

Langney
Community Library

READING CELEBRATION WEEK

26 September –
3 October 2026

A week of stories, imagination, creativity and community.

Proudly supporting the National Year of Reading 2026
In partnership with Eastbourne LitFest.

Join us at Langney Library for:

- FREE Family Events
- Poetry
- Storytelling
- Competitions
- Local Authors
- Activities

Discover your Community Library

Bring Your Ideas to Life in Our Community Hub

The perfect space for your next local club or event.

Looking for a home for your next big idea? Our bright, welcoming Community Hub is available for public use! Fully equipped with convenient kitchen and accessible toilet facilities, it provides a comfortable and private setting for groups of all kinds.

It is the perfect venue to launch a new community club.





We would love to host your:

- Reading Groups & Book Clubs
- "Knit and Natter" Sessions
- Charity Group Meetings
- Hobby and Craft Workshops

Have an idea for a group?

Speak to a member of our team today or email us at **langneycommunitylibrary@outlook.com** to find out how you can book the hub room!

Welcome to Langney Community Library's Reading Celebration Week



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this special week of events as we celebrate the National Year of Reading 2026 and proudly take part in Eastbourne LitFest.

As a volunteer-run community library, we believe everyone should have the opportunity to discover the joy of reading. Our library is much more than a place to borrow books – it's a welcoming space where people of all ages can learn, connect, be inspired and enjoy spending time together.

Throughout this week we've brought together local authors, poets and storytellers to create a programme of free events designed to spark imaginations, encourage creativity and help children develop a lifelong love of books. Whether you're joining us for a storytelling session, entering one of our competitions or simply visiting the library for the first time, we hope you'll feel part of our community.

I'd like to thank all of our volunteers, partners, Eastbourne LitFest, our visiting authors and everyone who has helped make Reading Celebration Week possible.

Most importantly, I hope this is just the beginning of your journey with Langney Community Library. If you're not already a member, we'd love you to join us and discover everything your local library has to offer.

Alan Shuttleworth
Chair of Trustees - Langney Community Library

Eastbourne LitFest

Eastbourne LitFest is a new annual celebration of books, stories, creativity and ideas, bringing together authors, readers, poets and storytellers from across our town and beyond.

Langney Community Library is proud to be part of this exciting town-wide celebration, hosting a programme of free family events during Reading Celebration Week to inspire the next generation of readers and writers.

eastbournelitfest.org

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

CONFIDENCE, KINDNESS & CREATIVITY

Join local children's author Nicola Baldwin

Author of What Are You Looking At?

Through storytelling, movement and playful discussion, children will explore what makes each of us unique and why our differences are something to celebrate.

As Ivor learns to embrace what makes him special, children will be encouraged to share ideas, use their imagination and discover the confidence to be themselves.

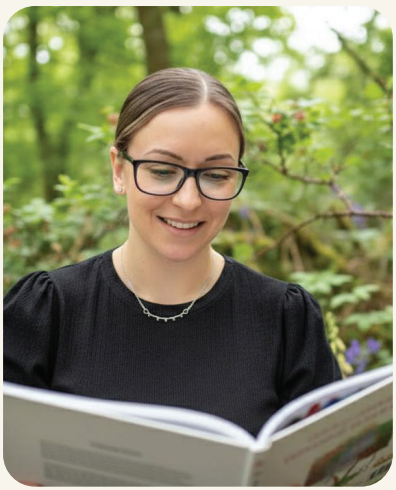
The session offers plenty of opportunities to join in, help shape the story and connect with its positive message: Be Kind. Be Brave. Be You.

What to Expect

- Interactive storytelling
- Audience participation
- Games and movement
- Celebrating kindness
- Building confidence

Suitable for children aged approximately 3–8 years.

Two storytelling sessions – Booking recommended at **https://tinyurl.com/EBReading** or scan the QR code



Find out more at **www.nicolabaldwin.co.uk**

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

STORYTELLING, TEAMWORK &COMMUNITY

Award-winning children's author Clare Helen Welsh

Author of Together Street: The Street We Call Home

Local primary school classes have been pre-booked to join award-winning children's author Clare Helen Welsh for a lively, interactive storytelling workshop inspired by 'Together Street'.

Through storytelling, drama, games and music, children will explore what it feels like to be new, why kindness matters and how small acts can make a big difference.

Together everyone will create a giant collaborative street mural, which will be displayed in Langney Shopping Centre after event.

Children will also take home a special activity inspired by Together Street to encourage kindness within their own community.

What to Expect

- Interactive storytelling
- Drama and games
- Music
- Giant collaborative artwork
- Take-home activity
- Celebrating kindness and community



Find out more about Clare
www.clarehelenwelsh.com

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL EVENT

Celebrating Stories, Poetry & Imagination

Children from local schools will enjoy a special morning with two local authors.



Nicola Baldwin

- Interactive storytelling
- Celebrating differences
- Audience participation
- Confidence building



Laurie Wilkinson

- Funny poetry
- Creative writing
- Character fun
- Lots of laughter

Together they'll inspire children to read, write and use their imaginations.

WIN SOME AMAZING PRIZES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES!

Enter our design and writing competitions!

DESIGN

Poster Competition

Design the cover of a storybook about a child having an adventure at the seaside.

Use crayons, felt tips, pencils, paint or collage.

Your cover could include:

- A main character
- An exciting seaside setting
- Treasure, sea creatures or rock pools
- Anything else you can imagine!

Be bold, colourful and creative.

WRITE

Writing Competition

Ask someone in your family:

"What can you remember doing when you were my age?"

Use their memories to inspire:

- A paragraph
- A poem
- A diary entry
- A short story

Think about where they went, what they played and what made life different.

Be imaginative and make it your own.

How to Enter

Submit your entries by emailing us at **langneycommunitylibrary@outlook.com** with the subject "Competition" or drop them at Langney Library with your name, age and contact details. Competition closes 30/10/2026. Fantastic prizes to be won thanks to the generosity of our local sponsors.

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Eastbourne LitFest



KEEP READING!

SIGN UP TODAY FOR FREE!

PLUS CHOOSE A FREE BOOK TO KEEP!*

We hope you've enjoyed Reading Celebration Week but it doesn't have to end there!

Why not continue your reading journey by joining Langney Community Library? Membership is FREE.

Visit us for:

- Thousands of books
- Children's activities
- Story times
- Family events
- Reading groups
- Friendly volunteers

Open times: Tuesday to Friday, 10am–4pm Saturday, 10am–1pm
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