



## Newsletter | March 2023

### Welcome

This half term we attended the English Hub National Event, with all 34 Hubs in attendance. It was a wonderful day with lots of positive messages shared. Our Hub team are proud to work on such an exciting project and hearing that 853 schools graduated last year and another 844 schools have joined Hubs as a Partner School, this really highlights the work Hubs are doing to support schools. We were overjoyed to also hear that data shows that Hub Partner Schools outperformed schools nationally last year - well done to all involved in helping children to become readers.

There are more exciting plans for the Hub work which we look forward to sharing with schools soon. We will soon be planning our Partner Schools for next year, please look out for further information on this coming soon. If you would like more information on becoming a Partner School please visit our [website](https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk) or email us at: [englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk)

### Wensum English Hub Events

20<sup>th</sup> March - World Storytelling Day  
21<sup>st</sup> March - World Poetry Day  
21<sup>st</sup> March - Role of the Reading Lead: Session 2  
28<sup>th</sup> March - Early Language: Session 3  
18<sup>th</sup> April - [Ask a Literacy Specialist Clinic](#)  
23<sup>rd</sup> April - World Book Night  
25<sup>th</sup> April - Role of the Reading Lead: Session 3  
27<sup>th</sup> April - TSRC Session 4  
5<sup>th</sup> May - Talk Through Stories Training  
15<sup>th</sup> May - [Ask a Literacy Specialist Clinic](#)  
16<sup>th</sup> May - Role of the Reading Lead: Session 4  
23<sup>rd</sup> May - Early Language: Session 4  
24<sup>th</sup> May: [9 Main Cause of Reading Difficulty CPD](#)

### Partner/Graduate Schools

#### Important Dates

Please see below for any important dates coming up this term.

**30<sup>th</sup> March** - Partner Schools SSP data for YR-Y2 to be submitted  
**26<sup>th</sup> April** - RWI Partner and Graduate School Reading Lead/Tutoring Training  
**28<sup>th</sup> April** - Partner Schools and Graduate Schools PSC Mock to be submitted  
**2<sup>nd</sup> May** - Partner Schools and Graduate Schools Reading Lead Network Meeting  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May** - Graduate Schools RWI RL Training  
**5<sup>th</sup> May** - Talk Through Stories Training  
**25<sup>th</sup> May** - Partner Schools SSP data for YR-Y2 to be submitted



## Reading for Pleasure Summer Conference



We are excited to announce that we are working alongside Myland English Hub to host our first face-to-face Reading for Pleasure Conference on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

We are delighted to be joined by **Teresa Cremin, Debbie Thomas, Charlotte Raby** and the Ruth Rendell Award winner **Nigel Lungenmuss-Ward**, who will be speaking about how to develop Reading for Pleasure in schools.

Tickets are free but limited to two per school. To register your interest please [click here](#) or see our flyer for more information.

## Norfolk Reading Project



The Norfolk Reading Project

We are delighted to support Norfolk Reading Project to help more children read in school. The charity recognises that it is increasingly difficult for teachers to hear children read on a one-on-one basis with the classroom. Trained Reading Support Volunteers can help fill this gap.

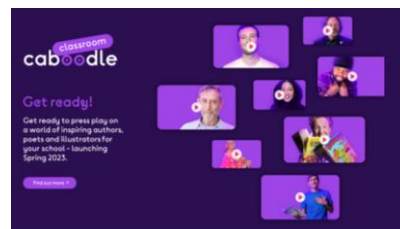
If you would like more information on accessing volunteer support or volunteering for Norfolk Reading Project click [here](#).

## 9 Main Causes of Reading Difficulty CPD



On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, we will be welcoming Katie Selwood and Eleanor Broome from All Aboard Learning, known for the Amazon best seller, '9 Main Causes of Reading Difficulty' to deliver this free CPD session exploring these challenges in more detail. Please see the attached flyer for more information or click [here](#) to register your interest.

## Caboodle Classroom



We are delighted to inform you that Authors Aboard and Caboodle Books have launched their new Caboodle Classroom [website](#).

Caboodle Classroom is a new, affordable and inclusive virtual author visit service. Working with over 250+ authors, illustrators and poets, Caboodle Classroom aims to bring virtual author visits to schools across the UK.

As an introductory offer, Caboodle Classroom are offering a 10% discount to schools who have worked/engaged with Wensum English Hub. [Contact us](#) for your special discount code.



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## Ofsted Feedback



Congratulations to two of our Partner Schools, **Heacham Infant School** and **Pulham Primary** who both received positive feedback for reading in their latest Ofsted reports.

Heacham Infant School have shown over the last two years how committed they are to reading - which was highlighted in their latest report *"The school has a superb range of quality reading materials, which are found in every corner of the school. This includes a popular and well-used school library."*

Pulham Primary are in their first year as a Partner School, received this glowing feedback: *"The teaching of reading is excellent. It helps pupils to learn phonics, develop reading fluency and become proficient readers."*

Well done to all staff and children involved. We look forward to seeing how your journey develops even further.

If you are a Partner School please remember to send us a copy of your report.

After the excellent feedback we received for our Deep Dive webinar we hope to run these again in the future. Look out for dates announced on our [website](#).

## UKLA Reading for Pleasure Quality Mark



We are thrilled to announce the launch of the *UKLA/OU Quality Mark*. The RfP quality mark recognises and rewards schools which have developed, embedded and enriched their RfP culture and ethos with recognisable impact on staff knowledge and practice.

If you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity, you are invited to register for the RfP CPD and QM introductory session to find out more. For [more information](#) visit the OU RfP website.

## Partner Schools

### Literacy Specialist Days

If you need to cancel/postpone a Literacy Specialist Day within 72 hours please [email](#) Chantal Cooke or phone 01603 426438. Literacy Specialist Days that need rearranging before this time can be done so via your usual Literacy Specialist. Please ensure that English Hub Admin is copied into any cancellations. Thank you.

### Maternity Leave

Please note Annabel Brighton and Sophie Chilvers have begun their maternity leave. Please ensure you copy us into any emails whilst they are on leave to make sure that you receive a quick response.



## Book Recommendations



### Moon Flight by Gill Lewis

Can a timid rat ever become a hero? Tilbury is about to find out on the adventure of a lifetime, journeying across the sea to the realm of the dreaded White Death, to return a priceless diamond to its rightful owners. A marvellous adventure begins and a truly intrepid hero is born.

## Partner Schools 2023-25

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### English Hubs

At our latest National Event, the Department of Education announced that we will continue to support schools next academic year.

If you are interested in becoming a Partner School and receiving free intensive support from our highly trained Literacy Specialist please let us know.

We will be holding a free online briefing with more information into what a Partner School can offer in the Summer term. [Click here](#) to [email](#) your interest.

## Graduation



This Summer we will be proudly graduating our Wave 3 Partner Schools. We are awaiting further information on the graduation process from the Department of Education and will share this information with you as soon as it becomes available.

To celebrate everyone's hard work we are inviting all Reading Leads to our Graduation Ceremony on **11<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. Further information will be shared via email as soon as possible.

## Twitter

We are on Twitter! You can follow us at [@WensumEngHub](#)



Feel free to 'tag' us and share your success stories with us or [email](#) anything you would like us to share.

## Finally...

We wish you all a wonderful and restful Easter break and we look forward to supporting you in the Summer term

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