



# CHISWICK CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL



FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

## 4:30pm: Poetry Competition Prize Giving

Author and poet **Dean Atta** will present the prizes for the Chiswick Book Festival Young Poets Competition. Now in its 15th year, the competition attracts entries from many local schools and is supported by ChiswickW4.com. Free to attend, but booking essential.

**St Michael & All Angels Church, Free**



SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

## KEV F SUTHERLAND'S COMIC ART MASTERCLASSES

## 10:45am-12:45pm: Comic Masterclass

Kev F Sutherland has written and drawn for *Beano*, *Doctor Who* and *Marvel* comics, and will show you how easy it is to produce your own comic strips. Everyone will go away with a comic containing a strip by everyone in the class, plus an individual caricature by Kev F. His latest graphic novel *Richard The Third* will be available to purchase.

**Orchard House School STEAM Centre, £15**  
**(accompanying adults can attend free). Age 7+**

## 11:30-12:15pm: Michael Holland: Gardening and Sunshine

Discover how childhood passions, influential people, and life's twists shaped author **Michael Holland** and his award-winning books *I Ate Sunshine for Breakfast* and *The Little Gardener's Handbook*. See some amazing plant artefacts with surprising botanical stories. There'll also be time for questions, book buying, and signing.

**Catholic Centre, £5. Ages 3+**





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**12:45-1:30pm: Disappear into Deep Dark with Zohra Nabi**

Join **Zohra Nabi** for a thrilling Dickensian-style adventure in the first Cassia Thorne Mystery, *Deep Dark*. Watch out for the sea monster lurking in the Thames! This interactive event will explore Victorian Britain and whether you could have survived Cassia's London. Perfect for fans of Enola Holmes.

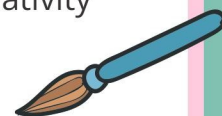
**Catholic Centre, £5. Ages 8+**



**1:15-2:15pm: Michael Holland – Print Your Own Bookmark workshop**

Create beautiful botanical bookmarks using sage leaves and ink pads in this hands-on workshop with author **Michael Holland**. Discover the art, science & history behind plant printing while exploring your creativity and celebrating the natural world.

**Chiswick Library, £5. Age 7+**



**2-4pm: Comic Masterclass**

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**2:30-3:15pm: Robert Tregoning: The Rock Family Band!**

Are you ready to ROCK? At this interactive story time event, award-winning author and star of the West End **Robert Tregoning** will introduce you to *The Rock Family Band*! The family's youngest member, flute-playing Sam, is different from the rest of his glam-rock family. Can the Rocks find a way to bring harmony into their music and into their lives? Find out as Robert reads this picture book about embracing each other for being who we are, whatever the tune that we sing and no matter how glam-rock we roll! Then dust off your air guitars and get ready to make your own music as we put on an all-singing, all-dancing, ROCK-tastic performance of our own!

**Catholic Centre, £5. Age 4+**





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**2:45-3:30pm: Jonathan Sellars: Improvised Poems From Saturn!**

Part poetry recital, part amateur theatre, part grey area between artistic innovation and chaos. Equally perfect for those who just want to sit and watch funny poetry, and those who want to volunteer and channel their inner aunt-eating alligator or bouncy-bellied cow (or any one of the many other characters you'll meet).

**Chiswick Library, £5. Ages 5-11**



**Welcome**



A book about friendship  
written by Alison Green  
Illustrated by  
Axel Scheffler

**3:15-4:15pm: Axel Scheffler: Welcome**

Come and see award-winning illustrator, Axel Scheffler read from his latest picture book *Welcome*, plus *Jonty Gentoo: The Adventures of a Penguin*, his most recent collaboration with Julia Donaldson, and of course, his classic best seller *The Gruffalo*. There will be live drawing and the chance to ask Axel some questions. After the event Axel will be signing books.

**St Michael & All Angels Church, £5. Age 5+**

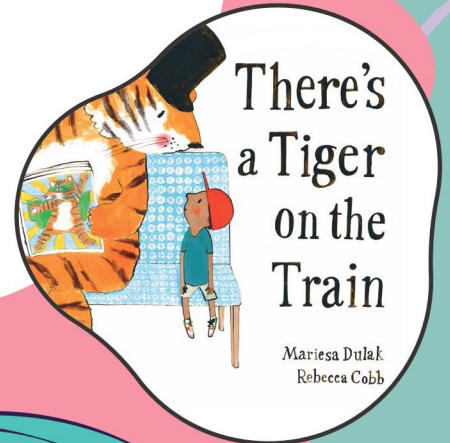


SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

**11:15am-12pm: Two Stories with Mariesa Dulak**

Join storyteller Mariesa Dulak as she brings two enchanting tales to life: *There's a Tiger on the Train*, a playful adventure with animals and rhymes, and *The Silver Shadow*, a beautiful story filled with wonder and imagination. With lively storytelling, interactive fun, and moments to giggle and dance, this event is perfect for little listeners who love big adventures and magical stories. Hop aboard and let's explore together!

**Catholic Centre, £5. Ages 3-5yrs**



Mariesa Dulak  
Rebecca Cobb

**SOLVING CRIMES  
IS NOT MY  
SUPERPOWER**



**12:15-1pm: Nathanael Lessore:**

**Solving Crimes Is NOT My Superpower**

Controlling the wind, smelling fear, farting colours... Everyone in Walsham has been granted superpowers – except Sara. But when the school's football trophy is stolen, it's up to Sara to solve the mystery and track down the missing trophy. Join Nathanael Lessore as he reads from his laugh-out-loud new adventure book.

**Catholic Centre, £5. Ages 7-9yrs**





SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

**1:30-2:15pm: Tom Kerss: Children's Guide to the Night Sky**

Join astronomer **Tom Kerss** for a fun, fact-filled, interactive talk inspired by his book, *Children's Guide to the Night Sky*. Come along to discover what to see in the autumn sky, and how to get started stargazing with your eyes, binoculars or a telescope. Perfect for budding astronomers and space fans!  
**Catholic Centre, £5. Ages 7+**



**2:45-3:30pm: Eve Wersocki Morris: Clem Fatale has Been Betrayed**

London, 1951. Clem Fatale, the youngest crook in the city, must turn detective after her father (a notorious jewel thief) goes missing, along with the greatest prize London has to offer: the Fool's Canary. Racing through dodgy dives, glamorous nightclubs, greasy spoons and secret alleyways, Clem must travel through London's underworld to try to find her father before the sinister villain this side of the river does. Join **Eve Wersocki Morris** as she reads from her rip-roaring new book.  
**Catholic Centre, £5. Ages 7+**



**4-4:45pm: JP Rose: Birdie**

When Birdie is sent to live with her great-aunt in 1950s Yorkshire, she befriends the village's last remaining pit pony. As the weeks pass, Birdie forms a special bond with the spirited little pony. But his future is in danger, and Birdie comes up with a daring plan to save his life... A story of hope and courage, exploring themes of family, racism and identity.  
**Catholic Centre, £5. Ages 8+**



**TICKETS |** Purchase from 7 June online through TicketSource at [www.chiswickbookfestival.net](http://www.chiswickbookfestival.net)

**VENUES |** Our children's sessions take place at: Chiswick Library (1 Duke's Avenue, W4 2AB), the Catholic Centre (2 Duke's Avenue, W4 2AE), Orchard House School STEAM Centre (1A Woodstock Road, W4 1DS) and St Michael & All Angels Church (Bath Road W4 1TT).

Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult, each with their own ticket, unless otherwise stated.

