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#CHELTLITFEST

The festival for families and young adults

FEATURING JULIA DONALDSON, MICHAEL MORPURGO, CRESSIDA COWELL, LAUREN CHILD, BRIAN SELZNICK, PATRICK NESS, MICHAEL ROSEN, FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE, JULIAN CLARY, CHRIS RIDDELL, FRANCESCA SIMON, HELEN OXENBURY, NICK SHARRATT AND MANY MORE!

The Festival for families and young adults, part of The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival.

Whether you love mysteries or animals. princesses or pirates, teen romance or zombies, we have something for you!

Michael Morpurgo, Julia Donaldson, Judith Kerr, Lauren Child, Cressida Cowell, David Almond and Patrick Ness will be here, to name but a few, and we extend a big welcome to the new Waterstones Children's Laureate Chris Riddell.

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland with renowned artists who have all illustrated Alice. There's comedy galore with **Jim Smith**'s Barry Loser, **Gary** Northfield's Julius Zebra and John Dougherty's Stinkbomb and Ketchup-Face. There's plenty for voung adults too, with master of the spoken word Steven Camden, novelist Melvin Burgess and many more. Don't miss our amazing programme of Write On! Workshops, where you can learn anything from creative writing to making dolls' clothes: and traditional tales are woven throughout the Festival, from fairy tales to stories from around the world.

A big thank you to **Rob Biddulph** who designed our fantastic front cover and to all this year's authors, illustrators and storytellers who bring writing to life!

Jane Churchill Book It! Director



GETTING TO THE FESTIVAL

Cheltenham is easily accessible from all over the UK, by road and rail. Most events take place on the main Festival sites, located in central Cheltenham on Montpellier Gardens (GL50 1UW) and Imperial Square (GL50 1QA) - just a 9 minute walk apart. Most other venues are within walking

For more information on public transport and car parks go to cheltenhamfestivals.com/your-visit

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POSTCODES

- Imperial Square (including Cheltenham Town Hall and Drawing Room, The Sunday Times Garden Theatre, The Inkpot, Little Big Top. Waterstones Children's Hideaway) GL50 1QA
- Montpellier Gardens (including The Salon. The Spiegeltent, The Times Forum) **GL50 1UW**
- Cheltenham Ladies' College Parabola Arts Centre and Dance Studio GL50 3AA
- The Queen's Hotel GL50 1NN

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY FOR FREE

Sunday 4 and Sunday 11 October 11am-2pm Imperial Square

Come and join in the fun with storytelling, face painting, arts and crafts activities, circus skills and lots more. No ticket required - these are all free drop-in sessions on Imperial Square and in our Waterstones Children's Hideaway.

MORE FREE ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY...

Waterstones Children's Hideaway

Pop in for a fabulous programme of free events and activities throughout the Festival.

Waterstones

Look out for your favourite characters!

Peter Rabbit, Spot, The Gruffalo and many others will be popping up on Imperial Square and in the Waterstones Children's Hideaway throughout the Festival.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland: Sunday 4 October 11am-2pm

Celebrate 150 years of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland with Macmillan Children's Books, with a host of activities sure to make the Cheshire Cat smile! We'll be playing flamingo croquet (be careful not to lose your head!) and crafting unique pocket watches. Come dressed as your favourite character and you might even meet the White Rabbit himself! Don't be late...

The Discovery Trail

Follow the trail and answer questions about some of the best loved characters in young fiction. Pick up your entry form at the Dean Close marquee.



Millie Marotta's Tropical Wonderland: Sunday 4 October 11am-2pm

Lose yourself in a riot of colouring in and drawing

with Millie Marotta, author of the No.1 bestselling colouring book Millie Marotta's Animal Kingdom. Adults and children 8+ can meet Millie, see her at work and colour her wonderful illustrations.



To find out more about free activities and the Waterstones Children's Hideaway,

go to cheltenhamfestivals.com/festival-quide

VISITING THE FESTIVAL WITH CHILDREN

The Book It! programme is tailored especially for the whole family, with all of our events selected for each age range. These ages are carefully chosen in consultation with publishers and performers, taking into account the event length, format and content. If an event has a + sign after the age though, this means that the event is suitable for everyone above the given age, so don't be afraid to bring older children, their siblings, aunts, uncles, or even grannies and granddads!

CHILDREN UNDER 12 ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Children under 12 years must be accompanied by a responsible person aged 16 or over, approved by the parent/guardian, and prices are kept as low as possible to allow for this. A responsible person aged 16 or over approved by the parent/quardian can accompany up to six children to an event. Cheltenham Festivals maintains a Child Protection Policy, but cannot act in loco parentis or take responsibility for unsupervised children. If your child is disruptive you may be asked to leave an event.

TICKET INFORMATION

For all events except Write On! workshops a ticket must be purchased for each person attending. For more information see the back cover or online at cheltenhamfestivals.com/booking

WRITE ON! WORKSHOPS

Our popular series of workshops is specifically designed for children. The capacity of these workshops is kept low to enable the children to be able to engage in more depth with a specific subject or to have more dedicated time for a make-and-do project.

You are only required to purchase a ticket for each child attending, not for any accompanying adults. If you do not intend to remain at the workshop with your child then we ask parents/quardians to drop children off at the venue, sign them in and leave a mobile contact number in case of emergencies.

Please ensure that you are able to collect your child from the workshop venue at the specified end time.



SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

Horrible Science

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 10-10.45am £6 Age 8-12

(LB01)

Join Horrible Science illustrator Tony De Saulles in this horribly scientific and hilarious event. Learn how to make things look like they are smelly, cut in half, or even exploding. You'll return home with a head full of horrible and squishy ideas about what to draw next... and some fun science facts, too!

Magic Animal Friends

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 10-10.45am £6 Age 6+

(LB02)

Welcome to an enchanting world full of animals, magic and friendship, from the creator of Rainbow Magic. When best friends Jess and Lily follow a mysterious golden cat into Friendship Forest, their holidays are transformed! There are riddles to solve, games to play and magic to create.

Poo In The Zoo!

The Queen's Hotel* 10-10.45am £5 Age 3-6

(LB03)

Little Bob McGrew the zookeeper has a big problem with... poo! There's tiger poo, lion poo, prickly porcupine poo and a mysterious green poo that glows in the dark! Join award-winning author and illustrator Steve Smallman for fun, activities, a little music and an awful lot of poo.

Write On! Workshop I Can Make Dolls' Clothes With Louise Scott-Smith **And Georgia Vaux**

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre, Dance Studio* 10am-12noon £16 Age 8-12

Want to be a fashion designer? Come and learn how to sew fashionable mixand-match dolls' clothes with Louise and Georgia. Using simple, quick and fun techniques, you can make stylish, creative designs.

Please bring one pair of scissors and a 12" plastic fashion doll.

The Tiger Who Came To Tea

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 11.30am-12.15pm £6 Age 4-6

(LB05)

Judith Kerr's timeless tale of a guite surprising visitor has enchanted young children for generations. This classic picture book is brought to life by a storyteller of the finest pedigree, and with a very lifelike tiger at the door! Come along and enjoy cake, whilst letting your imagination run wild!



Compton Valance With Matt Brown

The Queen's Hotel* 11.30am-12.15pm £5 Age 8+

(LB06)

Do you have what it takes to be a top-secret agent of F.A.R.T.A? Matt Brown, author of the time travel adventure series Compton Valance, puts you through your paces. Find out your agent identity, break some code and take a quickfire quiz. Will you help Compton Valance and his best friend Bryan Nylon save the universe?

David Almond And Patrick Ness

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 11.30am-12.30pm £6 Age 12+

(LB07)

Two multi-prizewinning and highly regarded giants of young-adult fiction David Almond and Patrick Ness discuss their inspirations, passions and experiences behind writing some of their best loved books and their new novels A Song for Ella Grey (Almond) and The Rest of Us Just Live Here (Ness). Interviewed by Daniel Hahn, compiler of The Oxford Companion to Children's Literature.

Write On! Workshop **Fairy Tale Cutouts** With Su Blackwell

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre, Dance Studio* 12.45-2.45pm £16 Age 8-12 (LB08)

Learn how to make amazing paper-cutout creations with master paper-crafter Su Blackwell. In this magical workshop, you will recycle pages and illustrations from discarded books, and use some of Su's own templates, to create your own paper design based on the theme of 'European Fairy Tales'.

Stinkbomb And Ketchup-Face

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 1-1.45pm £5 Age 7-10

(LB09)

John Dougherty brings his guitar and his ridiculous sense of humour for a trip around the little island of Great Kerfuffle. home of Stinkbomb and Ketchup-Face and a cast of sidesplittingly funny characters - not to mention some very bad badgers. Laughter is guaranteed and there will be some singing, too!

Calm Down Boris!

The Queen's Hotel* 1-1.45pm £6 Age 3-6

(LB10)

Meet Boris and friends in this engaging puppet show from children's author and illustrator Sam Llovd. Stories, music and laughter will make way for a hands-on craft session with Sam where you can make your own monster mask!

Secrets Of The Deep

Imperial Square, Town Hall, The Drawing Room* 1-2pm £5 Age 12+

LB11

Meet two amazing young-adult fiction writers Jennifer Donnelly and Laura Dockrill, whose intriguing new novels feature mermaids that are not for the fainthearted. Six mermaids battle evil to save their hidden world in Jennifer's Waterfire Saga: Dark Tide, while in Laura's Lorali a mermaid washes up under Hastings Pier and abandons her life in the sea to become human.

Words And Pictures With Lauren Child And **Brian Selznick**

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 1.15-2.15pm £6 Age 9+

(LB12)

Brian Selznick, on a rare visit from the US, is the award-winning author and illustrator of The Invention of Hugo Cabret and Wonderstruck. Lauren Child is a multi-award-winning author and artist and the creator of Charlie and Lola, Clarice Bean and Ruby Redfort. They talk to The Times journalist Alex O'Connell about their passion for words and pictures and reveal their new books. The Marvels (Selznick) and Charlie and Lola: One Thing (Child).

Be Who You Want To Be: 25 Years Of Amazing Grace

The Queen's Hotel* 2.30-3.15pm £5 Age 6-9

(LB13)

Dress up as you want to be! In this storyfilled session find out how, 25 years ago, Mary Hoffman created Amazing Grace, the child who discovered she could be anything she wanted to be. Hear how she loved to dress up and act as her favourite characters, see illustrator Caroline Binch's first sketches of Grace and then draw your own story character.

100 Family Adventures With The Meek Family

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 2.30-3.30pm £6 Age 7 to adult

LB14

The Meek Family have been out and about. going on an adventure or two (make that 100!) - and now they want you to join them. Learn all about the fun to be had in the amazing outdoors, from swimming in rivers to swinging from trees. Take away some family adventure skills, ideas for outdoor learning opportunities and inspiration for midweek adventures.

The Bolds With Julian Clary And David Roberts

Imperial Square. The Inkpot 2.45-3.45pm £7 Age 7+

LB15

Comedian, entertainer and writer Julian Clary and award-winning illustrator David Roberts introduce you to their fabulous new children's book, The Bolds. An unmissable event packed with wildly hilarious readings in Julian's unique style, live-drawing from David and lots of laughter.

Michael Rosen And **Chris Riddell**

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 3-4pm £7 Age 4+

LB16

The masters of art and words, Waterstones Children's Laureate Chris Riddell and former Laureate Michael Rosen celebrate their first picture book together. A Great Big Cuddle. Listen with delight as Michael performs poems from the book and watch in awe as Chris draws live on stage. An interactive, entertaining and lively event for the whole family.

Write On! Workshop **Developing Characters** With Alexia Casale

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre, Dance Studio* 3.30-5.30pm £16 Age 12-18

How do you create compelling characters that people relate to and want to keep reading about? This workshop focuses on getting to know your characters and understanding how personality equals plot, Waterstones Children's Book Prize shortlisted author Alexia Casale shares tips and writing exercises for developing characters, taking examples from her own books The Bone Dragon and House of Windows.

Charlie And Lola

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 4.15-5pm £6 Age 3+

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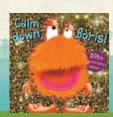
Come and celebrate the launch of Charlie and Lola: One Thing (the first Charlie and Lola book for six years) by multi-awardwinning author and artist, Lauren Child. A professional entertainer will lead games and fun and there will be a special quest appearance by Lauren herself, who will share a few behind-the-scenes secrets.

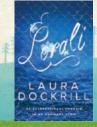






















Harry Potter: Boy. Wizard. Hero.

Imperial Square, The Inkpot 4.30-5.30pm £7 Age 8+

(LB19)

Explore the magical world of Harry Potter with our 'Professor of Potter' and his plucky assistant. They bring to life the characters, creatures, spells and adventures from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. A fun and interactive event for all the family, whether you are new to the books or a dedicated fan. Certificates and postcards for all who attend.

Derek Landy

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 4.45-5.30pm £6 Age 12+

(LB20)

He left millions of fans worldwide heartbroken at the end of his phenomenally successful Skulduggery Pleasant series. Now, Derek Landy goes from The Dying of the Light to a new dawn with the release of Demon Road, the first book in his mindblowing new young-adult supernatural thriller trilogy. Join him to find out more.

Rhythm And Rap With Steven Camden And Alex Wheatle

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 5.45-6.45pm £6 Age 14+

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Two of the most original voices in youngadult fiction today come to Cheltenham. Steven aka Polarbear is a top spoken word artist and Alex, also known as the Brixton Bard, is a successful journalist, playwright and broadcaster. They discuss Liccle Bit, Alex's first novel for a young-adult audience, and Steven's new novel It's About Love and inspire you to be creative, brave and dream big.

Swimming With An Elephant **And Other Wildlife Stories**

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 6.15-7pm £7 Age 8+

(LB22)

Steve Bloom's photographs of animal life are a feast for the eyes in this fun event for all the family. What's it like to swim with an elephant? How do you photograph a grizzly bear? Come and be amazed by stunning pictures and entertaining animal facts and stories!

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Miffy With Liz Fost

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 10-10.45am £6 Age 3-6

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Come and party with everyone's favourite bunny, Miffy, The small rabbit was created by Dutch artist Dick Bruna 60 years ago. The series has sold more than 85 million copies and Miffy has featured in two television series and a feature length film. There will be stories, songs, games and much more!

Alice's Adventures In Wonderland

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 10-10.45am £6 Age 5-8

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Alice's Adventures in Wonderland celebrates its 150th anniversary and you can join the tea party! The Mad Hatter takes you on a fun adventure through Wonderland to find the White Rabbit, with an imaginative story-trail retelling of the classic novel and creative craft activities. Why not come dressed as your favourite character and make the Cheshire Cat smile?



Astronaut's Handbook

The Queen's Hotel* 10-10.45am £6 Age 9+

(LB25)

With British astronaut Tim Peake about to blast off into space, this timely event is all about our journey to the stars. Louie Stowell and a UK Space Agency expert take you to space and back, revealing fascinating details about life in orbit, from how to become an astronaut to how you go to the toilet on a space station!

Dennis The Menace VS Horrid Henry

Imperial Square. The Inkpot* 10-11am £7 Age 6+

(LB26)

Who is the naughtiest boy in children's books? Why are mischievous pranksters so popular? Do these bad boys really have a good side? Join authors Francesca Simon and Steven Butler for a contest in which Horrid Henry and Dennis the Menace go head to head to prove they deserve the title 'King of the Bad Boys'.

Write On! Workshop **How To Write Your Best Story Ever With Christopher Edae**

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre, Dance Studio* 10am-12noon £16 Age 8-12

Christopher Edge is the award-winning author of Twelve Minutes to Midnight and The Black Crow Conspiracy. His latest book is How to Write Your Best Story Ever! a creative writing guide for kids. He leads this interactive session, giving hints and tips about writing actionpacked adventures, spooky tales and amazing mash-up stories.

Moshi Monsters With Michael Acton Smith

Imperial Square, Town Hall, The Drawing Room* 10.30-11.30am £6 Age 7+

Come and hear the weird and wonderful story of Moshi Monsters with creator Michael Acton Smith - and how it grew from a scribble on a napkin into a global phenomenon. Have your Moshi questions ready!

Sandi Toksvig

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 11.30am-12.15pm £6 Age 10+

(LB29)

Sandi Toksvig is well-known as a presenter, broadcaster, writer and actor. She has written many books for children too and her latest novel A Slice of the Moon is an actionpacked story of one family's journey across the world. Join her and The Sunday Times Children's Book Editor Nicolette Jones for an entertaining and fascinating discussion.

African Storytelling With Atinuke

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 11.30am-12.15pm £5 Age 6+

(LB30)

Join Nigerian-British author and traditional storyteller Atinuke, as she conjures up the sights, sounds and atmosphere of life in Africa. As you meet her main characters Oluwalase Babatunde Benson (The No.1 Car Spotter) and Anna Hibiscus, you'll hear tales that are not only centuries old, but have travelled across continents to reach you

Grrrrr! With Rob Biddulph

The Queen's Hotel* 11.45am-12.30pm £5 Age 4-7

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This year's Book It! cover designer is author and illustrator Rob Biddulph. His debut picture book, Blown Away, won the coveted Waterstones Children's Book Prize. GRRRRR! tells the story of Fred, the best bear in the woods, and his mysteriously misplaced growl. Join Rob for fun, games and storytelling as he brings his new book to life.

Removing The Barriers To Reading

Imperial Square, Town Hall, Drawing Room³ 12.15-1.15pm £6 Age 16 to adult

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Mairi Kidd is the MD of Barrington Stoke, an award-winning children's publisher exclusively for dyslexic, less able and disengaged readers. With author Frank Cottrell Boyce and Helen Donovan from Dyslexia Action, she examines the theories of how we read and some of the challenges for struggling and reluctant readers, and offers tips and advice.

There will be a chance to ask questions afterwards.



Pugs Of The Frozen North

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 1-1.45pm £5 Age 7-10

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Brilliant writer and illustrator double act Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntvre take you on a magical journey to the Frozen North. You'll be joined by brave sled-racers, noodle-eating yetis and sixty-six pugs. Learn how to defeat a hungry Kraken, discover the secrets of the Fifty Different Kinds of Snow and draw along with Sarah as you go.

Illustrating Alice

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 1-2pm £6 Age 8+

(LB34)

Meet three of today's most celebrated picture book illustrators. Anthony Browne Helen Oxenbury and Grahame Baker-Smith. All three have won the prestigious Kate Greenaway Medal and have illustrated Alice's Adventures in Wonderland in their own inimitable way. Grahame also designed the recent Royal Mail Alice stamps. They join The Guardian's Children's Books Editor Julia Eccleshare to explore the enduring wonder of Alice.

Write On! Workshop **Shaun The Sheep Model** Making

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre, Dance Studio*

1-2pm (LB35) 3-4pm (LB36)

£10 Age 8+

We've teamed up with Aardman, the creators behind Shaun the Sheep, to celebrate the release of some baa-rilliant Shaun the Sheep books. Flock to this ewe-nique workshop with an expert model maker and create your own Shaun the Sheep clay model to take home! You can even ask questions about the tricks of the trade from the Aardman studio.

Big City Explorers With Maggie Li

The Queen's Hotel* 1.15-2pm £5 Age 5-8

(LB37)

Presented by Okido Magazine Art Director and author Maggie Li, this interactive session will stretch your imagination and broaden your mind. Create famous landmarks and buildings and add them to a giant city map illustration, while learning amazing facts and fun information about cities around the world.

























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Goth Girl With Chris Riddell

Ghastly-Gorm Hall is playing host to a

from far and wide to show off their canine

going on - mysterious footprints in the snow

and barking in the night. The Waterstones

Children's Laureate, author and illustrator

award-winning series. You'll be howling with

introduces the third book in his multi-

companions. But something strange is

Imperial Square, The Inkpot 2-3pm £7 Age 8+

(LB38) Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* Literary Dog Show, with contestants coming

Jenny Valentine,

Jenny Downham

Annabel Pitcher And

2.45-3.45pm £6 Age 12+ (LB41) Be inspired and amazed by three of today's best authors writing for teens. They discuss their books; Fire Colour One (Valentine) tackles deception, love and redemption, Unbecoming (Downham) examines three generations of a family and different perspectives of the same story, and Silence is Goldfish (Pitcher) deals with one girl's heartbreaking discovery of what she finds

Waterstones

laughter!

Puppy Academy

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 2.30-3.15pm £5 Age 6-9

Do you love dogs? Writer Gill Lewis presents this puppy-packed event. Meet the characters from the *Puppy Academy* stories and hear about the real life dogs that inspired them. Watch out for the mysterious sausage thief and help Scout sniff for clues in this fun-filled session. You might even meet a real working dog!

Pandas And Bears

The Queen's Hotel* 2.45-3.30pm £5 Age 4+

likes to win at everything!

Enjoy fun, interactive storytelling and a make-and-do craft session with Where Bear? author and illustrator Sophy Henn. Hear all

about her hilarious new character, Pom Pom

Panda, who sometimes gets the grumps and

on her father's blog. Chloe Inkpen

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Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 4-4.45pm £6 Age 5+

Bestselling author and illustrator of the Zoe and Beans series, Chloe Inkpen introduces I Will Love You Anyway about a badly behaved dog who destroys everything and won't stop running away! Join her for interactive storytelling, activities and fun. With a special guest appearance by co-author of I Will Love You Anyway, Mick Inkpen, creator of Kipper and Wibbly Pig.

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Rumble With The Romans!

The Queen's Hotel* 4.15-5pm £6 Age 7-10

Gary Northfield, cartoonist and author, known for his comics in The Beano. The Phoenix and Horrible Histories magazines. introduces his new series Julius Zebra. Listen to a reading and learn all the tricks of the trade from a comic book creator. This event is full of drawing tips for budding young cartoonists, and you'll learn lots of Roman facts!

Frank Cottrell Boyce **And Danny Wallace**

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 4.30-5.30pm £6 Age 8+

What would you do if the whole world stopped except you? And what would you do if your skin suddenly turned a bright, broccoli shade of green? Just two conundrums facing the heroes of TV and radio presenter Danny Wallace's Hamish and the Worldstoppers and screenwriter and author Frank Cottrell Boyce's The Astoundina Broccoli Bov. A not-to-be-missed

Fantastic Worlds

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 5.30-6.30pm £6 Ages 11+

Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell co-created the hugely successful Edge Chronicles and the Scavenger series. They join Philip Reeve, award-winning author of the Mortal Engines series and new novel Railhead, and talented newcomer Lucy Saxon, who wrote fantasy novels Take Back the Skies and The Almost King before she was 20. Explore their amazing worlds and wonderful cast of characters.

Zom-B With Darren Shan

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 6.15-7pm £6 Age 12+

Join Master of Horror Darren Shan as he presents the penultimate book in his gory, epic 12-book Zom-B series. He shares his inspiration and ideas behind the series in this highly entertaining, edge-of-your seat event.

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

Fun At Four **Animal Tales With Petr** Horáček

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 4-4.30pm £4 Age 3-7

The award-winning Czech illustrator Petr Horáček is the author of a variety of delightful picture books, including Puffin Peter, Silly Suzy Goose, Elephant and The Mouse Who Reached the Sky. Join him for a fun storytelling session and watch him bring his characters to life, as he draws live on stage.

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TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

Fun At Four Are You The Pirate Captain?

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 4-4.30pm £4 Age 3-7

Ahoy there! Have you got what it takes to be a pirate captain? Prepare to set sail with Gareth P. Jones, his ukulele and his accordion. There'll be sea shanties and other piratical shenanigans in this imaginative, interactive event inspired by Gareth's latest picture book. Are you the Pirate Captain?

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

Fun At Four **Drawing Tigers** With Helen Stephens

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 4-4.30pm £4 Age 3-7

Renowned author and illustrator Helen Stephens (author of How to Hide a Lion and Fleabag) will be reading from her wonderful new picture book Gracie Grabbit and the Tiger. Helen will then demonstrate how to draw your very own tiger in an event as charming as the author herself.

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

Fun At Four All Things Archie! With Tracev Corderov

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 4-4.30pm £4 Age 3-7

Meet adorable Archie and get creative making an Archie puppet to take home. Author and illustrator Tracey Corderoy shares some of Archie's favourite words and learn what happens when he gets an invite to Robbie Rabbit's fancy dress

party. Archie needs "More!" of EVERYTHING

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on his costume! Uh oh..

Fun At Four Aliens, Monsters And **Dinosaurs Love Underpants**

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 4-4.30pm £4 Age 3-7

Come and hear your favourite aliens, monsters and dinosaurs who love underpants stories. Join in the activities and riotous fun. You might even get to meet an alien!

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

Where's Spot?

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 10-10.40am £6 Age 3+

Where's Spot? Have you seen him? Come and join in the fun with this storytelling session featuring games, dancing and singing, plus a chance to meet the world's most lovable puppy!

Horrible Histories

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 10-10.45am £7 Age 8-12

It's history with the nasty bits left in! Join Martin Brown, Horrible Histories illustrator. for his action-packed show full of jokes. drawing and fantastic facts. He reveals secrets about illustrating the bestselling series, introduces his new book Top 50 Kinas and Queens and shows why everyone can draw.

Drawing Old Possum's **Practical Cats**

The Queen's Hotel* 10-10.45am £5 Age 6-9

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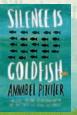
T.S. Eliot's collection, Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, has enchanted adults and children alike for over 75 years. making Macavity, Mr. Mistoffelees and Skimbleshanks much-loved names. In this workshop Arthur Robins, the new illustrator of the collection's picture books. reveals how he brought the poems to life and with his help you can start drawing them yourself.

Julia Donaldson **And Lydia Monks**

Montpellier Gardens, The Times Forum 10-11am £7 Age 5+ 1 B55

The UK's best-selling children's author Julia Donaldson and the uniquely talented illustrator Lvdia Monks take vou back to the farm for another fantastically funny farmyard caper, to find out exactly What the Ladybird Heard Next, With Julia's husband Malcolm on the guitar, this event is sure to be a sing-a-long storytelling sensation!































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Write On! Workshop Creative Writing And Poetry Freeplay

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre, Dance Studio* 10am-12pm £16 Age 8-14

Express yourself! Join Philip Wells - aka The Fire Poet - for a morning of creative high jinks. Plunge into your deepest imagination to find out what you really want to say and how to say it. Philip is famous for his workshops - come along and find your inner fire!

True Face With Siobhan Curham

Imperial Square, Town Hall, The Drawing Room* 10.45-11.45am £6 Age 12+

An inspirational, informative and practical talk designed to help girls and women overcome the pressures placed on them by society to be something that they're not. Siobhan's new book True Face helps girls overcome their fears and insecurities and identify their passions and strenaths.

Cressida Cowell

Imperial Square. The Sunday Times Garden Theatre 11am-12noon £7 Age 8+ (1858)

Join the bestselling author and illustrator of the wildly popular How to Train Your Dragon books (also a blockbuster film series), as she talks about the LAST book in the series, How to Fight a Dragon's Fury. Get top tips on becoming an author or illustrator, find out how the books became films, and learn some Dragonese.









Hugless Douglas

The Queen's Hotel* 11.30am-12.15pm £6 Age 5+

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Come and celebrate the world's most huggable bear, with his creator David Melling in Hugless Douglas Goes to Little School, Douglas is very excited to be going to Little School. There is so much to do and lots of hugs to be given out! Learn how to draw Douglas and even have a hug with the

Nick Sharratt

bear himself!

(LB57)

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 11.45am-12.30pm £6 Age 3-6

Author Nick Sharratt talks all about his new picture book, Shark in the Park on a Windy Day!, as well as his other brilliant books. There will be live drawing and the chance to ask Nick questions about being a best-selling author and illustrator in this fin-tasticly fun event!

Star Wars Reads Day

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 11.45am-12.30pm £7 Age 6+

Publishers DK and Egmont Publishing take you on an intergalactic adventure to celebrate this year's Star Wars Reads Day. featuring a reading by authors Sadie Smith and Ruth Amos, followed by an exciting guiz to test your knowledge afterwards. There will be goody bags for children. Come dressed as your favourite Star Wars character!

Hitler And Me With Michael Morpurgo **And Judith Kerr**

Imperial Square, The Sunday Times Garden Theatre 12.45-1.45pm £8 Age 10+

The award-winning authors discuss their writing with Nicolette Jones in this unique event. Michael's novel An Eagle in the Snow is based on the extraordinary story of Henry Tandey, who nearly shot Hitler in WWI. Judith's trilogy Out of the Hitler Time begins with When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit. recounting her family's escape from Nazi Germany. She also gives a sneak preview of her new book.



RSC Theatre Workshop: Wendy And Peter Pan

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre, Dance Studio* 1-2.30pm £12 adults/£8 children

Take part as a whole family in this fun workshop and work as an actor does, on your feet!

No previous acting experience or knowledge of the play required, as you'll be introduced to the story on the day. We approach the play from the first day of rehearsal. exploring the script and its characters.

Places limited to 30. Children and adults must each buy a ticket for this workshop. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Topsy And Tim Go Camping

The Queen's Hotel* 1.15-1.45pm £6 Age 3+

(LB64)

Topsy and Tim are just like you! They find fun and adventure in the real world - helping friends, going swimming or visiting the zoo. Have fun with Topsy and Tim as they leap from book to screen, and go on a camping adventure with storytelling, games and a make-and-do craft session!

Young Bond

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 1.15-2pm £7 Age 12+

Steve Cole introduces his first explosive Young Bond adventure, giving a unique insight into 1930s gadgets, gangsters and Hollywood. In this interactive event, Steve explains how he became such a fan of lan Fleming's super-spy, shares the research behind his creation, introduces new characters (including a sinister villain) and tests the audience's spy skills to ask: 'How Bond are you?'.

Rugby Reading Game

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 1.15-2pm £5 Age 8+

Tom Palmer hosts this interactive reading event for all rugby and sport mad families. Take a quiz about reading sport in newspapers, books and online, followed by a penalty competition; someone will leave with a trophy! Tom has written thirty sports fiction books for children, including the new Rugby Academy series published to coincide with the 2015 Rugby World Cup.

Draw With Lydia Monks

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 2.45-3.30pm £6 Age 5-8

Join illustrator Lydia Monks for an interactive storytelling adventure, as she brings the characters from some of your favourite books to life. Meet an adventurous Monkey called Mungo, dastardly robbers, a singing mermaid and a princess with dragon-pox. Then learn to draw them

Daddy Island With Philip Wells

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Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 2.45-3.30pm £5 Age 2-6

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There are so many wonderful things you can become when you're on Daddy Island - a noisy storm, a tall tree, or the guiet sand. Join popular performance poet Philip Wells for a family event for parents and children. Get ready for lots of action, shouting, clapping and whispering, performance, silliness and laughter!

Knight In Training With David Melling And **Vivian French**

The Queen's Hotel* 2.45-3.30pm £5 Age 6+

(LB69)

Vivian French and David Melling adore working together. They'll talk about how they bounce ideas off each other, and how they invented Sam, his horrible cousin Prune and all the other weird and wonderful characters in this series. Maybe you could help them invent a new one for book six?

Write On! Workshop How To Draw The World Of **Jacqueline Wilson**

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre. The Dance Studio* 3.30-5.30pm £16 Age 8-12

Nick Sharratt hosts a special workshop about how to draw. Nick's illustration style is instantly recognisable and this is a rare chance to get advice from one of the titans of the illustration world.

Tom Gates With Liz Pichon

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 4.15-5pm £6 Age 8-12

Award-winning author Liz Pichon joins us to celebrate the ninth book in her Tom Gates series. Hear how she came up with the idea for the books, guess at the caramel wafer trick and listen to music from Tom's favourite band, Dude 3. Liz also shows how to draw in her Tom Gates style in an event packed with doodles, fun and much more!

The Tale Of Peter Rabbit

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 4.15-5pm £6 Age 4-7

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Once upon a time there were four little rabbits and their names were Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail and Peter... Hop along to this charming interactive storytelling of Beatrix Potter's classic tale brought to life for all to enjoy and meet Peter Rabbit himself!

Once Upon A Time

Imperial Square, Town Hall, The Drawing Room* 5.30-6.30pm £5 Age 9+

(LB73)

Jane Ray's stunning illustrations of many of our best-loved stories have gained worldwide acclaim. Her new book. Heartsong, is inspired by Vivaldi. Vivian French's The Most Wonderful Thing in The World is a gently satirical fairy story for our times. Award-winning writer Sally Gardner's Tinder is inspired by a classic Hans Christian Andersen tale. Explore the enduring power of fairytales with them.



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Join popular author, illustrator and YouTube

how to draw different kinds of dragons and

reads from his new books Dragon Gold and

drawing tutor, Shoo Rayner, for a fun

drawing workshop. He gives top tips on

LB83

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Drawing Dragons

11.30am-12.15pm £5 Age 7-9

Carrie Hope Fletcher

Montpellier Gardens, The Salon

A Les Miserables lead role, best-selling

memoir (All I Know Now) and legions of

YouTube subscribers, all by the age of 22.

She talks to The Bookseller's Anna James

about balancing a life on stage and online.

To celebrate the publication of the National

and Finn Caldwell demonstrate the art of

puppetry and how to create and animate

Associate Puppetry Directors on the original

National Theatre production of War Horse

amazing creatures. Toby and Finn were

and co-directed The Elephantom.

With Kate Saunders And

Imperial Square, Little Big Top*

If you grew up loving classics such as The

now you can explore the seguels. Return to

the Secret Garden is the magical seguel to

Frances Hodgson Burnett's timeless story

from bestselling author Holly Webb. Kate

Saunders' recent COSTA Award-winning

novel, Five Children on the Western Front, takes E. Nesbit's protagonists into WWI.

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Sequels To Classics

Holly Webb

1-2pm £5 Age 9+

Theatre's All About Theatre, Toby Olié

12.15-1.15pm £8 Age 12+

All About Puppetry

Imperial Square, The Inkpot

1-2pm £7 Age 10+

The Queen's Hotel*

Dragon White.

A Beginner's Guide To Life Ón Earth

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 5.45-6.30pm £5 Age 8-12

10-10.45am £6 Age 6-9 Author Holly Webb presents The Secret

What is life? What makes a real flower different from an artificial one? If trees and tables are both made of wood, does that mean they're both alive? Confused? Don't worry. Find out what life is and discover some of the most amazing examples on Earth with Gill Arbuthnott, author of A Beginner's Guide to Life on Earth.

X Rated

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 5.45-6.45pm £6 Age 14+

Well-known for producing controversial and hard-hitting novels such as Junk and Doing It, Melvin Burgess is regarded as one of our foremost writers of young-adult literature. He joins Inaugural YA Book Prize-winner Louise O'Neill to explore her new novel Asking For It and Andy Mulligan, author of Trash, to talk about his new novel Liquidator, featuring teenage whistleblowers. Expect the unexpected!

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70 Years Of Thomas The Tank Engine

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre*

10-10.45am £6 Age 3-6 (LB76) All aboard! Put your party hats on as

we celebrate Thomas' birthday! Join storyteller Liz Fost, as she takes you on a fun adventure into the world of *Thomas* and Friends.

The Secret Kitten With Holly Webb

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* (LB77)

Kitten, her thirtieth title in the bestselling Animal Stories series. Find out all about the real kittens, puppies and other animals behind the books and take part in a craft activity based on the series.

Girl Power

The Queen's Hotel* 10-10.45am £5 Age 4-7

(LB78)

Join award-winning author and illustrator Yasmeen Ismail for a fun-filled session of storytelling and crafts. Yasmeen's latest book. I'm a Girl!, is a heartfelt and wonderfully energetic celebration of being who we are and not conforming to gender stereotypes.

Write On! Workshop **Breaking News: You Can Become A Journalist!**

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre, Dance Studio* 10am-12noon £16 Age 8-12

Learn how to write headlines, find a scoop, interview a source and how to set up your very own newspaper, in this interactive, super-active and radio-active (ahem!) event with author Malcolm Judge. Be inspired by the exploits of undercover schoolboy reporter Jonny Jakes in Malcolm's new book Jonny Jakes Investigates the Hamburgers of Doom.

Secrets And Journeys With Sally Nicholls And **Gillian Cross**

Imperial Square, Town Hall, The Drawing Room* 10.30-11.30am £5 Age 10+

(LB80)

Waterstones Children's Book Prize and The Independent Bookshop Week Book Award winner Sally Nicholls (An Island of Our Own) and multi-award winning author Gillian Cross (Shadow Cat) present their new novels. Both are gripping and powerful stories about hope and not giving up against the odds to fight for what you truly believe.

Utterly Amazing Human Body With Professor Robert Winston

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 11.30am-12.30pm £6 Age 8+

LB81

Join leading science expert, author and broadcaster Professor Robert Winston and prepare to be amazed as he unravels the mysteries of human anatomy, with mindblowing facts from his new interactive book Utterly Amazing Human Body. It's the human body, but not as you know it!

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Shifty Mcgifty And Slippery Sam

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 11.30am-12.15pm £5 Age 4-7

(LB82)

Meet two robber dogs that will steal your heart. They've turned their back on crime and now bake the tastiest cakes in town in their very own café. But the word is there's a famous jewellery thief about. Will they make trouble and pinch Shifty and Sam's new-found happiness? Find out with author Tracey Corderoy and illustrator Steven Lenton.

GILLIAN CROSS



DRAGON WHITE







Where My Wellies Take Me With Michael Morpurgo

Imperial Square. The Sunday Times Garden Theatre 2.30-3.45pm £12 Age 7+

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Bestselling author of War Horse, The Butterfly Lion and Kensuke's Kingdom, Michael Morpurgo joins actor Natalie Walter and the award-winning acapella group Voices at the Door for an unforgettable afternoon of pastoral poetry and music, celebrating nature and the joy of language.

The concert lasts 1 hour and 15 minutes with no interval

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Write On! Workshop

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Sanne Vliegenthart, better known as

Booksandguills on YouTube where she

has over 130,000 subscribers, takes you

through the basics of starting up your

own YouTube channel, creating videos

How To Vloa With

Booksandquills!

1-2pm £10 Age 12-18

The Queen's Hotel* 1.15-2pm £6 Age 7+

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Calling all Enid Blyton fans! Join Julian from The Famous Five, as he demonstrates some mystery-solving techniques and tips. Learn how to question suspects, crack codes, and stretch your memory. Bring along your thinking caps and sense of adventure.

Molly Maybe's Monsters

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 1.15-2.15pm £6 Age 4-7

Join Kristina Stephenson, creator of the fabulous Sir Charlie Stinky Socks, and meet her brand new character Molly Maybe. Through the floor of her treehouse, Molly and her faithful dog Waggy Burns are the only ones able to travel to Undermunder, a marvellous, magical monster world. Climb aboard Molly's moving mundervator for a fun-filled show of songs and stories.

Rescue Princesses

The Queen's Hotel* 2.45-3.30pm £5 Age 6-9

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Being a princess isn't all about gorgeously bejewelled tiaras and choosing beautiful dresses for royal balls. The Rescue Princesses are just as likely to be using their ninja skills, flying about on zip-wires or tracking lost animals. And THEN they'll choose a stunning outfit and attend a ball. Author Paula Harrison introduces these royally feisty girls.

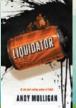
Murder Mysteries And Iced Buns

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 2.45-3.45pm £6 Age 10+

(LB91)

Katherine Woodfine's first novel The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow is set in an Edwardian department store, while Robin Stevens's Murder Most Unladylike series take place in a girls' boarding school. These two masters of the craft of whodunnits host a thrilling session on solving crimes and bringing dastardly villains to justice.























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The Dinosaur That **Pooped A Show**

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 3-3.45pm £6 Age 5+

(LB92)

Inspired by the bestselling The Dinosaur That Pooped picture book series, host Alastair Watson brings the books to life with help from The Dinosaur himself! An interactive event perfect for entertaining children, including dinosaur impressions, live drawing, a dinosaur rhyme and gross games like Guess Poo?

RSC Theatre Workshop: Henry V

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre, Dance Studio* 3-4.30pm £12 adults/£8 children (LB93) Age 8+

Take part as a whole family in this fun workshop and work as an actor does, on vour feet!

No previous acting experience or knowledge of the play required, as you'll be introduced to the story on the day. We approach the play from the first day of rehearsal exploring the script and its characters, and speaking Shakespeare's language.

Places limited to 30. Children and adults must each buy a ticket for this workshop. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

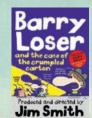












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Fairy Tales With A Twist

The Queen's Hotel* 4.15-5pm £5 Age 4-7

(LB94)

The whole family will enjoy this interactive and craft-packed session around fairy tales with modern-day twists. Hop in a time machine with author Isabel Thomas (what would Cinderella's carriage look like in the 21st century?), make your own gingerbread houses and create wooden spoon puppets, all topped off with a reading of Isabel's new picture book, Hansel, Gretel and the Dastardly Dinner Lady.

Barry Loser, Future Ratboy And Friends

Cheltenham Ladies' College, Parabola Arts Centre* 4.30-5.15pm £6 Age 7+

LB95

Roald Dahl Funny Prize winner Jim Smith. writer of the Barry Loser series, presents stories, belly laughs and burps. You'll meet the star of his new series, Future Ratboy, Jim will teach you how to draw Barry and his mates and maybe even how to draw a poo! Off-the-wall silliness for fans of Mr Gum and Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

Writing For Children Top Tips

Imperial Square, Little Big Top* 4.30-6pm £12 Age 14 to adult

The Times/Chicken House Children's Fiction Competition has launched the careers of many successful children's authors - and you could be next! Chicken House publisher Barry Cunningham, known for signing up J.K. Rowling, joins previous judges, Waterstones' Melissa Cox and Alex O'Connell of The Times, as they give their top tips on how to get your children's book published. Plus some special quests!



Boot Camp With Robert Muchamore

Cheltenham Ladies' College. Parabola Arts Centre* 6-6.45pm £6 Age 11+

(LB97)

Robert Muchamore is the number one bestselling and award-winning author of CHERUB. Join him as he talks about his inspirations, writing tips and launches the second book in his Rock War series. Boot Camp. Meet Jay, Summer and Dylan - they're entering the biggest battle of their lives and there's everything to play for!



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