken cities are potent themes in many stories, from Biblical Noah, to our own times of climate change. Authors Chitra Soundar and James Mayhew will explore, in words and art, how catastrophes in many different cultures around the world, lead to stories many of us can relate to - tales of refugees, loss, foolishness and fear, as well as tales of beauty, magic, mystery and hope.

5+. £3.50 per person



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11.30am-12.30pm

Gaspard the Fox James Mayhew & Zeb Soanes

Join BBC Radio 4's Zeb Soanes, and illustrator James Mayhew for this charming tale of kindness, friendship and being accepted for who you really are, as we follow the

adventures of the "handsomest fox in London" - Gaspard!

While Zeb reveals fascinating wildlife facts about the life of an urban fox, James will teach you how to draw your very own pictures of Gaspard. If you saw Zeb narrate *The Snowman and Paddington's First Concert* at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire in November, you'll know what a treat this will be!

6+. £5.00 per person.



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1.30pm-2.30pm
**Cruella and Cadpig with illustrator
Steven Lenton**



When Cadpig gets lost playing hide-and-peek, she stumbles into the path of evil Cruella de Vil. But can her furry friends help her to escape?



This World Book Day title by festival favourite Steven Lenton and writer Peter Bently, is adapted from their hilarious rewrite of Dodie Smith's *The One Hundred and One Dalmatians*. Steven will be reading from this and some of his other bestselling books, and sketching the characters in a brilliant live draw-along show for younger children.
2-6 years. £4.00 per person



3.00pm-4.00pm
**Animals Behaving Badly
with naturalist Michael Leach**

It's not only humans that develop bad habits. Animals, particularly the brighter ones, often reveal some unlikely behaviour. Meet the phobic ostriches, psychotic magpies, drunken monkeys, hallucinating lemurs, and thieving orang-utans.

Hear first-hand stories of misbehaving animals from wildlife expert Michael Leach at this funny and informative talk.
6+. £3.50 per person

STORYTELLING YURT



All day

Storytelling with Paul Jackson

Come and gather in the Storytelling Yurt for magical tales from across the globe. Grab an instrument (African kora, American flutes and sounding bowls) and help with the sound effects, building tension and atmosphere.

2-99 years. FREE. Drop in – no need to book.

VENUE



10.00am-11.00am 5-7 years
11.30am-12.30pm 8-12 years
1.30pm-2.30pm all ages

Fantastic Beasts Drawing Workshop with artist Milan Topalovic

LOCAL
TALENT

Create your own mythical beast with Milan – then give it a name and super power, and decorate it, in this fabulous drawing workshop.

£4.00 per child.

10.00am-12 noon
2.00pm-4.00pm
**Craig Denston's
Mask-Making
Workshops**

Craig is a master of mask-making and is the talent behind many of the Rep's stage creations. He knows how to turn card into charismatic animals, monsters and fantastical creatures – and he's here to teach you how to make your own.

Some amazing masks were created last year and Bournville BookFest is delighted to welcome Craig back.
7-12 years. £7.50 per child.



WORKSHOPS

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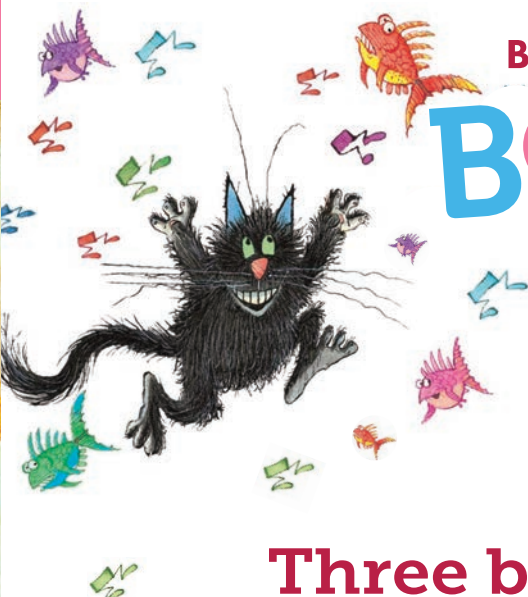
2.30pm-3.30pm
Stories from the Opera
with author-illustrator
James Mayhew & soprano
Abigail Kelly

LOCAL
TALENT

Ever thought opera is not for you? Well think again! Join Birmingham soprano Abigail Kelly and author/illustrator James Mayhew for this dazzling introduction to the extraordinary world of opera. As Abigail sings a variety of arias, James will introduce each piece and then illustrate the stories behind the words, live on stage. Surprising, touching, fabulous and fun, this unique combination of music and illustration will make this fascinating artform truly accessible for children and families.

6+ £3.50 per person.





BOURNVILLE BookFest

NEW for 2019

Three brand new sister BookFests:

SUTTON COLDFIELD
BookFest
2nd March 2019

SOLIHULL
BookFest
9th March 2019

BARNT GREEN
BookFest
16th March 2019

Bringing **BookFest** to your neighbourhood

Bournville BookFest is now the fastest growing children's book festival in the UK. We believe this has happened simply because we're passionate about bringing children and families together with the authors, illustrators and artists who can bring stories alive.

We're all about creating fantastic family memories that last a lifetime, and inspiring the next generation with a love of books and reading.

We want every child living in Birmingham to have easy access to a children's book festival within their community. So we've taken the bold step of launching 3 new sister festivals in 2019 – Sutton BookFest, Solihull BookFest and Barnt Green BookFest. *Please spread the word!*

Programmes and buy tickets from January 25th
www.bournvillebookfest.com

How to have a brilli

Programme and tickets: www.bournvillebookfest.com

Book Tickets

We keep ticket prices low so as many children as possible can come to our events – and so it doesn't cost a fortune to try something new!

Please do buy tickets for everyone coming, and buy a ticket for everyone attending workshops (including adults!) so there's enough space and materials to go around.

We are using a new ticketing system, and don't charge a booking fee. Tickets can be sent to you in the post for a small charge (£1.50), or you can opt to pick them up at the venue's ticket collection point on the day (photo ID such as a driving licence will be needed).

All under-12s must be accompanied. We cannot take responsibility for unsupervised children, so please don't drop them off and leave. Besides, BookFest is a great chance to enjoy a brilliant experience together, so come ready to have fun.

Refreshments

BookFest can be hungry work! Most of our venues – Rowheath, Cadbury World, Midlands Arts Centre, Winterbourne and The Barber – have a café on site. Selly Manor Museum and Bournville Infant School are in easy walking distance of Bournville Green with its café and bakery, and Town Hall is in the city centre. At The Blue Coat School we will have a pop-up café selling drinks and snacks inside the Festival Marquee. Please bear in mind that some of our events happen in beautiful concert halls, where food and drink are not allowed because of spillages.

Access

We want BookFest to be easily accessible so everyone can join in. Assistance animals are welcome and nearly all venues are wheelchair accessible. Please do let us know before hand if you are wheelchair dependent, so we can arrange priority seating and make you welcome (particularly if you're coming to The Barber Institute of Fine Arts for Stories from the Opera). *We have British Sign Language signed performances for some events, so look out for the BSL logo.*

Getting There

Venue details are on our website, along with information about how to get to each place by train, bus or car.

FREE Park and Ride Service

On Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March parking at The Blue Coat School is extremely limited so will be strictly reserved for authors and disabled customers. We have set up a free Park and Ride shuttle service which will depart from University Train Station and Pritchatts Road Multi



ant day at **BookFest**

Storey Car Park (free to park in at weekends) on a regular basis from 9.30am. It's a brilliant stress-free service so please use it instead of trying to drive to The Blue Coat School.

Bournville BookFest Pop-up BookShops

Every book bought at the festival helps pay to bring authors to Birmingham. Where possible, all authors will be available to sign books after events.

BookSwaps

Swap old books for new at our BookFest BookSwap stalls:

Saturday 9th March:

Solihull BookFest, The Core Theatre foyer.

Saturday 16th March:

Bournville BookFest, Rowheath Pavilion

Saturday 23rd March:

Bournville BookFest, The Blue Coat School.

Photography

We will be taking photos and videos for marketing purposes. If you don't want your child to be photographed, please tell our photographer or any of our volunteers.

Volunteers

You'll see our friendly volunteers wearing BookFest T-shirts at our venues.

These fabulous people have given their time to welcome you and give information so your day goes smoothly.

If you want to raise any issues, please take them up with Busy Parents Network staff (red t-shirts) or email:

volunteers@busyparentsnetwork.com.

We will be asking every ticket-holder for feedback after the event and we do take all comments very seriously.

Help make the magic happen at BookFest!

We can't put BookFest on without You!

Here are three ways you can support us

SHOP LOCAL! Buy your books and school year calendars from us, at our pop-up Bookshops at events and in Bournville Community Hub.

VOLUNTEER! We need stewards, book-sellers, author assistants, car drivers, heavy-lifters, carparking attendants, crafters, ambassadors and greeters to join our friendly team. Everyone who helped at Bournville BookFest 2018 said they wanted to come again. Email volunteers@busyparentsnetwork.com if you can help.

GIVE! Become a Friend of BookFest by joining our new BookFest Friends scheme for just £35 a year. We can invite a new author to the festival every time 10 people subscribe.

Find out how you can support us by picking up a leaflet at Bournville Community Hub or on our website:

www.bournvillebookfest.com

TICKET HOTLINE: 01223 357851

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