



# Author Visits

from Norfolk School Library Service

Work in partnership with Norfolk School Library Service to bring well known, published authors into your school. For more information or to book a visit, please contact our office.

<b>David Bedford</b> Full day: 6 Tokens Half day: 4 Tokens	New to Norfolk SLS. Author of over 60 books, David offers a variety of sessions from assemblies to creative writing workshops, and is able to tailor his visits for EFYS through to KS2.
<b>Clare Jarrett</b> Half day: 3 Tokens	Author and illustrator Clare is available for morning visits and can deliver author talks as well as writing and drawing workshops for KS1; and for KS2, an insight into how a book is made.
<b>Susannah Leigh</b> Full day: 3 Tokens Half day: 2 Tokens	Author of the successful Usborne Young Puzzle Books and the Sandy Lane Stables series, Susannah's sessions are targeted and very interactive. She prefers to work with small groups of up to 20, for both KS1 and 2. She is available for both full and half-day visits.
<b>Paeony Lewis</b> Full day: 5 Tokens	Working with KS1 and 2, Paeony offers a variety of full-day sessions, from talking about being an author to how she persevered through her own childhood experiences of dyslexia. She can also deliver shorter storytelling sessions for Nursery and Reception children.
<b>Gillian McClure</b> Full day: 6 Tokens Half day: 4 Tokens	Author and illustrator Gillian's sessions are highly interactive and include the use of drama, sketching, and puppets. She also offers "words and pictures" workshops as well as magical characters and other topics.
<b>Steve Parker</b> Full day: 5 Tokens Half day: 3 Tokens	We are continuing our very successful partnership with Steve Parker, award-winning author of over 300 non-fiction books. Steve holds interactive sessions with large or small groups. He enjoys KS2, 3 and 4, also short KS1 sessions. Emphases include research, imaginative information writing, and the role of teamwork.
<b>Alexander Gordon Smith</b> Full day: 6 Tokens Half day: 4 Tokens	Author of the successful 'Fury' series for Teens, Gordon offers both large group author talks and small writing workshops for KS 2, 3 and 4.
<b>Sheridan Winn</b> Half day: 4 Tokens	Sheridan is the author of the Sprite Sisters series and is available for half-day visits. Best for KS2, her class-sized writing workshops are great for developing plot and character story writing. Sheridan is also happy to do author talks to larger groups.

**Why use us to book a visit for your school? Turn over to find out...**

# **Interested in having an Author visit your school?**

## **Let us organise it for you!**

### **What we do:**

- We recommend remarkable writers who appeal to all ages and genders – from EYFS to KS4— to visit your school and inspire students and staff.
- We will save you time and money by removing the burden of organising an author visit. We will liaise with the Author to ascertain their availability, discuss possible dates and confirm the final booking.
- We can send you an information pack containing details about your Author— this will also contain an overview of the type of events they can offer your school and how to get the best from the day, so you don't have to spend hours researching!
- You don't have to pay for any travel or accommodation expenses for your Author - we cover this!
- Some Authors bring along their own books to sell at visits, but (subject to availability), we can arrange for a bookshop to sell books and make sure your pupils can have their very own signed copy! If you have capacity, you could also run the bookshop yourself— we'll arrange books to be sent to you.
- We can also provide book plates so that every student can walk away with a signed memento.
- You will be given a checklist to make sure preparations and the visit itself go smoothly.
- We will send you a poster to advertise that a bookshop to support your visit.
- It is important that parents and students know about the visit – remind them in advance to bring money into school if they would like to buy a book

### **What you do:**

Once the booking has been finalised, you will need to agree with your Author your school-specific timings and requirements.

**If you'd like to know more or would like to make a booking,  
contact our office using the details below.**

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