



# A children's book festival

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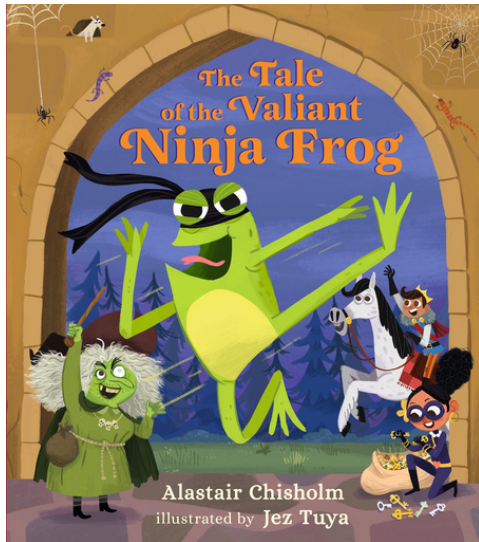
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### MONDAY 22

**9.30am [Family]**

**Ailie Finlay | A Sensory Story**

Enjoy Ailie's sensory story about Big Dog's Springtime adventure on the farm. Lots of fun for everyone, but particularly for children with additional needs.



**11.15am [Ages 5-12]**

**Alastair Chisholm | The Tale of the Valiant Ninja Frog**

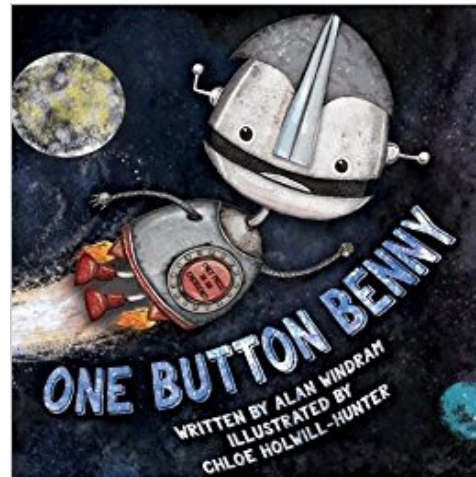
Alastair Chisholm's new book is a laugh-out-loud story showing that even small characters can be mighty.

**1.30pm [Ages 8-12]**

**Ross MacKenzie | The Otherwhere Emporium**

Author Ross MacKenzie leads us back inside The Nowhere Emporium one last time. What has happened to Daniel Holmes and can Mirren find him before the shop, and everyone inside it, is lost forever?

### TUESDAY 23



**9.30am [Ages 5-7]**

**Alan Windram & Saffanna Al-jbawi | One Button Benny in English & Arabic**

Benny is a special robot. A single red button sits in the middle of his stomach. But what happens when he presses it? Suitable for non-English speakers.

**11.15am [Ages 7-12]**

**Abi Elphinstone | Everdark**

It is midnight in Crackledawn. Sea dragons stir in the depths of the ocean, silver whales surface beneath the moon and sand goblins line the shores.

**1.30pm [Ages 7-17]**

**Stuart Paterson | Workshop: Writing in Scots**

Learn about the history of the Scots language, where you'll find different dialects, and learn how many people speak in Scots. Entertaining poetry readings with the chance to write your own.

### WEDNESDAY 24

**9.30am [Ages 5-7]**

**Catherine Rayner | Arlo: The Lion Who Couldn't Sleep**

A beautiful story about finding peace and calm, with live painting as Catherine reveals step by step how she creates her beautiful illustrations.

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**11.15am [Ages 5-9]**

**[THEATRE] Jo's Portable Art Department | Stinky McFish and the World's Worst Wish**

Scuttle the Crab longs to be human. Can little Lucy help to make his dreams come true? And should Scuttle be careful what he wishes for? An original and beautifully crafted comedy puppet show about friendship, home and the environment.

**1.30pm [Ages 8-12]**

**David Long | Survival in Space: The Apollo 13 Mission**

When an explosion on board damaged the spacecraft, the Apollo 13 mission became a perilous and near-impossible fight for survival.





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### THURSDAY 25

9.30am [Ages 7-12]

#### Stay at Home

Stories and poems for lockdown which remind us that there's a rainbow after every storm.

11.15am [Ages 8-12]

#### Renita Boyle & Joan Haig | Workshop: Going Elsewhere

Let your imagination take you to another place, space or time.



1.30pm [Ages 7-11]

#### Shoo Rayner | Walker and the Missing Millions

There's a strange van lurking in the village and a mysterious man with a nasty little dog in the woods. Just how much worse can things get for Walker and his trusty sidekick, Stella?

6.30pm [Family]

#### Renita Boyle | Tuck In Teddy Tales

Have your teddies at the ready for some Tuck In Teddy tales and tunes.

### FRIDAY 26



9.30am [Ages 5-11]

#### Marty Jopson | ZAP!

Join Dr Marty Jopson, the BBC One Show's resident scientist as he takes a sparky journey through the story of electricity. A show full of demonstrations. Expect a hair-raising experience.

11.15am [Ages 5-8]

#### Joanna Nadin | The Worst Class in the World

According to Miss Bottomley-Blunt, 4B is the worst class in the world, but Stanley and Manjit didn't mean to make their whole class sick, or for Manjit's dog to eat their teachers shoes, or for the rat to escape. What other class would you want to be in?

1.30pm [Ages 7-12]

Kate Wiseman | Gangster School Blaggard's is a school like no other. Instead of learning Maths and English, Milly and Charlie learn about lying and stealing from super villains, and this event invites you to create a villain of your own.

### SATURDAY 27

9.30am [Ages 3-7]

#### Ross Collins | There's a Mouse in My House

Bear has an unwelcome guest - a cheeky little mouse who just won't leave. With much chaos, from this unlikely comedy duo, everything works out in the end.

11.15am [Ages 7-12]

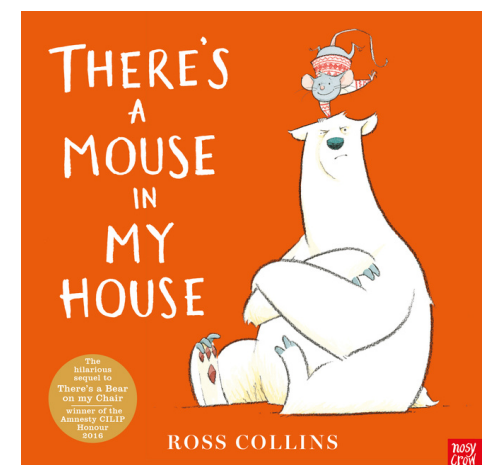
#### Carlie Sorosiak | I, Cosmo

Cosmo and Max are best friends, but they have quite different worlds. For Cosmo is a dog, and Max is a boy. This charming story brings together the fun of canine freestyle dance with Max and Cosmo's effort to stay together.

1.30pm [Ages 7-12]

#### Vivian French | The Giants' Tea Party

The royal family send Prince Max on a mission to the valley of the giants - with only a grumpy donkey for company. A brilliant new fairy-tale adventure with dangers lurking in the shadows..





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### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

For the first time ever, you don't even need to leave the house to participate in Big DoG Children's Book Festival – unless you're back at school! This year's programme, which is completely free, is designed to welcome children and their families whether learning at home or back in the classroom, with six days of events including stories, science, workshops and even a tea party! Join us from 22-27 March.

All events will stream through the **Big DoG YouTube Channel**. Please subscribe to receive a notification when a new event begins. Many will also stream on the **Big DoG Facebook** page and **Wigtown Book Festival** website.

There will be lots of opportunities to read, write and draw along. We'll also be sending a surprise gift to every child who sends us something they have written or drawn during or after one of the events. These can be emailed to **mail@wigtownbookfestival.com** or posted to Big DoG, c/o Wigtown Festival Company, 11 North Main Street, Wigtown, DG8 9HN.

### REGISTER FOR EVENTS

To make sure you receive direct links and notifications for the events you and your family or class would like to see, book your place by searching the programme at **www.wigtownbookfestival.com**. This also allows us to tell you if there are any changes, highlight additional resources for events for teachers and parents, and (if you choose to tick the box) to keep you informed of future events.

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### ASK QUESTIONS

Just because you're not sitting in front of the speaker doesn't mean you can't ask questions – you just don't have to put your hand up! You, your parent/guardian or your teacher can email questions before or during events to **questions@wigtownbookfestival.com** and we'll do our best to answer them all.

### BUY THE BOOKS

All the books featuring in the Big DoG programme are available to purchase from the **Wigtown Festival Company bookshop** where you'll be able to buy a signed copy. Every sale supports our charitable work, so please consider buying direct from us in the first instance. For local families, we also offer a click and collect service.

### PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING

There is no charge to participate, but if you enjoy the programme, please consider making a donation to help us continue to bring stories alive and spark the imagination of our children and young people. Donations, small or otherwise, can be made **HERE**.

**Find the full programme and follow up activities at www.wigtownbookfestival.com**

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