

May
2024

Newsletter



**Flying High
English Hub**

**From Katy
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Flying High
English Hub Lead



As I write this newsletter, we are less than 10 school days from the Phonics Screening Check 2024. Over the past weeks, I'm sure you have addressed GPC gaps, practiced pseudo words and given your children as much support as you can to ensure they achieve their best during the check and you will continue to do so until they take it.

You may have administered many a PSC or this may be your first time; wherever you are in your PSC journey, ensure you take the time to consider the logistics of the days.

-Where will your children go to complete the check?

- Is the room free of distractions and quiet?
- Will any phonics display / friezes need to be removed or covered?



-Have you planned a warm-up session before the children complete the PSC?

- Is there an adult in school, who knows the children well, who can get each child's brain in 'phonics mode' with a few GPC and word flashcards before they come to you to sit the check?

-If a child needs rest breaks in order to complete the check, where will they go in between the sections?

- They cannot re-enter the classroom and mingle with their peers until they have completed the check - is there a space they can go to allow for this?

-If, as part of your usual practice, sound buttons are used, children may independently mark these on the check materials. Each child will need a clean copy of the check - these can be downloaded from the Primary Assessment gateway.

-Additional materials can be downloaded from the Primary Assessment Gateway from Monday 10th June including the answer sheet and modified versions.

- Check administrators should have familiarised themselves with:

- the DfE's 2024 PSC administration guidance document
- the printed instructions for administering the check
- guidance on how to score pupils' responses
- the DfE information about preparing to administer the phonics screening check



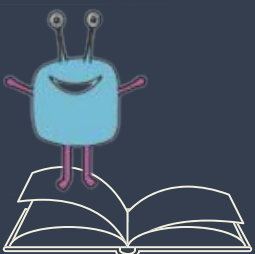
-If a child is absent on the week commencing 10th June, you can administer the check to them until Friday 21st June. If they return after this time, they must be recorded as absent.

Good luck to you and all your children. I'm sure, with all of your hard work, your children will succeed.



Click to view:

'Preparing for
the Phonics
screening'
document





Upcoming Events



Flying High English Hub

Early Reading Leads Network

Join Katy, our Hub lead, for an afternoon of networking with other Early Reading Leads to further develop your knowledge and skills in the effective leadership of Early Reading.

This session will focus on:

- supporting children with SEND
- ensuring decodable books are well-matched
- lessons learned from the PSC and plans for next year
- planning for September



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Thurs 27th June
13:00 - 14:00

Virtual Classroom visit with Bethan Woollvin

Inspire your children by inviting Bethan Woollvin to virtually visit your classroom

In this session, Bethan will:

- discuss her writing journey
- read her book Little Red
- give you a peek inside her studio
- share and discuss her artwork



Fri 5th July
10:00 - 11:00

Talk Through Stories Training

We are delighted to offer Talk Through Stories training. This is a face-to-face training event, recommended for Reading Leaders and Reception teachers, to support closing the word gap and developing children's love of stories.

This session will use the storybook Billy and the Dragon by Nadia Shireen to show schools how to:

- use the Talk Through Stories programme to close the word gap and develop children's love of stories
- teach every activity in the Talk Through Stories programme
- inspire children to care about the characters and understand the story
- choose the right books to connect with your children.



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Mon 17th June
10:00 - 16:00



2024/25 Events



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Transforming your School's Reading Culture 2024/25

This 5-day programme is a sustained, research-based CPD programme, ideal for schools to have identified reading for pleasure on their SIP or are ready to give it a purposeful spotlight to transform reading culture.

- Wednesday 13th Nov 2024 ,9:30-16:30
- Tuesday 14th Jan 2025, 13:30-15:30
- Tuesday 4th Mar 2025, 13:30-15:30
- Tuesday 29th Apr 2025, 13:30-15:30
- Wednesday 17th Jun 2025, 13:30-15:30

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OU & UKLA Teacher Reading Group 2024/25

The Flying High English Hub invites anyone committed to developing young people's desire, delight and engagement as readers to join our blended OU / UKLA Reading Group.

- Thursday 3rd Oct 2024, 16:00-17:30
- Thursday 5th Dec 2024, 16:00-17:30
- Thursday 30th Jan 2025, 16:00-17:30
- Thursday 27th Mar 2025, 16:00-17:30
- Thursday 22nd May 2025, 16:00-17:30

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School,
Assarts Road, Nuthall,
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Supporting Early Language Development

The term 'early language' covers various ages and stages from birth. This programme focuses on the classroom environment, providing practical classroom skills and techniques for quality first teaching in YR1 and KS1, to improve outcomes for all children.

- Friday 27th Sept 2024, 9:00-13:00
- Thursday 14th Nov 2024, 9:00-12:00
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Opportunities



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**BRITISH
LIBRARY**

The British Library Events...

Primary school children across the country are invited to create books about journeys; from local walks and migration stories to fantasy adventures and time travel.

This is a perfect way to bring writing for pleasure and purpose into the classroom, especially after the busy SATs period. Their flexible challenge can be adapted to align with existing summer term topics relating to history, science, mythology, fictional texts or geography.

Both Sessions are completely free for schools:

CPD: Journeys & writing for pleasure

Join SF Said, Professor Teresa Cremin and Cumbria-based teacher Karen Stringer to investigate ways of inspiring writing for pleasure through our Journeys writing challenge.



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Mon 3rd June
16:00-17:15



Tues 18th June
13:20-14:30



**Perfect for
Years 3-6**

SF Said & Viviane Schwarz Virtual classroom visit

Join SF Said and Viviane Schwarz to explore Journeys. Using the authors' top writing and illustration tips, references to well-loved children's books, playful prompts, draw-along fun and collection treasures, SF and Viviane will provide inspiration for children to embark on their own journeys of discovery.

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FREE Virtual Author Talks

As part of the InspiREAD Book Award, primary schools are invited to join 9 FREE virtual events with authors and illustrators.

Opportunities



**Flying High
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Literacy Specialist recruitment

Are you looking to develop your career and improve the lives of children across the East Midlands?

Join our English Hub as a Literacy Specialist and make a difference...

Flying High English Hub is looking to enhance our team by appointing an additional Literacy Specialist Teacher. As a Literacy Specialist, you will deliver up to 24 days of school support in 2024/2025 plus an additional 10 days of preparation and training. You will be supported through a training programme and shadow days with the English Hub Lead. You will then work to provide intensive support for up to four schools. We are looking for enthusiastic practitioners, with expertise and a passion for phonics and early reading, who wish to take this opportunity to develop their expertise and to impact on schools across our region.



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Job Description**



Application Deadline

12pm Friday
21st June 2024

Author in the Spotlight

Nathan Bryon

Nathan Bryon is a BAFTA-nominated writer and a Sunday Times best-selling author and actor, who grew up eating as much Uxbridge Road Caribbean food as his bank balance would allow. Nathan has written for critically acclaimed CBeebies' animation Rastamouse, BAFTA award-winning Swashbuckle and on all three series of BAFTA-nominated Apple Tree House CBeebies alongside BAFTA-winning Gigglebizz.

Nathan's first book Look Up! (June 2019) was the number 1 picture book from a debut author and illustrator in 2019, on the Sunday Times Bestseller list, and won the overall Waterstones Children's book prize in 2020. Clean UP!, the follow up, was published in July 2020.

