

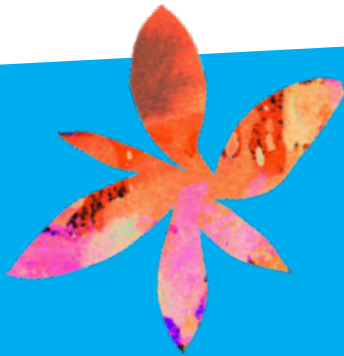
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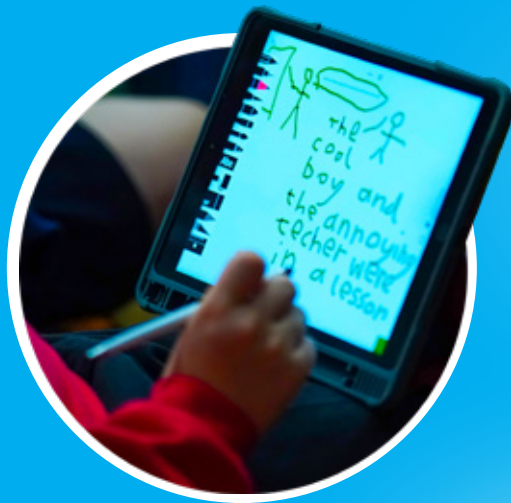
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Welcome to the 2023 Baillie Gifford Schools Programme

**WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER | HAWICK TOWN HALL & HEART OF HAWICK
(IN-PERSON, LIVESTREAMED & ON-DEMAND)**

Join us for a packed day of events which have been devised exclusively for schools - the perfect way to fire up young imaginations!

Events are suitable for pupils from Nursery to Primary 7 to enjoy.

All events are in-person and a selection of these will also be livestreamed and available to view free via our partners at Inspire Learning. Our livestreamed sessions will also be available to watch later free on-demand from the book festival website.

- All pupils attending in-person will receive a FREE book related to the event, which they can get signed by the author after the session.
- All schools events are 45 minutes in duration.
- All tickets for in-person attendance are still only £2 per pupil, per event, with entry for accompanying adults free of charge.

Thank you to Baillie Gifford

The Baillie Gifford Schools Programme enables pupils to experience the joy of reading and to interact with some of today's most entertaining and engaging writers for children. With Baillie Gifford's support, pupils attending in-person will also receive a free book related to the event. Additionally, some events will be available to view online: schools who choose to watch this way can enter a giveaway to receive free books for their school library.

Founded in 1908, Baillie Gifford & Co is an Edinburgh based independent investment management firm who employs more than 1,800 people. The firm plays an active role in the community and supports projects in education, social inclusion, and the arts.

The Baillie Gifford Big Book Giveaway

Free books

Every pupil attending the Baillie Gifford Schools Programme in-person this year will automatically receive a free copy of a book relating to the event they come and see. Children will also have the opportunity to meet the author and get their book signed after each event – plan this into your visit to get the full schools day experience! Pupils attending on the day will also receive a free goody bag, making their visit even more memorable.

Competition - book bundles for schools watching via livestream

For schools who choose to watch events via livestream instead of coming to the events in Hawick, we're running an exclusive competition to help grow your library collections. Three lucky schools will win a fantastic set of books by authors appearing in the 2023 Baillie Gifford Schools Programme. Winning schools will be selected at random from those who watch live online on 27 September.

[REGISTER HERE](#) if you are interested in watching any of our events via livestream.

Baillie Gifford Schools Programme

At a Glance

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Hawick Town Hall & Heart of Hawick, Hawick

Time	Event/Activity	Year Group	Venue
10.00am - 10.45am	Murderous Maths – with Kjartan Poskitt	P5 – P7	Hawick Town Hall
10.00am - 10.45am	Catherine Rayner: Victor; the Wolf with Worries	P1 – P3	Hawick Town Hall
10.00am - 10.45am	Tell Me About...Science – with Emily Dodd	P2 – P4	Heart of Hawick
11.30am - 12.15pm	One Button Benny – with Alan Windram	Nursery - P2	Hawick Town Hall
11.30am - 12.15pm	Tiger Warrior: Battle for the Jade Rabbit – with Maisie Chan	P2 – P4	Hawick Town Hall
11.30am - 12.15pm	Scotland: The People, The Places, The Stories - with Chae Strathie	P5 – P7	Heart of Hawick
1.00pm - 1.45pm	Dekko Comics Workshop – with Rossie Stone	P5 – P7	Hawick Town Hall
1.00pm - 1.45pm	A Kid's Life as a Viking – with Chae Strathie	P2 – P4	Hawick Town Hall
1.00pm - 1.45pm	The Runaway Pea – with Kjartan Poskitt	P1 – P3	Heart of Hawick

Venue addresses:

- **Hawick Town Hall, High Street, Hawick, TD9 9EF**
- **Heart of Hawick, Kirkstile, Hawick, TD9 0AE**

Need help with travel costs?

If your group needs assistance to get to Hawick, we may be able to help you out with a travel grant of up to 75%. All travel support is on a first come, first served basis.

For location details, how to access a travel grant, and other useful information, see page 13.

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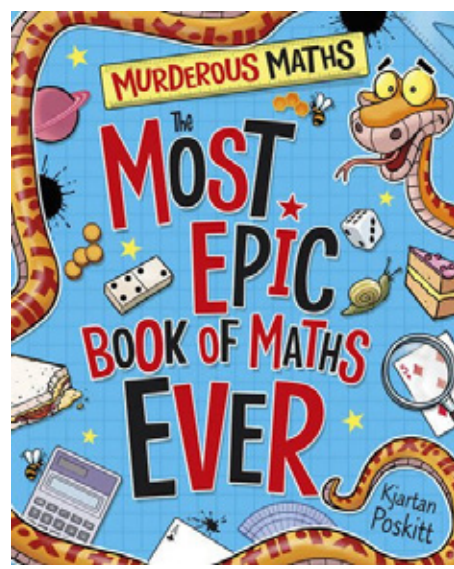
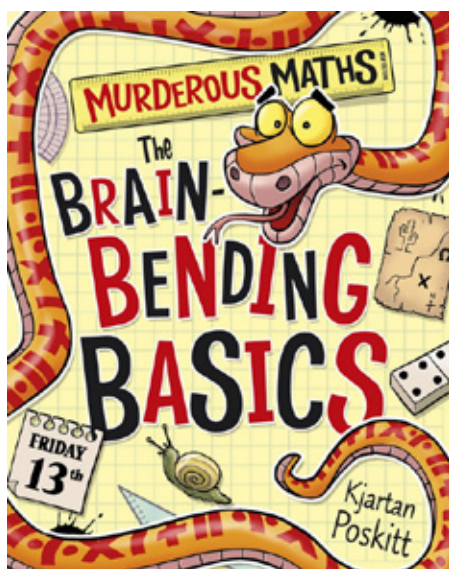
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Murderous Maths with Kjartan Poskitt

10.00am - 10.45am | Hawick Town Hall, Hawick | P5 - P7 | £2 per pupil

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EVENT DETAILS

Join best-selling author Kjartan to discover the fun side of numbers and shapes, including weird tricks and games you can't lose, and introducing the people who really did put the murder into maths. He'll be showing off his fabulous flexagons and how to fill the universe with ice creams. He can even make an infinitely big hole in a postcard, and using a bit of magical maths he makes a dragon from a cinema ticket!

Kjartan's MURDEROUS MATHS books have sold millions in over 30 countries and his maths shows have been described by the TES as a routine 'that has children and teachers in fits of laughter'.

BIOGRAPHY

Kjartan Poskitt's Murderous Maths series has been translated into over 30 languages, and his other books include five historical stage musicals, plus books on Isaac Newton, Houdini, mazes, codes, magic, puzzles, picture books and over twenty funny novels including the 'Agatha Parrot' series. As well as touring his maths stage shows, Kjartan has also been a TV presenter, a musician, and currently runs a local quiz every week.

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.kjartan.co.uk

www.murderousmaths.co.uk

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/murderousmaths](https://twitter.com/murderousmaths)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

www.murderousmaths.co.uk/teacher

Catherine Rayner: Victor, the Wolf with Worries

10.00am - 10.45am | Hawick Town Hall, Hawick | P1 - P3 | £2 per pupil

WATCH IN-PERSON



EVENT DETAILS

Sometimes we all feel a bit worried and Victor the Wolf is no exception. Victor feels anxious about almost everything. Then he shares his worries with his friend, Pablo, and starts to feel better. Soon, Victor learns how to deal with anxious thoughts, making him feel a bit bigger, a bit braver, and a bit fiercer inside. Join CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal-winner Catherine Rayner in this reassuring event where you'll find out all about what helped Victor, and talk about what you might be worried about and what you could do to feel better. Then watch Catherine draw Victor and Pablo.

BIOGRAPHY

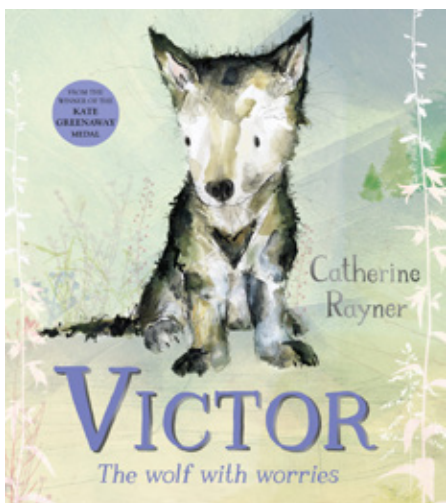
Catherine Rayner studied illustration at Edinburgh College of Art. She fell in love with the city and still lives there with her young family and a small menagerie of creatures including Shannon the horse, Ena the cat and a goldfish called Richard, all of whom inspire her work. Catherine won the Best New Illustrator Award at the Booktrust Early Years Awards for *Augustus and His Smile* and has been awarded the prestigious CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal. Catherine's other titles for Macmillan include the critically acclaimed *Solomon Crocodile* and the award-winning *Smelly Louie*.

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

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You can enjoy more of Catherine's artwork at
www.catherinerayner.co.uk



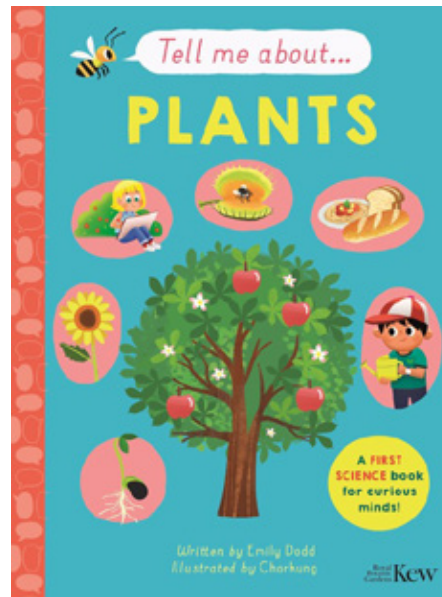
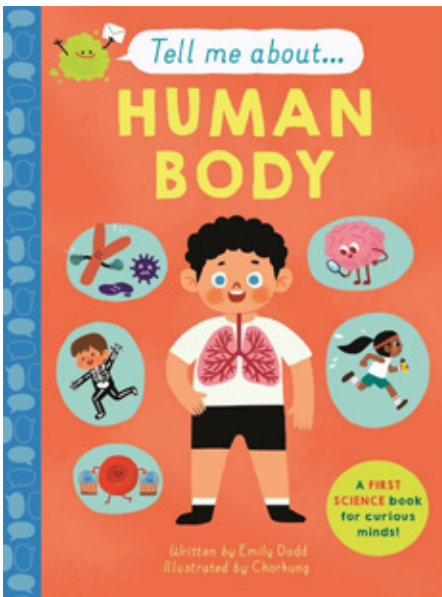
Tell Me About...Science with Emily Dodd

10.00am - 10.45am | Heart of Hawick, Hawick | P2 - P4 | £2 per pupil

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EVENT DETAILS

Explore the world around you and the world inside you in this interactive event based on plants and the human body thanks to the exciting new science series for young learners, *Tell Me About...* by author (and science geek!) Emily Dodd.

How do plants make food from sunshine? How do bees help plants and how plants help us? How can water travel uphill inside a plant? What is happening inside your body right now? How is learning and memory like a forest and are thoughts really like squirrels? Why do muscles need to be in teams to work. Find the answers to all these questions and more in this interactive event.

BIOGRAPHY

Emily Dodd loves science and nature, and her storytelling events are an interactive mixture of learning and fun, sure to engage children of all ages. With a background in science and museum education, Emily is the author of over twenty books including picture books, chapter books and non-fiction science books. Emily is also a screenwriter for CBeebies and a writer of BBC radio plays for children.

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/auntyemily](https://twitter.com/auntyemily)

Instagram: www.instagram.com/auntyemily/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/auntyemily

Blog: www.auntyemily.wordpress.com

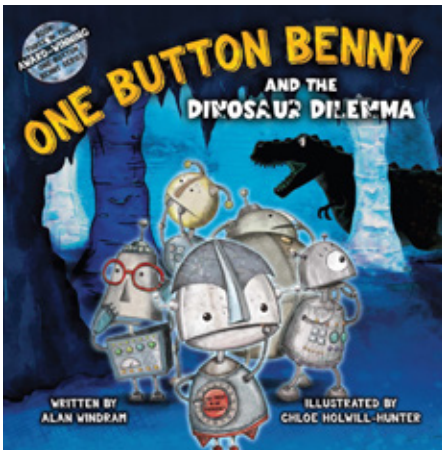
All links to Emily's socials and latest news: <https://linktr.ee/auntyemily>

One Button Benny and the Dinosaur Dilemma

with Alan Windram

11.30am - 12.15pm | Hawick Town Hall, Hawick | Nursery - P2 | £2 per pupil

WATCH IN-PERSON



EVENT DETAILS

Robots and Dinosaurs - What Could Go Wrong?

One Button Benny is back in a fantastic new picture book adventure. In this third book, *One Button Benny and the Dinosaur Dilemma*, Benny and his friends are trapped underground with a hungry dinosaur on the loose. Will Benny have to press his 'Emergency Button'? Can they escape being crushed and eaten by the dinosaur? Will they make it back in time for the Friday dance party? Join award-winning author Alan Windram for this fantastic, interactive, fun-filled picture book event, with stories, specially written songs and even some robot dancing.

This book is all about friendship, working together, inclusiveness and uniqueness – everyone is special and has something to give.

One Button Benny was the winner of the Bookbug Picture Book Prize in 2019.

BIOGRAPHY

Alan Windram is an award-winning author of the hugely popular One Button Benny series of picture books. Over the last year Alan has toured his Bookbug Picture Book Prize winning robot picture book and the recent sequel *One Button Benny and the Gigantic Catastrophe* around schools, libraries and major book festivals. Alan is an accomplished singer-songwriter with four independent albums of original songs under his belt. He has toured extensively with some of Scotland's top musical artists. Alan is also the co-founder of award-winning children's publisher Little Door Books, he lives in Argyll and Bute with his wife and two cats, Sparkie and George.

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.alanwindram.weebly.com

www.littledoorbooks.co.uk

Instagram: www.instagram.com/akwindram/

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Check out free videos, activity and colouring in sheets as well as some downloadable songs to sing along to - all on the Little Door Books website: www.littledoorbooks.co.uk

Tiger Warrior: Battle for the Jade Rabbit with Maisie Chan

11.30am - 12.15pm | Hawick Town Hall, Hawick | P2 - P4 | £2 per pupil

WATCH IN-PERSON



EVENT DETAILS

Heart of a tiger, strength of a dragon, body of a ... schoolboy? Learn about Chinese myths, the Moon Festival, and the power of creativity with Maisie Chan in her creative workshop based on her Tiger Warrior series. In this workshop, readers will also learn about a Chinese mythical beast, called a Taotie, and will use their imaginations and artistic skills to bring the character to life.

BIOGRAPHY

Maisie Chan is an award-winning British Chinese children's author who lives in Glasgow. She grew up watching lots of kung-fu movies as they were the only people on the screen who looked like she did, and decided to become a children's author so that there was at least one positive Chinese role model for children to look up to. Maisie has been a Chinese storyteller in the past and entertained children in libraries, museums and schools with her favourite Chinese myths and legends, all of which feed into the magical world of her Tiger Warrior book series. Maisie lived in Taiwan for a while to try to learn Mandarin Chinese which is a very cool language to learn!

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.maisiechan.com

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

See here www.maisiechan.com/school-resources/ for the downloadable PDF Tiger Warrior series resources



Scotland: The People, The Places, The Stories with Chae Strathie

11.30am - 12.15pm | Heart of Hawick, Hawick | P5 - P7 | £2 per pupil

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EVENT DETAILS

Bloody battles, magical myths, and gruesome ghosts - Scotland has it all! Chae Strathie's latest book, *Scotland: The People, The Places, The Stories*, is a celebration of our country's rich culture and history, featuring stunning artwork from six Scottish illustrators. Join Chae as he takes you on a tour of Scotland and discover the secrets that make it so special.

BIOGRAPHY

Chae Strathie won the Scottish Children's Book Award 2014 for *Jumblebum*. He is the author of the 'Dear Dinosaur' picture book series and the 'So You Think You've Got It Bad...' series. He lives in Dundee, where he works as a freelance features writer and author.

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

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Dekko Comics Workshop

with Rossie Stone

1.00pm – 1.45pm | Hawick Town Hall, Hawick | P5 – P7 | £2 per pupil

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EVENT DETAILS

Back due to high demand! Imagine if education was no different from things you might like to do in your spare time. Imagine if schoolwork came in the form of a colourful comic strip with daft stories and high-quality drawings. Would you find it easier and more enjoyable to read than a worksheet or textbook? Artist and animator Rossie Stone joins us to lead a workshop where he talks about how turning his schoolwork into comics helped him get an 'A' in his exams and turned revision into a joyful hobby. He will show you how to make a comic, poster, or anything visual and entertaining out of even the dullest information - and how it can significantly improve engagement. He will be demonstrating this through one of his exciting new videos from his Dekko Video Course series - which teaches you how to use these creative techniques both at school and at home for yourself.



The workshop will make use of the Sketches School app. Please ensure that pupils bring their iPads along to participate in this event.

BIOGRAPHY

Rossie Stone has been making cartoons and comics all his life but struggled throughout school with dyslexia. He was constantly at the bottom of academic classes and it wasn't until his final year of exams that he decided to present his revision notes to himself in a way that felt natural. By turning his revision notes for Modern Studies into comics, he got his first 'A' in an academic exam and found a way to make revision fun and easier to understand. Since then, he has graduated from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and become the creator and founder of Dekko Comics Ltd, a company that turns school curriculum information into entertaining comic strips.

Rossie has won awards like Young Edge and the SME Business Awards, and been nominated for several more such as the National Diversity Award and Dyslexia Awareness Award. He has also been featured on BBC News, STV and has done 3 TEDX Talks - with the aim of making education accessible and fun for all, and to lose the stigma of "stupidity" that often surrounds those who have neurodiversity.

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.dekkocomics.com

Instagram: www.instagram.com/dekko_comics

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

School Video Courses: www.dekkocomics.com/video-courses

Mental Health Comic: www.dekkocomics.com/comics/dekko-comics-mental-health-and-wellbeing

'How To Draw' Comic: www.dekkocomics.com/comics/dekko-drawing

Teacher Classroom Packs: www.dekkocomics.com/dekko-classroom-packs

Online Subscriptions: www.dekkocomics.com/read-online

School Workshops: www.dekkocomics.com/workshops

A Kid's Life as a Viking with Chae Strathie

1.00pm - 1.45pm | Hawick Town Hall, Hawick | P2 - P4 | £2 per pupil

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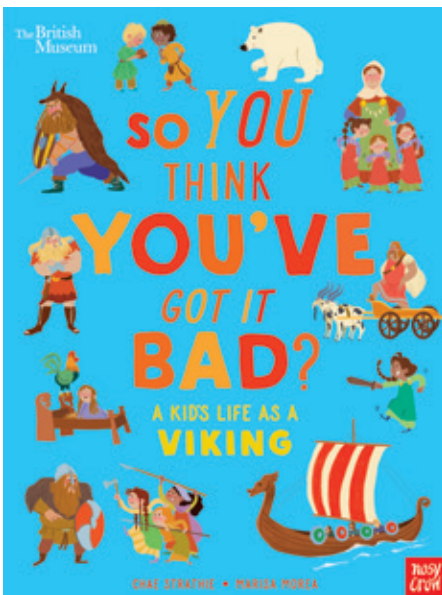
Would you like to share your bedroom with farm animals, eat EXTREMELY watery porridge or spend years on a raid? No?? Then you'll be glad you don't live in the Viking age! Step into the past with award-winning author Chae Strathie for a must-see event for kids with a passion for horrible history. A hilarious introduction to Viking times packed with songs, dancing, drawing and fascinating (sometimes gross!) facts!

BIOGRAPHY

Chae Strathie is an award-winning children's author and journalist who grew up in a tiny village surrounded by a forest in Scotland, which probably explains a lot. His first attempt at professional writing was creating a Star Wars comic at the age of seven. He sold two copies and made a total of four pence. A regular at major book festivals, Chae has toured the length and breadth of the UK and visited schools as far afield as Romania, reading his stories, acting the goat and singing silly songs about worm ice cream and beard-growing. He lives in Dundee with three annoying cats and a very old goldfish called Lazarus.

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The Runaway Pea with Kjartan Poskitt

1.00pm - 1.45pm | Heart of Hawick, Hawick | P1 - P3 | £2 per pupil

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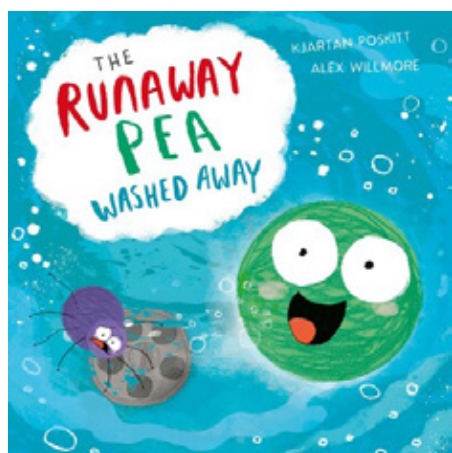


EVENT DETAILS

It's six o'clock, we're ready for tea...but look what's that? It's a Runaway Pea! Join the little green hero on his adventures that take him round the dangerous kitchen, down a mysterious plug hole and high up into the clouds! There's also a sneaky chance to meet the hero of Kjartan's new book *The Snowman's Nose* and find out what happens when he does a really massive sneeze! The award-winning Runaway Pea picture books were selected for the Booktrust "Time for Read" scheme and were distributed to over 800,000 school-starters across the UK.

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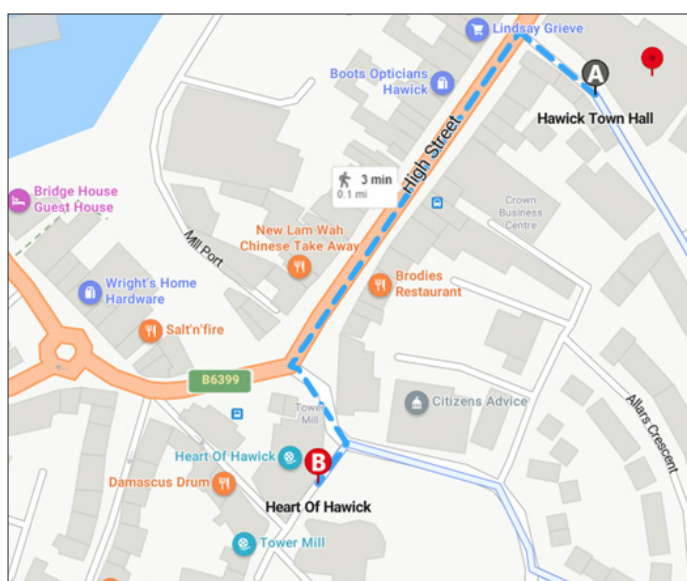
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Additional Information

Financial support for transport

If your class needs financial assistance to get to the Schools Day, you can apply to have up to 75% of your bus hire costs reimbursed. Please contact us at info@bordersbookfestival.org with details of an estimate of the cost. Funding is allocated based on economic need and geographical distance.

You will be notified soon after submitting your estimate if your application has been successful and how much of a subsidy you will receive. You will then book and pay for any necessary transport, and reimbursement of your transport fund allocation will be made after the Schools Day has taken place.



Venue locations and how to find them

Hawick Town Hall
High Street, Hawick
TD9 9EF

Heart of Hawick
Kirkstile, Hawick
TD9 0AE

Reaching venues on foot or by school transport:

- Venues are close to each other, with less than a five-minute walk door-to-door.
- Drop-off and pick-up information and locations for each venue will be provided at the time of booking for events.

Bringing pupils with special needs

If your pupils have special needs, you may need more information about author events and what a visit to the Schools Day would involve. We would be delighted to talk in more detail with you if you have any queries.

Please call 07909 333012, or email info@bordersbookfestival.org

Eating packed lunches and snacks

School parties are welcome to bring along snacks and packed lunches, to eat at venues between any events they are attending.

Book signings

Free copies of books relating to the events will be given to all children attending in person. Authors will be signing copies of their books after their events – please factor this into your plans when booking to attend the Schools Day.