



SCHOOLS' BULLETIN

6th April 2020: Welcome to a bumper edition of our bulletin. We won't be around for a little while, so we've taken this opportunity to share all these amazing resources for schools, parents and home educators. While we're away, you can still find ideas and information on our social media channels: [Salford Community Libraries](#) on Facebook and [@SalfordLibrary](#) on Twitter

Latest News

Join [Chris Bradford](#), author of the Young Samurai and Bodyguard series, for a virtual author visit like no other on YouTube on Friday 10th April! Find out more from Chris's video message www.youtube.com/c/ChrisBradfordAuthor

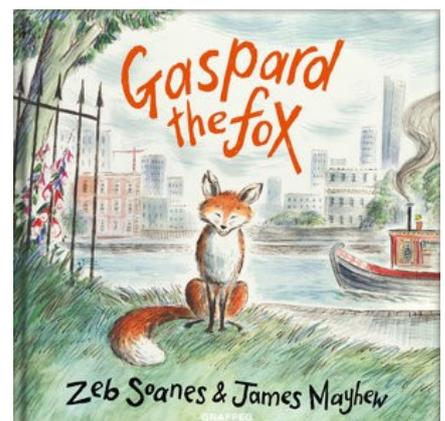
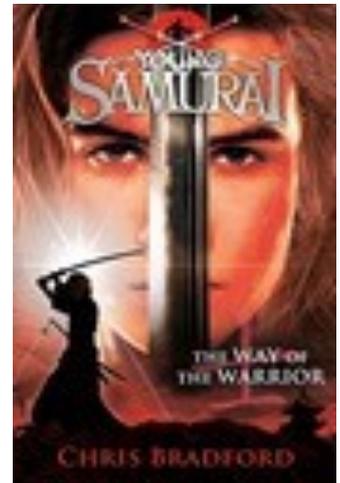
[Audible](#) are making hundreds of their audiobooks free for as long as schools are closed, including titles in six different languages. You can start listening straight away at <https://stories.audible.com>

[Our Corona Diary](#): Kathryn Evans has joined forces with other authors including Candy Gourlay, Cressida Cowell and Philip Ardagh, to encourage children and young people of all ages to keep a record of their experiences during this time. If they want to, they can contribute to an online archive and maybe a published anthology. There are lots of ideas and resources on the [website](#), including a section on mental health.

[Julia Donaldson](#) and friends will be on Facebook every Thursday at 4pm, with stories, songs or poems. Find her first week's performance with guest Axel Scheffler at <https://www.facebook.com/ScholasticUK/videos/1871002403031970/>

[Gaspard and the Quiet Day](#) is a YouTube story for young children. Gaspard the fox can't understand why it's so quiet outside. Where IS everyone? Peter the Cat explains 'Social Distancing' and Gaspard helps Finty deliver sweet treats to all their neighbours.

Bring some magic to locked down life with the brand new [Harry Potter at Home](#) website!



Meet more of your favourite authors and illustrators online

Oliver Jeffers is holding stay-at-home storytimes on Instagram Live, and you can see all the videos he's made so far, including "Lost and Found", "The Way Back Home" and "Stuck", on his website at www.oliverjeffers.com/abookaday

Rob Biddulph, World Book Day illustrator, has taken to [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) to show you how to draw characters from his picture books, including [Gregosaurus](#) and [Sausage Dog](#)

Piers Torday is reading a chapter a day of one of his books, starting with "The Last Wild". He's also posting story starters to encourage creative writing. Have a look on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com), or on his website at www.pierstorday.co.uk/news

Kes Gray reads all the stories in his "Oi" series on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com), and "Oi" illustrator **Jim Field** shows you how to draw the characters at www.jimfield.me/draw

Chris Haughton is doing live story readings, art crafts and singalongs, using his books including "Oh No, George!" and "Shh! We Have a Plan". Find them at www.chrishoughton.com/stayathome2 or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com)

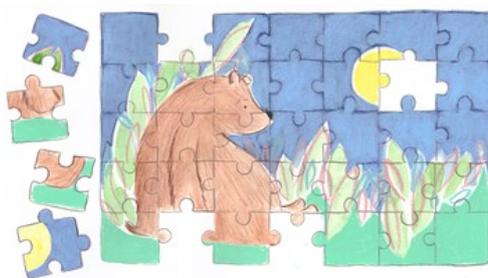
Find more author and illustrator videos, for all age groups, at www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/fun-at-home-with-authors-and-illustrators/

Looking for more ideas? Try these!

The [School Library Association](https://www.schoollibraryassociation.org) has a [Coronavirus: Working and Learning from Home](#) page which is being updated regularly with links and resources for children at all Key Stages.

TES have a dedicated page for teaching during the lockdown, including some useful information for telling children about the coronavirus www.tes.com/coronavirus

The [Booktrust Home Time](#) page is packed with stories, rhymes and free activities:



There are also lots of "Stay at Home" ideas on the World Book Day [website](#) for parents to use with their children while they are spending time at home.

Harper Collins have a free resources page www.harpercollins.com/childrens/at-home-resources-for-kids-and-families-during-coronavirus-2020/ for parents and families.

[Lovereadng4kids](#) have a [home schooling hints & tips](#) page and are also running a [poetry competition](#) for 7—11 year olds.

[Barrington Stoke](#) publish titles that are particularly suitable for supporting reluctant or dyslexic readers. They have collected their [free resources for home-learning activities](#) together on one webpage so that teachers/parents/carers can support pupils' learning during the current situation.

The [National Literacy Trust](#) have created a [Family Zone](#) web portal, aimed at parents of children up to 12, and divided by age group.

The [Twinkl](#) website for planning and teaching resources is offering home learning and school closure packs for free. Visit their [school closure](#) page to sign up.