



Newsletter | October 2023

Welcome

What a busy half term it has been! We hope you have had an inspiring start to the new school year. It was wonderful to see that National PSC for 2023 raised to 79%. In addition standards in maths, writing and reading in KS1 also increased! This is due to the hard work and dedication of staff, leaders and children. If you are feeling disappointed with your results, or feel that there is still room for improvement; join us for one of our **free information briefing sessions** to find out how we can support all schools, including Junior, SEN, PRU, Infant and Primary schools. We are delighted to announce that we are now offering additional Literacy Specialist days for Junior and SEN schools. If you are interested in working with our Hub, please complete our **Self-Referral form**.

This month kicked off this year's Transforming your School's Reading Culture, which sees participants engaging deeply with reading for pleasure pedagogy and leadership theory to transform their school's reading culture. For a list of our **FREE CPD** visit our website or see the attached flyers.

As always, if you require any advice or support in phonics, early reading and early language please contact a member of our team and we will endeavour to help.

My school already has an SSP in place, can we still receive support and funding?



If your school uses a DfE validated SSP programme, Wensum English Hub is still able to provide specific support to your school using your existing programme. We can offer resources, decodable books, online subscriptions, training and bespoke SSP support. Up to £9,000 can be used to access any or all support mentioned above. If this is something you'd be interested in for your school, we are providing Support and Funding Briefings online delivered by our English Hub Lead. Click [here](#) to book a place!



Wensum English Hub Events



Please find below a list of our free CPD offer for 2023-24. Further events will be added. Please check our website, Twitter or LinkedIn for updated information.

2023/24 – [Early Language Programme](#)
(applications close on the 20th October!)

12th January 2024 – [The Learning Lady: Early Years Authors!](#)

15th January 2024 – [The Learning Lady: Sensory Stories \(remote\)](#)

31st January 2024 – [Teaching Reading in KS2 with Rachel Clarke](#)

March 2024 – [Phonics for SEN Webinar series with Ann Sullivan \(3 remote sessions\)](#)

20th March 2024 – [Promoting a Love of Reading for All \(remote conference\)](#)

9th May 2024 – [Talk Through Stories](#)

Partner/Graduate Schools Important Dates

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

19th October - RWI Building an Expert Team Reading Leader Training (face to face)

19th October - Partner Schools **SSP data** for YR-Y2 to be submitted

31st October – ELS bespoke training for Graduate Schools. Click [here](#) to sign up.

30th November – Partner and Graduate Schools **PSC Prediction** data to be submitted

18th December – Partner Schools **SSP data** for YR-Y2 to be submitted

23rd January 2024 – Little Wandle training for Partner Schools: Developing Consistency in Teaching of Early Reading

23rd April 2024 – Little Wandle training for Partner Schools: Preparing for the Phonics Screening

New Email Address



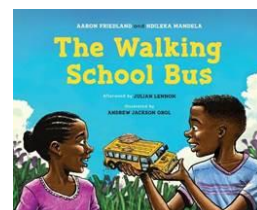
We now have a new email address for any invoices or other **finance** related enquiries at:

englishhubfinance@wensumtrust.org.uk

For general enquiries please continue to use:

englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk

Book Recommendation



The Walking School Bus by Aaron Friedland and Ndileka Mandela

Written by the founder of The Simbi Foundation, a non-profit organisation helping children around the world access education, this picture book illustrates the power of resilience, as well as opening up a discussion on how education differs in various parts of the world.

SSP Updates

Time for Phonics

Time for Phonics have revamped their Phase 1 scheme to extend it beyond the existing 10 weeks, with:

- Added tuff tray suggestions that span each week
- New resources
- Additional adult-led input ideas
- Presentations that contain sounds and games to play on your whiteboard

ELS

With your ELS subscription you can access the Phonics Tracker to track your assessment data at no additional cost. You can sign up via their website.

McKie Mastery

- McKie Mastery Power Phonics are offering schools free face to face/remote training for your whole school
- Schools already working with an English Hub can receive 10% off resources. You can visit [their website](#) for more information

LearnPhonics!

LearnPhonics are currently offering a free trial for all Phase 2 planning and resources. Customers can receive a 20% discount on Junior Decodable books with the code "LEARNPHONICS".

Supporting Early Language Programme

Applications for the Supporting Early Language Development programme are closing on the 20th October – complete [this form](#) to express an interest in joining us!

We are pleased to be delivering the Supporting Early Language Programme for a second year.

Recommended by the Department for Education, this programme is research based and focussed on ensuring the very best outcomes in early language development. It is designed for delegates who are EYFS, KS1 and Primary English Leads. During the course of the programme, delegates will engage meaningfully with early language pedagogy and plan how to initiate and sustain change within your school. Discussion is built into the programme structure and is based around the evidence presented to ensure rigour. Delegates will need to attend 6 sessions and complete gap tasks in between sessions.

Little Wandle Webinar

**16th November 3.45pm - 4.45pm:
Reading for Pleasure Webinar**

Little Wandle is offering a free webinar on exploring your early reading journey, how that has impacted who you are today and how you can use that experience to get to know your class. Come prepared to work collaboratively and learn a lot! You can book your place [here](#).

Dyslexia and Other Barriers Webinar with Pearsons

31st October 3.45pm - 4.30pm

This free webinar spotlights Dyslexia Awareness Month and uncovers what dyslexia is, how it impacts reading development and how you can support dyslexic learners. You will explore how the Simple View of Reading model can support you to identify children who would benefit from reading interventions or additional support. You can book your place [here](#).

Support and Funding Briefings

Would you like to find out more about potential funding and literacy support for your school?

Wensum English Hub is fully funded by the DfE to support schools with phonics and early reading – schools in a priority area may be eligible for up to £9,000!

We help schools achieve excellent teaching through developing early language, closing the word gap, approaching early reading through systematic synthetic phonics, and promoting a love of reading.

If you think your school would benefit from funding and bespoke support, [join us](#) for a 30 minutes online briefing led by our English Hub Lead.

Briefing dates:

- Tuesday 31st October 3.15pm - 3.45pm
- Tuesday 7th November 10.30am - 11am
- Thursday 30th November 1.00pm - 1.30pm

Spotlight Event – The Learning Lady: Early Years Authors | Friday 12th January 2024 9am - 3pm at The Links, Cromer

Wensum English Hub are delighted to welcome Emma Spiers for a free course exploring the world of early authorship, gaining invaluable insights and practical solutions to create an amazing early writing classroom which inspires and supports our youngest learners at every step along their early writing journey.

You will learn how to teach the essential knowledge required to nurture brilliant writers, how to help young authors exercise their 'writing muscles' every day in your EFYS classroom, what to do to inspire early writers ensuring their writing is highly valued, and why some children find writing a massive challenge.

You will take away a blueprint for what early writers need with a simple framework for achieving jaw dropping EFYS writing, a bank of easy and tested ideas to use right away, top tips and suggestions for establishing a writing culture from the start, as well as answers to all your early writing questions.

Lunches will be provided, register your interest [here!](#)

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