

# Easter Newsletter 2026

Bounce into Spring and Easter with our recommendations for the season.

Early Years and  
Key Stage 1

Non-Fiction  
6-8 years



Jump into the joy of Easter with this magical collection of 90+ maze puzzle adventures! Just like finding hidden treats during an Easter egg hunt, your child will discover delightful surprises around every twist and turn of these fun mazes. Perfect for making holiday downtime extra special for kids ages 4-8!

Crack Open the Fun:

3 Egg-cellent Challenge Levels : From bunny-hop easy to chocolate-maze amazing

90+ Holiday-Themed Mazes : More exciting twists and turns than an Easter egg hunt

Solutions Guide : In case those tricky bunnies need a helping hand

Fiction

3 -5 years



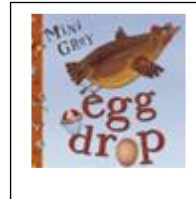
Children will love to turn the colorful felt-trimmed pages and see the Easter Bunny delivering eggs to the different animals as they use them for all sorts of silly things, like playing golf and at the circus.

Each page features different-coloured felt die-cuts within the vibrant, brightly illustrated scenes and the board book is a unique and eye-catching shape, perfect for engaging toddlers and introducing them to Easter.

Picture Book

4 -7 years

Egg Drop – Mini Grey



*The Egg was young. It didn't know much. We tried to tell it, but of course it didn't listen. If only it had waited . . . The Egg loved the sky. It saw all the birds, insects, aeroplanes, balloons, helicopters, bats and clouds. It dreamed of being up there, flying with them all. So the Egg went to a very high place . . . and jumped . . .*

Storytime

These interactive story sessions are perfect for pre-school children to enjoy with their parent/carer Join in with a mix of picture book stories & rhymes Discover lots of new stories as well as old favourites like The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Gruffalo. Then choose your own books to borrow and share at home

Sessions are free (donations welcomed) and you don't have to book in advance

Type of event

**Children's stories and rhymes**

When

**Every Tuesday at 11:00 - 11:30**

Venue

**North Watford Library**

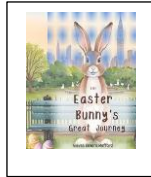
**St Albans Road**

**Watford**

**WD24 7RW**

### Fiction 7-9 years

*The Easter Bunny's Great Journey – Nieves Sendra Mefford.*



The Easter Bunny embarks on an exciting journey around the world, hiding chocolate eggs in different countries. From Big Ben in London to the Statue of Liberty in New York, he hops to famous landmarks, visiting local and unique places along the way. As he spreads Easter joy, children everywhere wake up to magical surprises, making this a global celebration of fun and wonder.

## Key Stage 2

### Graphic Novels

*Gnome and Rat: First Snow!*

*Lauren Stohler*



Buckle up for the road trip of a lifetime! Pedro Martin's hilarious graphic novel memoir Mexikid. Pedro was born into a large Mexican family in the heart of America and he's about to experience his heritage in a way he could never imagine! Pedro's father suggests a trip in the family Winnebago from their home in California back to Mexico on a mission to bring home their legendary grandfather.

This culturally rich exploration of family and identity is presented in an exceptionally accessible and engaging way, with bright, beautifully illustrated comic strip-style pages bringing this epic adventure to life. Pedro's authentic and honest account of his childhood will provide a unique platform for encouraging conversations about immigration, culture, family, and friendship. A cross-generational celebration of love and unity and one not to be missed.

### Non-Fiction

*The History of Chocolate for Children – Sacha Lavigne*



The history of chocolate illustrated for children this book reveals everything about chocolate! A delicious adventure, filled with surprises and anecdotes, to enjoy without delay!

On a journey through the centuries, let your child discover the amazing history of chocolate. from its beginnings as the sacred drink of the Aztecs to its rise as one of the most beloved treats in the world! Through vibrant illustrations and entertaining text, this book unveils the full story and the secrets of how children's favourite treat is made.

They will meet fascinating historical figures and learn why chocolate has become such a star in our kitchens.

### Fiction 9-11

### Fiction 7-9 years

*Easter Trouble at the Chocolate Factory – Elaine Heney.*



Emily and Sophie age 9 and Jack age 8, are getting ready for the annual Easter egg hunt at Blackthorn Stables. But disaster strikes when Blackthorn Chocolate Factory's Easter egg machine is broken during the night!

When the Blackthorn Stables gang notice a strange man acting suspiciously, they realise that something is very wrong indeed! Can Emily, Sophie & Jack save Blackthorn Chocolate Factory before it's too late? Join Emily, Sophie & Jack as they embark on this exciting Easter adventure.

## Author

### Ken Wilson-Max



Born in Zimbabwe, Ken Wilson-Max lives in London. He has written and illustrated over 50 books for children. He also illustrates things for grow-ups and businesses and publishes work from other creators through Alanna Max.

As a younger man, Ken made stories from what he saw in his travels. He was excited and so the work was exciting. As he became more experienced and familiar with his surroundings, he saw that everyone had a story to tell. He became determined to inspire others to tell theirs. He found this made his stories much better. It also allowed him to experiment and learn. Since 2014, he's also been publishing the Chicken Newspaper for children all over the world.

## Hertfordshire Libraries

Remember to sign up to your local library in North Watford, Watford or Bushey. It is free to join and to can enjoy new books, e-books and audiobooks as well as some great reading events.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/libraries-and-archives.aspx>

[Lego Club—Watford Central \(Mon 4-5\), North Watford \(Wed 4-5\) £4.40](#)

[A Noise Annoys – Poetry Show North Watford 9th April 10.30 am. Cost:£7](#)

## Poet

### Neal Zetter



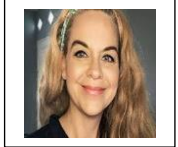
When not masquerading as a superhero, Neal Zetter is a London-based comedy performance poet, author, entertainer and educator with a huge following in schools. He has been using his interactive, fun and accessible poetry to develop literacy, confidence and communication skills in 3-103 year olds for nearly 30 years, visiting schools almost daily.

His 14 children's poetry books have won him awards and recognition from e.g. The Wishing Shelf, Book Trust, The Reading Agency, the Guardian etc.

As well as running fun poetry writing and performance workshops in schools, libraries etc and performing himself in assemblies, he has also starred in adult comedy clubs, festivals, pubs, clubs, theatres, music venues and the Royal Festival Hall.

## Illustrator

### Asa Guillard



Åsa Gilland is a Swedish illustrator living in Jakarta, Indonesia with her family and cats in a little house beneath a gigantic bougainvillea tree.

She studied interior design at Accademia Italiana Moda in Florence and spent many years as a graphic designer before pursuing her love for illustration and picture books.

She works in a combination of traditional and digital media, drawing her inspiration from the mixture of cultures in the world around her. Her children's book characters reflect the rich diversity of her own lived experience. She loves history, patterns and drawing people.

Information and images taken from Amazon, The Book Trust, Britannica Kids, Poetry4Kids and Google search.

**We hope you find the Newsletter informative.  
Keep Reading and sharing brilliant literature.**

**Mrs Keith, Reading Subject Lead.**