



Frewen College Literacy Calendar 2022-2023

When's it happening?	What's going on?	What is it?	Useful links and ideas
September 2022	The Literacy Film Festival	This is an initiative to improve literacy using filmmaking. Free English projects released each year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More info here. • Some free Classroom Projects • Enter videos to win a YouTube Filming Day here.
08/09/2021	International Literacy Day	This is all about World Literacy and an opportunity to reflect on the World's literacy challenges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Read the concept note for this year's event here. • The issue of literacy is a key component of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. • More for teachers to be informed than for students
13/09/2021	Roald Dahl day	Celebrated every year on the anniversary of his birthday, the unofficial holiday celebrates all the characters created by the much loved and read children's author.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a multitude of resources online Roald Dahl Day 2022 - September 13th (twinkl.co.uk) •
October 06/10/2021	National Poetry Day	National Poetry Day - this is all about celebrating poetry's power to bring people together. This year's theme is 'the environment'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Poetry competition: write a poem with the theme 'The Environment' • Check out the resources and activities on the National Poetry Day website
All month	Black History Month	Black History Month found its way to the UK in 1987 following its successful implementation in the USA and Canada. Its role was to celebrate and inform the public about all aspects of black history and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Explore BBC Teaching resources here. • Promote books by BAME writers



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3 rd to 9 th October 2022	Libraries Week 2022	Libraries Week is an annual showcase and celebration of the best that libraries have to offer. Each year we pick a theme and explore the innovative and surprising things that libraries are doing to support their communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Visit a local library • Celebrate in our own Frewen library
7 th to 16 th October 2022	Cheltenham Literature Festival 2022	For book lovers everywhere, The Times and The Sunday Times hosts the Cheltenham Literature Festival, welcoming the world's greatest writers and thinkers to Cheltenham.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Sign up to their newsletter for updates • This year there is a brand new literature for schools programme that runs all week click https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/learning-participation/literature-for-schools to find out more
20 th to 30 th October 2022	London Literature Festival 2022	Explore Southbank Centre's London Literature Festival this October. It brings together today's leading writers, thinkers and cultural observers for 11 days of talks, readings, poetry and performance. Hosted at London's Southbank Centre, it was originally founded by Ted Hughes in 1967.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Sign up to their newsletter to keep up to date (bottom of this page).
November 2022	Blue Peter Book Awards	Since 2000, the enormously popular and influential Blue Peter Book Awards have been recognising and celebrating the best authors, the most creative illustrators and the greatest reads for children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • This website contains lots of exciting new books for students to read.
11/11/22	Remembrance Day	Armistice Day is on 11 November and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. A two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are resources for lots of different curriculum areas here.
14 th to 18 th November 2022	Anti-Bullying Week 2022	Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It will take place from 14 to 18 November 2022 and has the theme Reach Out. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Find school resources here. • Odd Socks Day will be held on Monday 14th November – find out more here. • Sign up to the mailing list for more info here.



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January 29 th to February 5 th 2023	National Storytelling Week	Stories belong to everyone...what's your story? What will you be telling and where will you be telling it? Every year there are hundreds and hundreds of events during National Storytelling week. It's a celebration of storytelling for all!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the many storytelling resources here. • If you would like the pack, email membership@sfs.org.uk • There are also resources available on Twinkl here https://www.twinkl.co.uk/event/national-storytelling-week-2023
6 th to 12 th February 2023	Children's Mental Health Week	Place2Be launched the first ever Children's Mental Health Week in 2015 to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. Now in its eighth year, we hope to encourage more people than ever to get involved and spread the word. This year's theme will be announced in the autumn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Free resources for schools here.
14/02/2023	International Book Giving Day	Pssst... give the gift of books on #BookGivingDay. Always celebrated on Valentine's Day a great chance to give books.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Give a book to students or encourage students to give a book to others • Blind date with a book! • Download the bookmark, poster and bookplate from the website. These are FREE to download.
March 02/03/2023	World Book Day	World Book Day is a registered charity on a mission to give every child and young person a book of their own. It's also a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • There are plenty of online resources here.
March 2023	Carnegie Children's Book Award	Every spring, CILIP: The Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals invites reading groups in libraries, schools, homes... in fact, anywhere there are children and young people and books, to get involved with shadowing. Reading activity takes place from March to June; from the moment that the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Get involved with the school shadowing scheme • Explore the texts



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		shortlists are revealed to the final winners announcement.	
March 2023	British Book Awards	Literary awards celebrating the commercial successes of publishers, authors and bookshops, administered by The Bookseller. Look out for the British Book Awards Children's Fiction Book of the Year Shortlist and the Children's Illustrated & Non-Fiction Book of the Year Shortlist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Explore the shortlist
08/03/2022	International Women's Day	International Women's Day (always celebrated on March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the website here. • Explore the resources available.
March 2023 dates tbc	British Science Week	British Science Week, run by the British Science Association is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • The 2023 theme is 'connections' more information to follow later in the year.
20/03/2023	World Storytelling Day	World Storytelling Day (always celebrated on 20 th March) is a project to promote oral storytelling by inspiring people all over the world to organize events each year the week after March Equinox. The goal is to have as many people tell and listen to stories at as many places and in as many languages as possible. Each year there is a theme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the website here.
21/03/2022	World Poetry Day	World Poetry Day is celebrated on 21 March and was declared by UNESCO in 1999. Its purpose is to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Resources are available on Twinkl here https://www.twinkl.co.uk/event/world-poetry-day-2023



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March 2023	UKLA Book Award Shortlist Announced	Celebrating children's books, the UKLA Book Awards are the only children's book awards judged by teachers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here
April 02/04/23	International Children's Book Day	International Children's Book Day is a yearly event sponsored by the International Board on Books for Young People, an international non-profit organization. Founded in 1967, the day is observed on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, April 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Celebrate books from around the globe
April 2022	Lollies - shortlist announced	The Laugh Out Loud Book Awards (the Lollies) celebrates the best and funniest children's books in the UK and Ireland, voted for by children. The Awards have been running since 2016 and now we're back for our seventh year! If you love to laugh, you'll love the Lollies!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Explore the lollies shortlist
April 2023	Manbooker Prize - shortlist announced	The Man Booker International Prize reveals the shortlist of the six books in contention for the prize in April, which celebrates the finest works of translated fiction from around the world. Details for 2023 TBC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here.
23/04/2022	World Book Night	World Book Night is a national celebration of reading and books that takes place on 23 April every year. Events up and down the country run by individuals and organisations celebrate the difference that reading makes to people's lives, and everyone from publishers to librarians, and local businesses to the general public can get involved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Download the Activity Toolkit
23/04/2022	Shakespeare Day	Many fans and enthusiasts across the world celebrate Shakespeare Day on April 23 every year to honour the birth of Shakespeare.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access free resources • Visit the website.



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Early May 2023 (tbc)	Children's Book Week	Children's Book Week is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, events are held nationwide at schools, libraries, bookstores, homes – wherever young readers and books connect!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the website. • Access plenty of fun resources to celebrate book week in school. • Host an event in your class, library or school. Better yet, visit the local library!
May dates tbc	Mental Health Awareness Week	The aim of this week is to educate the public about mental health issues and to promote better mental health. This event is also a vehicle to raise funds for the Mental Health Foundation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the website. • Share stories - Mental health books list. • Write something around this year's theme • Resources
May 2023	National Share a Story Month	National Share-A-Story Month (NSSM), which kicks off today, is an annual celebration of the power of storytelling and story sharing, providing a fantastic opportunity to fulfil the core aim of the FCBG of bringing children and stories together. Competition available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • Explore this year's theme (tbc) • Access resources on the website • Focus: Reading Aloud/Sharing Stories
May 2023	Waterstone's Children's Book Prize	The Waterstones Children's Book Prize is a celebration of the finest talents in children's writing and illustration as voted for by Waterstones booksellers. Shortlist released in May.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here.
05/06/2022	World Environment Day	World Environment Day is celebrated on 5 June every year, and is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of our environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find out more here. • 20 inspiring stories of people saving our planet (share one or two!) • Share and promote books for older students with a similar theme for KS2
June 2023	National Writing Day	<i>National Writing Day</i> is an annual celebratory project designed to inspire people across the UK to get writing. Download teaching resource packs and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find lesson plans, short writing prompts, videos and competitions on the resources page.



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		learning resources created by National Writing Day partners, for use with Key Stages 1 through to 5. Each year has a new theme.	
June 2023	Pride Month	June is Pride month, it is a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQ+ communities all around the world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out more here.• What is Pride?• Share LGBT picturebooks that celebrate diverse families
26 th to 30 th June 2023	School Diversity Week	Join thousands taking part in School Diversity Week across the UK. It's a fantastic way to make your school safer, happier and more welcoming for pupils who may be LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans) or have LGBT+ families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out more here.
June/July 2023 - TBC	Little Rebels Award	The Little Rebels Award celebrates children's fiction which challenges stereotypes, promotes social justice and advocates for a more peaceful and fairer world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out more here.• Shortlist announced in May usually