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## **Alex Wharton – School Visit**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

***Daydreams and Jellybeans***

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome award-winning poet, children's author and Children's Laureate Wales, Alex Wharton into school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, to inspire our children with his poetry and introduce them to his brilliant poetry collection, *Daydreams and Jellybeans: Poems to Read Aloud*.

In this special event, Alex will speak to pupils about his work as a poet, share some readings and work with each year group to unleash their own inner poets in specially planned workshops which will support each class to create and learn how to perform their very own class poem to be showcased in our RHF Poetry Festival on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (more information to follow). This is sure to be a fantastic event, with yet another Children's Laureate (how lucky are we!) and builds further on previous author visits as this time, we are able to have our very own workshops with Alex!

To help us cover the cost of this exciting visit, we are asking parents and carers to contribute just £2.67 per child. This is a voluntary contribution that will enable us to book more in and out of school visits. You can pay for this on ParentPay.

### **About Alex Wharton**

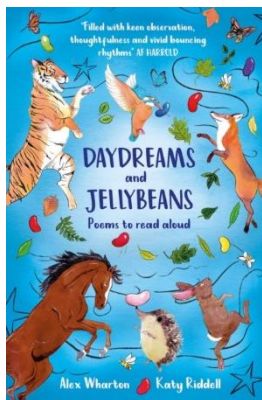
Alex Wharton is an award-winning writer and performer of poetry for adults and children. His First Book of poetry for children, *Daydreams and Jellybeans*, was shortlisted for the Wales Book of The Year Award 2022, The North Somerset Teacher's Book Awards, The Laugh Out Loud Book Awards and was named as a National Poetry Day Recommended Read.



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Alex won the inaugural Rising Stars Wales Award in 2020 and is the Children's Laureate Wales 2023-2025. He has collaborated with key national organisations such as Cadw, National Dance Company Wales, Welsh Government, British Council of Literature and Welsh Libraries, and has also appeared in festivals such as Hay Festival and Edinburgh International Book Festival.

## About the book



### **Daydreams and Jellybeans** PB £6.99

From forgotten jellybeans to sparking daydreams, Alex's poems, written for primary school age children, are both funny and thoughtful, and aim to spark familiarity and inclusion. And the illustrations from Katy Riddell will focus on the fun and dreamlike quality of the poems' engagement with the natural world. These poems use rhyme, rhythm and free verse and are ideally suited to performance in a school setting, nurturing a love of language, reading, confidence and self-expression.

Alex will be happy to sign and dedicate copies of his book which have been purchased via Kibworth Books.

The bookshop runs a 'Pay It Forward' scheme. If you would like to purchase an additional copy of the book to be gifted by the school to a student who may otherwise not be able to afford a copy, please add an additional copy to your basket as per the instructions below.

## **HOW TO PURCHASE**

NB: Pre-orders for the event close at midnight on **Thursday 12th September**.

1. Visit <https://kibworthbooks.com/collections/alex-wharton>
2. Add copies required to your shopping basket
3. Go to your shopping basket
1. Enter your **child's full name, class and school name** in the 'Note to Bookseller' comments box – this is to ensure we can get your order to you! (You can find this book under the text NOTE TO BOOKSELLER / GIFT MESSAGE REQUEST (IF APPLICABLE). Clicking in the box to type makes it more visible!)
4. If purchasing an additional copy to 'Pay it Forward' please also make a note of this in at this point.
5. Click on the grey 'check out' button
6. Please click 'Collection' as your delivery option. Kibworth Books will deliver your child's book to the school so there is no delivery fee to pay.



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7. Enter payment details and proceed to review order to check out!

All books ordered ahead of the event on 17<sup>th</sup> September will be collated and delivered to the school, ready for Alex to sign and dedicate books after his talk. Any orders placed after the event can be collected from the bookshop for free or sent by post. Any additional copies bought via 'Pay It Forward' will be collated for the school to redistribute as needed.

**For any queries or for assistance with your order, please call the bookshop directly on 0116 279 1121 or drop an email to [info@kibworthbooks.com](mailto:info@kibworthbooks.com)**



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