

STORY SMITH

Working with schools

As a community-focused bookshop in the heart of Southville and Bedminster, we want to **help the next generation of readers** come into contact with more books, authors and events that will help them discover the vital magic of reading. To do that, we believe it's essential to work with schools to ensure the reading experience is **inclusive, personal and representative** in all ways.

By choosing a local independent bookshop for these services your school will also be contributing to the literary health of the area. We're a **small team of book experts** with extensive experience in the publishing industry, and we also happen to be passionate book-lovers. We'd love to help your school bring all this to your pupils and share our enthusiasm with you.

What can we do for your school?

Library and classroom re-stocking

Using our suppliers, we can arrange for ordering, delivery and complete re-stocking of books for libraries, with help and advice on which books should be in every school library. We'll work closely with you to make sure all the correct age ranges and subject areas are catered for. Any size of library or classroom is fine by us, and we can work to a tight brief. We also provide discounts for large school orders.

Bespoke reading lists

Need some ideas for revamping the books in your classroom? We'll come up with the perfect selection: fiction or non-fiction, catered to specific age groups, curriculum requirements and subject areas, ensuring diversity and representation. No brief is too challenging: we can source books on the most niche subjects and areas of interest, whether it's the latest YA hit everyone's talking about or a picture book which introduces themes of inclusivity through storytelling with animals - there's something out there for everyone.



Shop visits

When your school places an order with us, why not let the pupils come in and pick the books themselves? We can work with you to provide a tailored longlist of books for your pupils to choose from in a special after-school visit. We'll make it **a special occasion for a small group of pupils and teachers:** cake, hot chocolate and, most importantly, all those amazing books to pick (and we'll take care of any left over, too).

Author events

We work with publishers on a local and national level to bring writers and illustrators into schools for inspiring events. Our industry contacts mean we can do the hard work of setting it all up and looking after sales and signings on the day. We've helped

to host school events with picture book authors and illustrators like Paula Bowles and Sean Taylor, YA authors like Tom McLaughlin, Alice Broadway and Tom Pollock, all the way up to authors of adult fiction like Season Butler and Yvonne Battle-Felton.



Book sales and fairs

If you've already got an author booked in for an event, we can help your pupils take the magic home with them - our mobile set-up means we can sell books from pretty much anywhere. We'll sort out stock, pre-orders, cash and card sales on the day, and returning any unsold copies. We can do this for any of your school events, Christmas fairs and summer fetes etc.

School visit: 'The Life Cycle of a Book'

We have extensive first-hand experience of the publishing industry (one of us worked in production for various big publishing houses, one of us is a writer) and can offer stimulating and entertaining sessions on how a book becomes a book, from idea to manuscript to published book sitting proudly on the shelves in our shop.

Making sure every local school has the best books

It's important to us that the next generation of readers have access to the very best books. With that in mind, **we're donating copies** of *Saving Species* by Jess French and *The Missing Bookshop* by Katie Clapham to **every primary school library in our BS3 postcode**, and copies of Malala Yousafzai's *We Are Displaced* and the essay collection *Feminists Don't Wear Pink (and other lies)* for **every secondary school library**.

Get in touch

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