



## The HDHS Literacy Calendar

DATE	EVENT	ABOUT	WEBSITE
January	January	January	January
January	Pink Lady Apples Write It Young Food Writer (deadline April, winners announced in May)	The Write It competition is back for 2020, with your chance to be crowned Young Food Writer of the Year. The competition opens in January and closes at the end of April, with the winners announced in May.	<a href="http://www.pinkladyapples/">http://www.pinkladyapples/</a>
	BBC Radio 2's 500 Words (entries open, deadline March 2020)	'500 Words' is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13. Deadline will be early March 2020.	<a href="https://www.bbc.c/">https://www.bbc.c/</a>
	Write Mighty Fiction and Poetry Competition	Our competitions run all year round with deadlines on 1st January, 1st April, 1st July, 1st October. Winners will be released within 3 weeks of the deadline. 7-11: 1000 word limit for fiction, 15 line max. for poetry 12-15: 1500 word limit for fiction, 20 line max. for poetry Entry is FREE!	<a href="http://www.smallbutmighty/">http://www.smallbutmighty/</a>
	Canterbury Tales Writing Competition 2019-2020 (Hopes and Dreams)	The Chaucer Heritage is hosting its annual writing competition for schools inspired by the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, considered by many to be the father of the English Language and England's greatest medieval poet. The special theme of the competition this year is Hopes and Dreams. The competition is open to all school students. The three age groups are: Junior – 5-10 years old, Intermediate – 11-14 years old and Senior – 15-18 years old.	<a href="http://www.chaucer.org.uk/">http://www.chaucer.org.uk/</a>
February	February	February	February
14th Feb	International Book Giving Day	give the gift of books on #BookGivingDay. Book fairy? Book ninja? Call it what you will, but stealthily leaving books out in the wild for little people to find is what it's all about!	<a href="https://bookgivingd/">https://bookgivingd/</a>
TBC Feb	Rotary Youth Speaks: A Debate	Challenge your public speaking abilities and perform, persuade and entertain the audience with your display of wit and knowledge of a topic. In teams of three participants present arguments and points of discussion, before taking questions from the judging panel who are, themselves, skilled orators.	<a href="https://www.rotaryg/">https://www.rotaryg/</a>

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March	March	March	March
	Carnegie Children's Book Award (shortlist and school shadowing scheme)	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 shortlists are revealed to the final winners announcement. The shadowing process is supported online. Runs March – June 2020.	<a href="http://www.carnegie/">http://www.carnegie/</a>
5th March	World Book Day	A day to celebrate the joys of books and reading. Further details on the World Book Day website – <a href="http://www.worldbookday.com">www.worldbookday.com</a> .	<a href="http://www.worldbookday.com">http://www.worldbookday.com</a>
16/03/20 - 22/03/20	World Shakespeare Week	Join our celebrations and check back regularly for new resources & events. Our most recent resources include a video of Michael Rosen exploring Shakespeare's language and a fabulous new literacy booklet 'Will's Word Warriors' containing inspiring grammar and vocabulary ideas. Our theme for 2020 will be Art & Design.	<a href="https://www.shakes/">https://www.shakes/</a>
20/03/20	World Storytelling Day	World Storytelling Day (WSD) is a project to promote oral storytelling by inspiring people all over the world to organize events each year the week after the 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.	<a href="http://www.globalsto/">http://www.globalsto/</a>
21/03/20	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.	<a href="http://www.un.org/e">http://www.un.org/e</a>
23/03/20	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.	<a href="https://worldbookni/">https://worldbookni/</a>

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April	April	April	April
2nd April	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.	<a href="http://www.ibby.org/">http://www.ibby.org/</a>
29/04/20 – 05/05/20	National 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!	<a href="http://everychildare/">http://everychildare/</a>
May	May	May	May
01/05/20	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.	<a href="http://www.fcbg.org/">http://www.fcbg.org/</a>
May 2020	CLiPPA Awards (shortlist and school shadowing scheme)	Sign up to the shadowing scheme by May 2020. The scheme is all about getting children to read, write and perform poetry using the shortlisted works and the free teaching resources provided by CLPE. Schools then send in videos of children's performances from which 5 winning groups are selected to perform at the CLiPPA awards ceremony in July.	<a href="https://clpe.org.uk/p">https://clpe.org.uk/p</a>
	Live Canon Poetry Competition	100 children will have their poems published in our 2019 anthology. There is also an award for the school that sends in the best set of poems. Poems are judged in 4 categories: School years 1-3, School years 4-6, School years 7-9 and School years 10-13.	<a href="http://www.livecano/">http://www.livecano/</a>

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June	June	June	June
26th June	National Writing Day	National Writing Day is an annual celebratory project designed to inspire people across the UK to get writing. Download teaching resource packs and learning resources created by National Writing Day partners, for use with Key Stages 1 through to 5. Find lesson plans, short writing prompts and writing competitions	<a href="http://www.nationalwriting.org/">http://www.nationalwriting.org/</a>
July	July	July	July
Early July 2020	First News Journalist of the Year	STABILO and First News are looking for the next budding journalist to take to the stand and show their passion for writing! The lucky winner of STABILO's Young Journalist of the Year competition will win a fabulous bundle of STABILO stationery products worth £1,000 for their school AND will also get their column published in First News - amazing!	<a href="http://stabilofirstnews/">http://stabilofirstnews/</a>
	The Jacqueline Wilson Creative Writing Prize	Write a story for a chance of your story to be published in a Jacqueline Wilson book. Children aged 7-12 can enter stories of 750 -1000 words on any subject.	<a href="https://www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk/creativewriting/">https://www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk/creativewriting/</a>