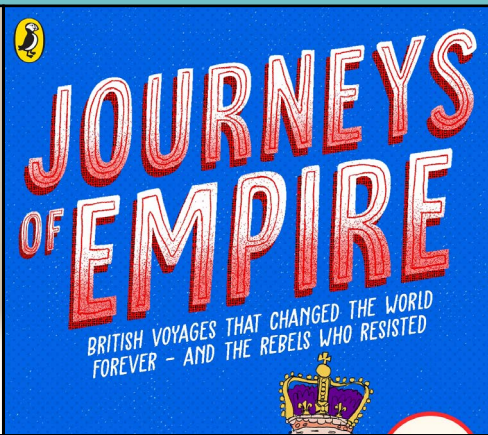


HENLEY LITERARY FESTIVAL

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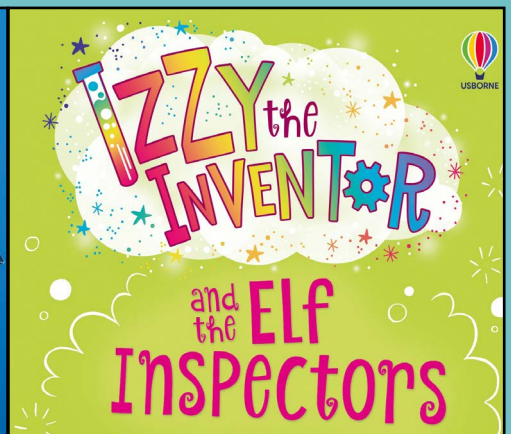
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MCGRAMMAR



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We are so pleased to announce Henley Literary Festival's 2025 Schools' Programme. With a huge variety of events for children across Key Stages 1 and 2, we think that this is our best yet!

All events (virtual and in-person tickets) are to be booked online via the links below. For in-person events, if you can't book online using a bank card for payment and require an invoice, please either fill in the form attached or [click here](#) to fill out a google form. We will then send across an invoice.

Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis and you will receive a confirmation email after booking. We will send you your tickets which will include venue details, before the event.

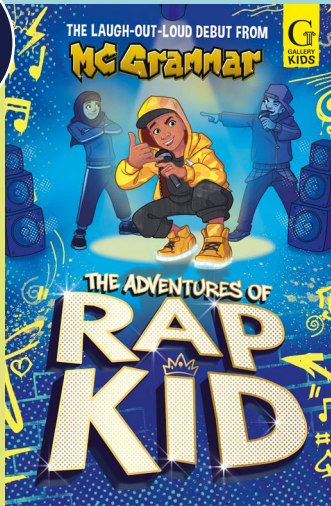
Following the success of the virtual events last year, we are streaming again for free to students in 2025.

We can't wait to welcome you all (in Henley or on screen!) to our fantastic line-up of schools' events this year. See p6 for frequently asked questions.



MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

10am



MC GRAMMAR THE ADVENTURES OF RAP KID

Drop the mic! Award-winning educator and star of Sky Kids' *Wonder Raps* **MC Grammar** comes to Henley for an epic event jam-packed with jokes, rhymes, music and maybe even a dance-off! Spreading the joy of working with words, the World Book Day ambassador will introduce his brand-new series *The Adventures of Rap Kid* featuring Z, his beat-boxing sidekick SFX and their super-slick teacher Mr G.

BOOK + IN-PERSON TICKET: £10
LIVE STREAMING: FREE

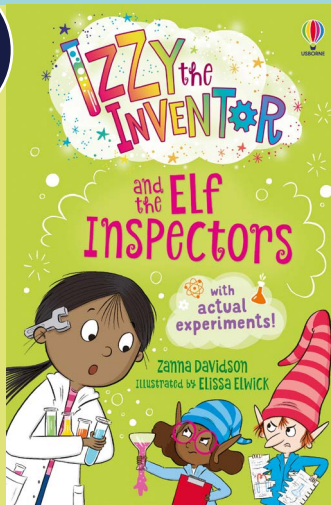
SUITABLE FOR
AGES 7-11 KS2

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[CLICK HERE TO BOOK VIRTUAL TICKETS](#)

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER

10am



ZANNA DAVIDSON IZZY THE INVENTOR AND THE ELF INSPECTORS

Join **Zanna Davidson**, creator of the *Izzy the Inventor* and *Billy and the Mini Monsters* series for a magical science adventure. Her latest book *Izzy the Inventor and the Elf Inspectors* is full of brilliant illustrations and actual experiments! Can you help Izzy outwit the trolls and ogres in Fairytale Land by acting out the story, bouncing eggs and making slime, water balloons and your own amazing inventions?

BOOK + IN-PERSON TICKET: £10
LIVE STREAMING: FREE

SUITABLE FOR
AGES 4-7 KS1

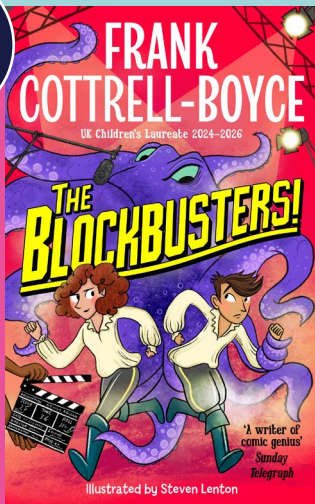
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TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER

12pm



FRANK COTTRELL-BOYCE THE BLOCKBUSTERS

Year 6 goes to Hollywood! New boy Rafa's likeness to a famous film star leads to a round-the-world adventure as he searches for his brother - and home. After *Millions*, *Runaway Robot* and *Noah's Gold*, Frank - writer of the London 2012 opening ceremony and the current Children's Laureate, returns to Henley with his hilarious and heart-warming latest book.

BOOK + IN-PERSON TICKET: £12.99
LIVE STREAMING: FREE

SUITABLE FOR
AGES 9-11 KS2

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK IN-PERSON TICKETS](#)

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK VIRTUAL TICKETS](#)

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

10am



DERMOT O'LEARY SPY FOX AND AGENT FEATHERS

Travel back to World War Two with Charles Redfearn, who happens to be both a world-class spy and a fox, and Gertrude Featherhorn, master code-breaker...and chicken! Bestselling author of *Wings of Glory* and *Toto the Ninja Cat* **Dermot O'Leary** - also one of Britain's best-loved broadcasters - returns to the festival to bring history alive in his brilliantly funny way.

BOOK + IN-PERSON TICKET: £10
LIVE STREAMING: FREE

SUITABLE FOR
AGES 7-11 KS2

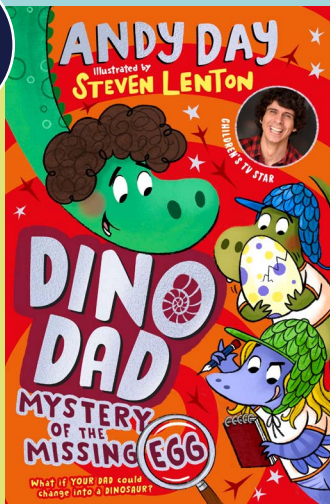
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THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

10am



ANDY DAY AND STEVEN LENTON DINO DAD: MYSTERY OF THE MISSING EGG

Dive into the world of dinosaurs with one of children's television's biggest stars and an award-winning illustrator as they share their latest *Dino Dad* book, *Mystery of the Missing Egg*. As a genuine and huge dinosaur fanatic, Andy peppers the hilarious *Dino Dad* stories with lots of real-life facts, and together with *Genie & Teeny* creator Steven Lenton they will bring Dinotropolis to life, here in Henley!

BOOK + IN-PERSON TICKET: £10
LIVE STREAMING: FREE

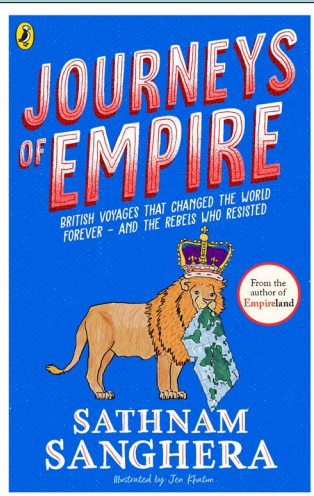
SUITABLE FOR
AGES: 4-7 KS1

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FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER

10am



SATHNAM SANGHERA JOURNEYS OF EMPIRE

The British empire is the biggest thing we ever did as a country. Bigger than World Wars, World Cups or James Bond, yet, we don't talk about it much. Now **Sathnam Sanghera**, the multi-award-winning author of *Empireland*, follows his No.1 children's bestseller *Stolen History* with an expert, engaging and essential look at empire, its epic journeys and the rebels who resisted, from Pocahontas to Gandhi's extraordinary Salt March, and how it continues to impact the world today.

BOOK + IN-PERSON TICKET: £10
LIVE STREAMING: FREE

SUITABLE FOR
AGES: 9-12 KS2

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK IN-PERSON TICKETS](#)

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK VIRTUAL TICKETS](#)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I BOOK MY TICKETS?

- You can book your tickets through our website www.henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk/2025-school-programme/. Your tickets will be emailed to you at least 10 days before the event.
- Tickets will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Links to view the live stream of an event (free of charge) will be sent to you at least 10 days before the event.
- All events last 45 minutes.

HOW CAN I GET A COPY OF THE AUTHOR'S BOOK?

- If you are coming to the event in person, all tickets include a copy of the book which will be handed to teachers on arrival.
- If you are tuning in online, our partner bookseller, The Bell Bookshop, will sell the authors' books at RRP. A flyer will be sent out to you in September, to put in book bags, explaining which books will be available and how your pupils can purchase them ahead of the event. Links to the books will also be sent to you by email before the event.

HOW MANY PUPILS CAN I BRING ALONG TO THE FESTIVAL?

- We would love to welcome as many pupils from your school as possible to the festival. Please note the recommended ages for events before booking.
- If you are watching the live stream, make sure as many pupils are watching as possible! We would love to know the maximum number you expect to be watching so we can let the authors know how big their audience is!
- We offer discounts for pupil premium students. Please email info@henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk for more details. There may be an opportunity due to grant funding to help with costs towards transport for some state schools. This is yet to be confirmed but please get in touch for more information should this be of interest.

HOW DO I WATCH THE EVENTS ONLINE?

- These events are live-streamed directly from the venue via Crowdcast (our streaming platform) and you will receive an email prior to the event with full details. Details on how to watch will be sent to you at least 10 days before the event.



BOOKING FORM

If you are unable to book online, please use the booking form below to book your tickets and send to info@henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk.

Please note, tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

SCHOOL	
CONTACT NAME	
EMAIL	
PHONE	
SCHOOL ADDRESS	

Details	Author and Book	In-person tickets	Pupil Premium ticket	Adults tickets	Total tickets
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