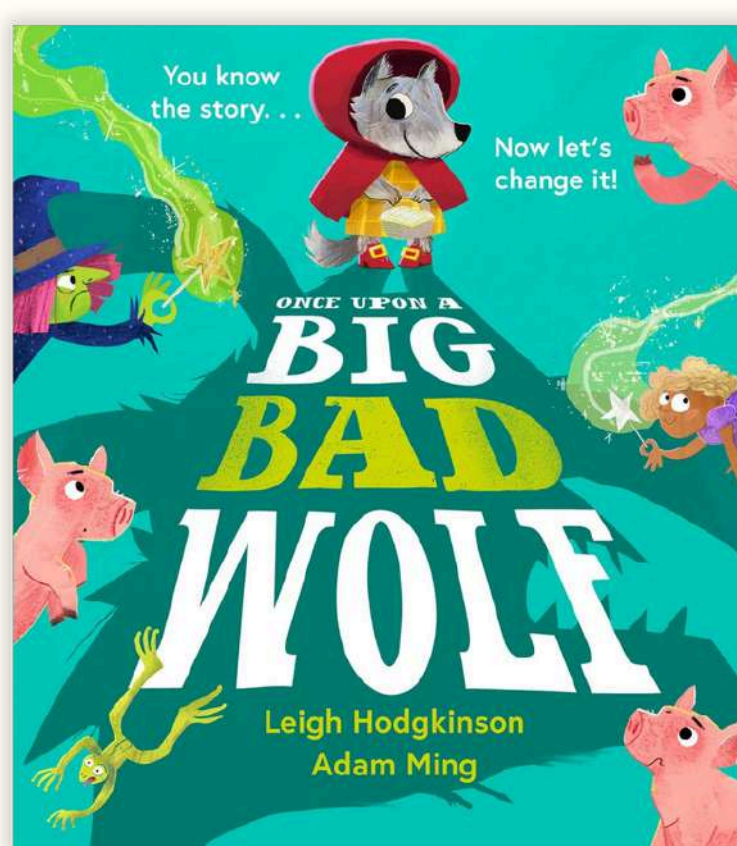
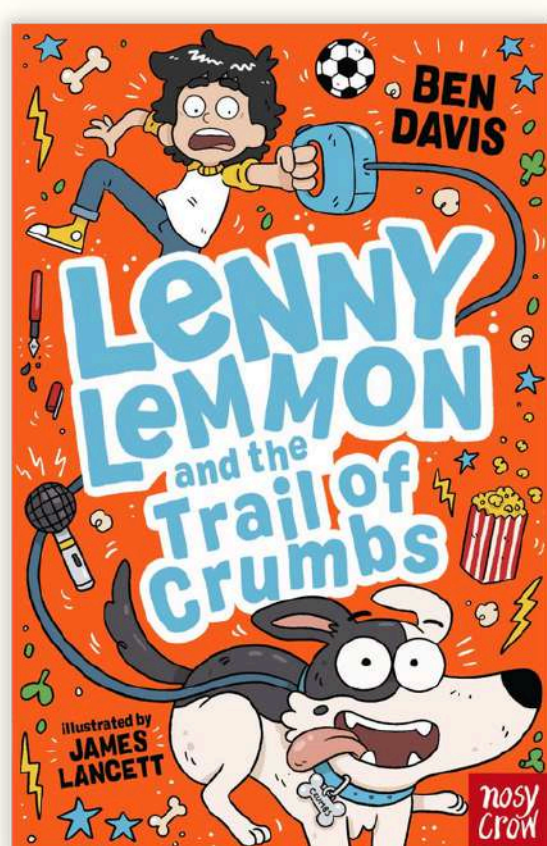
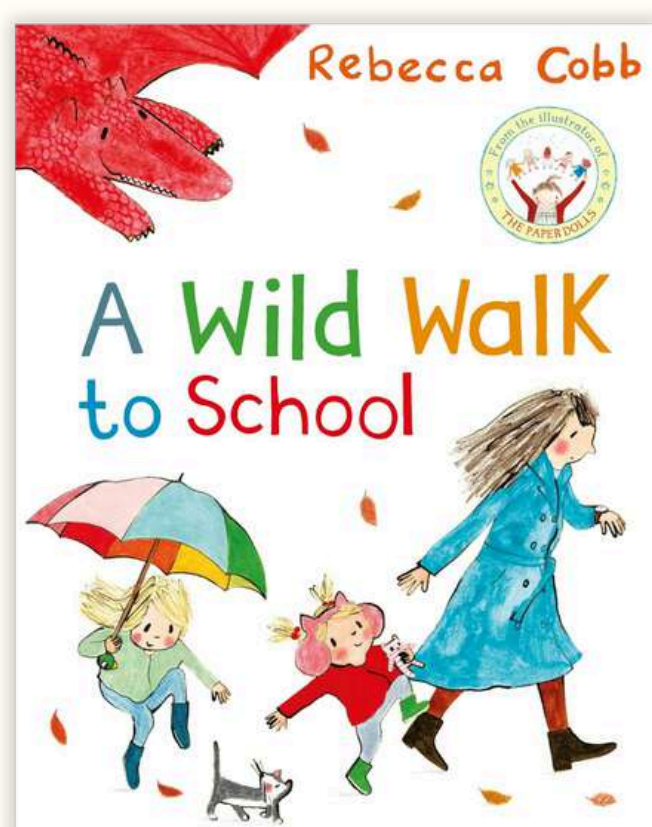




FREE VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS



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INSPIREAD BOOK AWARD FREE AUTHOR TALKS

As part of the InspiREAD Book Award, we are delighted to be inviting your primary school to join us for 6 FREE virtual events with shortlisted authors and illustrators – hooray!

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

The events are taking place on various days, throughout June 2025, and each talk will last around 30-40 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.
- The booking links are only shared with staff in your school (and not with pupils or families).
- Schools will need to register with a different email address per class/group watching the event. This is because once registered, staff will receive a unique joining link to use on the day and this link can only be used on one device, with the registered email address
- Staff registering for the events must use their school email address (personal email addresses are not allowed).



Have a question about the author events?
Please contact hayley.carter@sdsa.net



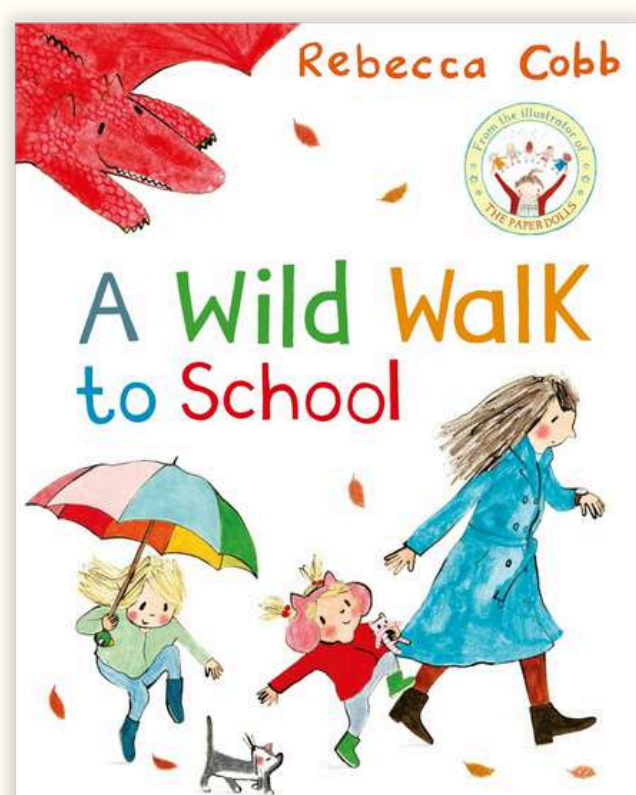
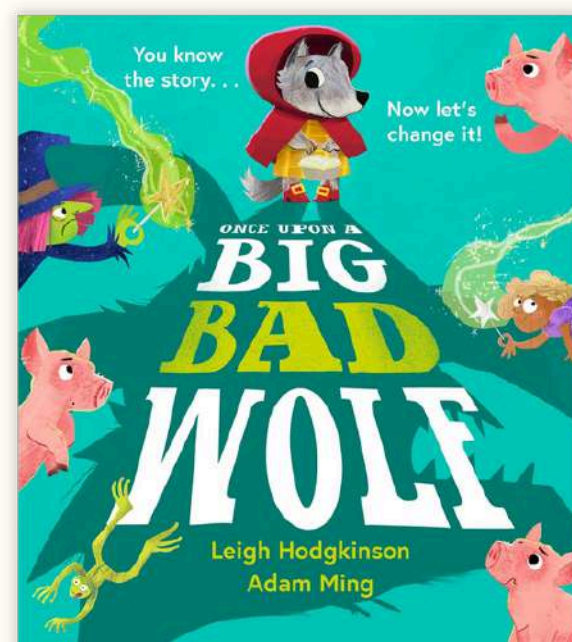
PICTURE BOOKS AUTHOR EVENTS

Once Upon a Big Bad Wolf

Leigh Hodgkinson

Tuesday 3 June | 10am

[Register here](#)



Rebecca Cobb

A Wild Walk to School

Thursday 12 June 2025 | 2pm

[Register here](#)



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SHORTER BOOKS AUTHOR EVENTS

Derek Keilty

**Ivy Newt and the
Storm Witch**

Thursday 5 June 2025 | 10am

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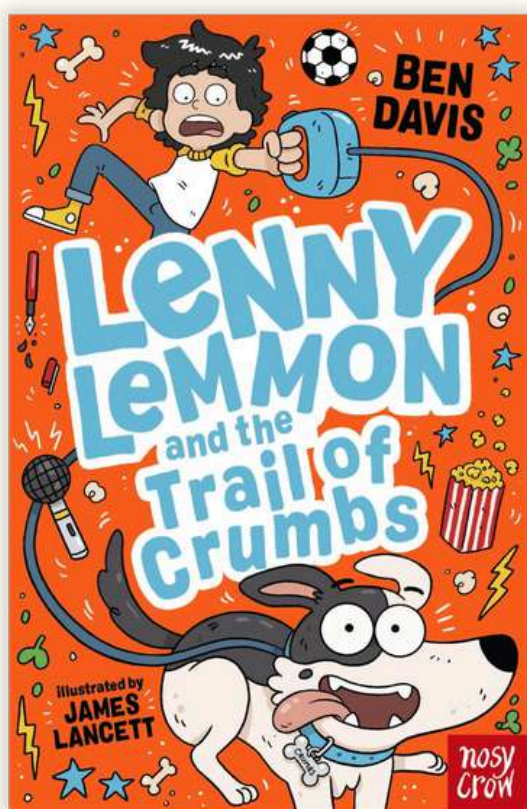


Ben Davis

**Lenny Lemmon and the
Trail of Crumbs**

Monday 16 June 2025 | 2pm

[Register here](#)



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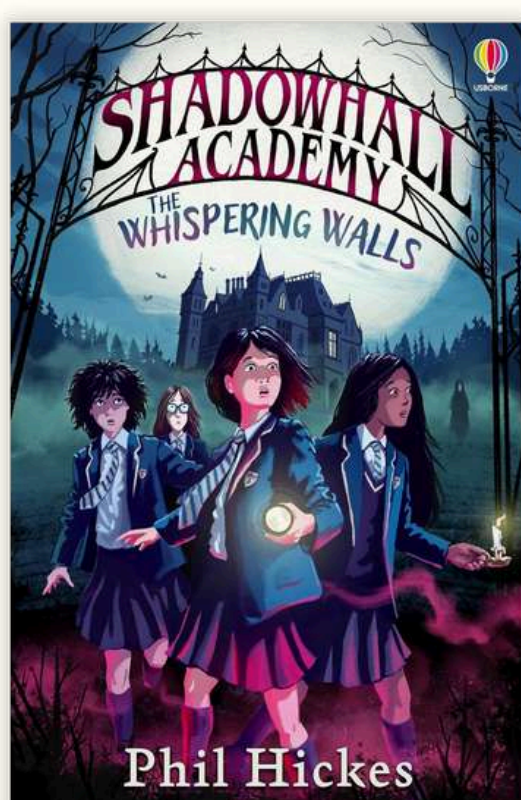
LONGER BOOKS AUTHOR EVENTS

Sam Sedgman

The Clockwork Conspiracy

Thursday 5 June 2025 | 2pm

[Register here](#)



Phil Hicke

The Whispering Walls

Tuesday 17 June 2025 | 2:15pm

[Register here](#)



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ABOUT INSPIREAD BOOK AWARD

The InspiREAD Book Award will run from Tuesday 6 May 2025.

The Award has three categories:

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



InspiREAD is **free** for all primary schools, teachers, parents, grandparents and carers, and encourages the sharing of reading for pleasure.

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 managed by Inspire: Education Library Service (ELS), who are based in Nottingham.

The Award is funded by Arts Council, Lottery Project Grant funding, Arc Partnership and Peters Social Value Fund.

As a partner with this Award, SDSA is organising the virtual author talks.



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