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## Newsletter | Summer 1

### Welcome

It feels like Summer 1 has passed by in the blink of an eye. It has been a short but action packed half term for us all. This term saw the build up to the Phonic Screening Check (PSC) and we hope that our free CPD and blog have been helpful in preparing you and your children for the check. We wish all schools the best of luck in all the National Assessments happening in the Summer term.

In other news, you may have heard the English Hub on BBC Radio Norfolk recently talking about the decline in reading and writing standards in Norfolk – as always, we are on hand to support schools with both funding and partner school support in order to help drive results across both Norfolk and Suffolk. Please reach out to a member of our team for more information.

This term our Hub team also attended our National Hubs event - read on for more information on how our offer is growing to support more children across England!

### Partner/Graduate Schools

#### Important Dates

Please see below for any important dates coming up this academic year.

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Partner and Graduate School SSP data to be submitted

**9<sup>th</sup> June – 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonic Screening Check week

**17<sup>th</sup> June 3.45pm-5pm** – [Essential Letters and Sounds Webinar Partner School Webinar](#): Making Phonics Count: Using Data to Guide Teaching

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Phonic Screening Check scores to be submitted to English Hub

**2<sup>nd</sup> July** – [Graduation Ceremony/New Partner School Onboarding Event](#)

**18<sup>th</sup> July** – [Partner and Graduate School SSP data to be submitted](#)

### Wensum English Hub



All of our events are FREE to attend

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – Reading Ambition for All (**NEW** for 2025)

**20<sup>th</sup> June & 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Making a Strong Start in September (**NEW** for 2025)

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** – How to be Wise About Words: Session 3 (**NEW** for 2025)

**24<sup>th</sup> June** – Transforming your Schools  
Reading Culture: Session 5

**2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Graduation/New Partner School  
Event

**7<sup>th</sup> July** – Developing Early Language: Session 6



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## Updates on the English Hubs Programme



This term, all Hubs across England met with the English Hubs Delivery team to hear about the updates for next academic year- and it's exciting!

### Writing

The Department for Educational are currently commissioning 'The Writing Framework' which is due to be released later on this academic year. This bring exciting news to our English Hub, as once published, we will be able to expand our FREE CPD offer to support schools across the country with writing, as well as reading and early language!

### Secondary Schools Pilot

This term, it was announced that the English Hub delivery will be expanding to include supporting and funding **Secondary schools** as a pilot scheme initially! This is welcome news to all, as we are aware that our work is not done until every child is able to read. Look out for more details in Summer 2, when we open our diary to schools to book onto briefings on how to apply for funding *and* Partner School Support!

### FREE Fluency CPD

NEW for 2025-26 – The (yet to be named) DfE approved **Fluency Programme**, designed for HfL Education, we will bring our 5-half day sessions training programme to schools across Norfolk and Suffolk. Schools are able to sign up to register their interest in the fluency CPD and our other core CPD programmes on Reading for Pleasure, Early Language, Reading Ambition for All: Teaching children with SEND and our bespoke Wise About Words courses



### **WE ARE BLOGGING!**

Have you checked out our new blogs?  
We are excited to be expanding our support through working with experts in English, reading and leadership.

You can read our new blogs on our [website](#).  
More will be added in the very near future!

## Partner School Information

Please see below for some reminders for our Partner Schools.

### Cancelling Literacy Specialist Day

We understand that sometimes you may need to postpone your Literacy Specialist Day. Please can we ask if you need to give less than 48 hours' notice that you call us (01603 426438) to cancel. This allows us time to contact the Literacy Specialists to save a wasted trip.

### Data

We thank all schools who have submitted their data on time this academic year. We have 3 more submission dates, including your PSC scores. Please ensure all data is to us at the latest by the deadline shared.

### Ofsted

If you are expecting Ofsted, we ask that you let us know soon after the visit as possible, in order for us to update our records.

## Empathy Lab



### Join EmpathyLab Schools Programme in the coming year

Harness the power of reading to embed empathy as a core practice and value in your school community. Enrich PSHE, SMSC or Literacy curricula, and improve outcomes across wellbeing, reading for pleasure, and active citizenship.

EmpathyLab are recruiting a cohort of schools in Norfolk for next academic year who will benefit from a reduced cost and work collaboratively on developing teacher practice to build real life empathy through books.

Explore an overview of the programme and hear from school leaders about the sustained impact. Plus Q&A to answer questions you might have.

To read more about the programme visit the EmpathyLab website and to attend the briefing, complete the [expression of interest form](#) at the bottom of the page: <https://empathylab.uk/empathy-schools/>

## Book Recommendations



Tom Percival is back with 'Sammy Feels Shy' – part of his Big Bright Feelings series.

The Big Bright Feelings series is the ideal starting point for discussions about mental and emotional health, positive self-image, building self-confidence and managing feelings.



With the DfE announcing the expansion of the English Hub Programme for 2025/26 we have two exciting roles available!

[Full Time Hub Admin](#)

[Literacy Specialist](#) – Secondary

This is an exciting time to be joining a team of passionate and experienced primary teaching practitioners, as we embark on supporting even more schools across Norfolk and Suffolk!



## Graduation/New Partner School Ceremony



We are delighted to bring together all of our Graduating schools and our New Partner Schools on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

All schools should have received their invitation via email. Please ensure that [you confirm your attendance](#). Lunch will be provided and you may just receive some goodies to share with your school!

The event will be split into two parts 9.15am - 1.15pm for Graduate Schools and 12.15pm - 4.15pm for New Partner Schools.

If you have any questions regarding the day please contact us at [englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk).

## CPD for 2025-26

**COMING SOON**

We are now planning ahead to 2025-26 and are excited to announce we will be continuing to deliver our cord DfE Approved CPD programme. See our flyer below for more information and the sign-up link.

All programmes have been commissioned and designed by experts in their fields. Sessions will be FREE to attend, but places are limited

In addition to our core programme, we will also be delivering further CPD throughout the year. You can have your say on what we deliver by [filling in this short form](#).

As always, all sessions will be free to attend. All events will be shared on our website and on our social media platforms.

## Social Media



We are on **Facebook** – make sure you are following up to keep up to date on all the latest news and advice.

You can also find us on the following social media platforms:

**Instagram** (@Wensumenglish\_hub)

**LinkedIn**(@WensumEnglish-Hub)

**X** (@Wensumenghub)

## Open University Booknic



The OURfP team invite you to host a Booknic with your school, class, or reading group! A chance to read, relax, eat and discuss books together, to build reading together memories and offer support for reading. Research shows that social reading environments matter, find out more by visiting their [website](#). Remember to share with us and the OURfP team your photos by tagging Wensum English Hub and #OURfPBooknic!



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## Making a Strong Start in Teaching Phonics in September

Wensum English Hub are delighted to deliver training in How to start teaching phonics in Reception and Year 1 and make all the difference.

This training is aimed at all phonics teachers from Student Teacher through to School Leaders and is suitable for ALL phonics programmes.

### We will show you how to:

- Ensure pace, progress and consistency
- Reinforce Phonics throughout the day
- Ensure no child gets left behind – 'Keep Up' not 'Catch Up)
- Give EYFS children the best start to their Phonics journey
- Top Tips for the academic year

### This is the perfect training for you if you are....

- Headteachers
- Reception Teachers
- Year 1 Teachers
- Phonics / Reading Leads



### Dates:

20<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 1.15pm – 2.45pm

or

26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - 3.30pm – 5pm

Venue: Online Via Zoom



For more information

email:englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk

**Making a Strong Start in Teaching Phonics in September**

<https://forms.gle/zR7Ws4yFKmAkttm19>

**Deadline for Booking: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025**



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SUPPORT AND FUNDING AND  
BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN  
A FREE BOOK FOR YOUR  
SCHOOL!!**

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*The support received from Wensum Hub has been transformative for our school. We now have a clear and consistent approach to Phonics teaching, tutoring and development. Wensum Hub have also supported the school through a challenging time with changes of leadership, offering additional LS days to train up a new reading lead. I can't thank the amazing team enough for their knowledgeable and passionate*

”  
*support and guidance*

If your school is based in Norfolk or Suffolk – please contact us for support and funding.



Fill out a self referral form [here](#) to be in a monthly draw to win a book!



For more information

email:[englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk](mailto:englishhubadmin@wensumtrust.org.uk)

**Funded Reading Review**

<https://forms.gle/hXqmDkJhfvwnpr2d9>

**Deadline for Booking: June 2025**

**NB: We currently have funding for a certain number of reading reviews, once we reach this limit we will be unable to offer dates until September 2025**



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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CPD IN 25/26

**Reading Ambition for All: Teaching children who need the most support, including those with SEND** - This DfE funded programme explores the appropriate teaching, support, and provision for the lowest-attaining children in reading, with a particular focus on those with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

**Supporting Early Language Development** - The Supporting Early Language Development programme is research based and focused on ensuring the very best outcomes in early language development.

**Transforming Schools Reading Culture** - During the course of the programme, participants will engage deeply with reading for pleasure pedagogy and leadership theory to transform their school's reading culture.

**How to be Wise About Words** - you will learn how to confidently deliver active and immersive techniques to effectively develop children's early language and oracy skills.

**NEW FOR 2025! - Fluency Project** - We are excited to launch our new DfE approved programme - designed by the experts at HfL Education from September 2025. Similar to our core CPD offers, the Fluency Project will be made up of 5 half day sessions and will focus on research and advice on how to develop the fluency of children in KS2. More information on the structure of the course and areas covered will be shared soon!

All of our CPD events are free to attend



To find out  
more and  
register your  
interest click  
here



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### DfE Approved CPD: Autumn 2025

We have now opened our Expression of Interest for our DfE approved core CPD Programmes

Transforming your Schools Reading Culture

Supporting Early Language Development

Reading Ambition for All

How to be Wise about Words

\*NEW\* Fluency

**Expression of Interest Form**

<https://forms.gle/oQBdHPrXPMfqYUdb7>



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