



## Newsletter | December 2023

We are already reaching the end of 2023 and we have had a very busy term reaching out to schools in need of literacy support. We have carried out Literacy Specialist visits at schools and worked with schools to promote a love of reading amongst pupils. We have some very exciting CPD opportunities coming up next term which are all free of charge, you can find links to them throughout this newsletter.

This term, members of our team also attended our National DfE Conference. This was a great networking event, meeting up with the other 33 English Hubs to share ideas and build on our current offer. It was also great to hear from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, as he shared his praise for the work of the Hub and our Partner Schools. If you would like more information on how to become a Partner School - please see below for dates of our Support and Briefing sessions.

Thank you to all the schools who participate in improving children's opportunities in reading and writing, Wensum English Hub wishes you a Merry Christmas and an inspiring start to 2024. Our team will be taking a well earned rest over the school break but we look forward to continuing working with you in the Spring and Summer terms.

### I'm a Junior School, what help can I get?



Junior and Special schools, as well as Pupil Referral Units, are encouraged to request support and funding from their local English Hub. The DfE have allocated a specific source of funding for Junior schools this year which ends in July 2024. Schools may be eligible for funding resources as well as Literacy Specialist days.

If you think your school would benefit from Wensum English Hub's support, please fill out our [Self-Referral Form](#) and someone from our team will get back to you.



## Key Dates for Partner/Graduate Schools

**18<sup>th</sup> December:** Autumn 2 SSP Phonics data due

**23<sup>rd</sup> January:** Little Wandle training - Developing consistency in the teaching of Early Reading (schools to sign up via the email link sent to schools)

**15<sup>th</sup> February:** Spring 1 SSP Phonics data due

**29<sup>th</sup> February:** PSC Mock results for Y1 & Y2 due

**29<sup>th</sup> February:** Read Write Inc. training – Getting to Grips with Graphemes

## Support and Funding Online Briefing

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 or Education Investment Area (PIA/EIA) may be eligible for up to £9,000! If you think your school would benefit from funding and bespoke support, join us for a 30 minute online briefing led by our English Hub Lead.

New dates available:

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December: 1:15-1:45pm
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: 3:30-4:00pm
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January: 10:30-11:00am
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January: 3:30-4:00pm
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February: 10:30-11:00am

Click [here](#) to book a place!

## Our Free CPD Offers



**12th January:** Early Years Authors course with Emma Spiers click [here](#) to register your interest

**15th January:** Sensory Stories Webinar with Emma Spiers click [here](#) to book a free ticket

**31st January:** Teaching Reading in KS2 with Rachel Clarke click [here](#) to register your interest

**7th March - 21st March:** Phonics for SEN Webinar with Ann Sullivan (3 sessions) click [here](#) to register your interest

**20th March:** Promoting a Love of Reading for All remote conference click [here](#) to register your interest

**9th May:** Talk Through Stories training with Nick Cannon click [here](#) to register your interest

## Ofsted



A note on Ofsted reports – if you are a graduate or partner school, please inform us if you have had a visit/once your report is published.

Equally, if you have had an Ofsted visit where reading has been praised we would love to hear about this!

## SSP Updates



- **ELS** Webinar delivered by Tara Dodson and Karra McFarlane 'Deep-Dive into Early Reading' Tuesday 7th December 4pm -5pm, click [here](#) for a ticket
- Evolve Days (in-school training days) now available to book for Spring Term, it may be possible to apply for funding towards these visits. Click [here](#) to register
- ELS Reading Lead training is now available to book! You can book your place [here](#)



**Ruth Miskin Training** will be hosting a variety of free events, including Special Schools: introduction to RWI and Leadership taster session. [Click here](#) to sign up and view their sessions.



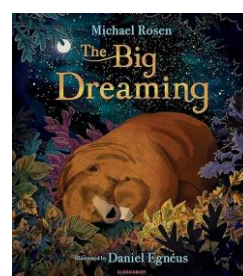
- On demand CPD recordings for **Sounds-Write** schools. Your school can access them through the portal
- Free Webinars arriving in the Spring term will be advertised on their [Eventbrite](#) page. Upcoming webinars will include: Early Reading Deep Dive (Ofsted), Reading Interventions, Spelling Interventions and Working with Older Learners

## Fonetti – The Read Aloud App

Fonetti is an award-winning interactive read aloud platform that leverages proprietary patented Automatic Speech Recognition developed specifically for read speech. The app can be used in schools, where children can use it independently and read books at their level with no adults needed. Their unique AI analyses children's reading and reports it back to teachers in their web-based school portal. The Fonetti School Portal provides teachers with accurate, personalised pupil assessment data to support their pupils' individual reading needs.

You can get a 30 day free trial for your school [here!](#)

## Book Recommendation



### The Big Dreaming

**By Michael Rosen and Daniel Egnéus**

Children's Laureate, Michael Rosen returns with this beautiful storybook illustrated by Daniel Egnéus. This is an ideal story for bedtime, where Little Bear collects dreams to get him ready for winter hibernation, but must hurry back to Big Bear before the Cold sets in. A cosy tale perfect to read at home this winter.

## Reading Framework for Primary Strategic Leaders

The Department for Education is pleased to announce a free 60-minute webinar on the 'Reading Framework for Primary Strategic Leaders', delivered by English Hubs. The webinar will provide an opportunity for School Leaders, Reading Leads, Governors and Local Authorities to understand the recently expanded [Reading Framework](#) and will discuss what has been added to the Reading Framework since 2021. The webinar will also discuss five key messages that all primary leaders should know. The webinar runs on numerous dates and schools only need to attend one date.

### Dates

- 4<sup>th</sup> December 3:30-4:30pm, click [here](#)
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 12-1pm click [here](#)
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 4-5pm, click [here](#)
- 7<sup>th</sup> December 3:45-4:45pm, click [here](#)
- 7<sup>th</sup> December 4-5pm, click [here](#)

## Oxford University Press



- **DfE Reading Framework – understanding the key areas and what they mean for your school:** Free webinar recording available [here](#)
- **New ELS Impact Study –** find out [here](#) how Essential Letters & Sounds has enabled teachers to deliver consistent and structured phonics teaching
- **Readerful –** a book collection designed to motivate and support young readers through primary school, regardless of which Phonics program your school uses. Order a free taster pack [here](#)!

## LoveReading4Kids



LoveReading4Kids is a children's book recommendation website which **donates 25% of the book's cost to the school of your choice**, enabling them to buy books for their library. This encourages reading for all ages and delivers better outcomes for children. In addition, you'll receive 10% off the RRP on a huge selection of titles!

Schools can create an account with LoveReading4Schools to access a portal which enables schools to create tailored reading lists or adopt the recommended reading lists for every year group and key curriculum areas. If you want to sign up your school, click [here](#).

**Partner/Graduate schools** can contact us if they are unsure if they have an account or a balance to spend on LoveReading4Kids books.

Watch [this video](#) to find out more about LoveReading4Kids, how to apply for funding and the benefits it can bring your school!

## Social Media

To keep up to date with any announcements, events, and vacancies follow us on social media:



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[Our LinkedIn](#)

Visit [our website](#) for more details, including links to register your interest for CPD offers and other literacy resources