

BOOKSLAM 2026
REGISTRATION PACK

READY,
SET,
READ!

BookSlam 2026
is here!



Join us
for Wales'
nationwide
reading
competition

Challenge accepted!

This pack is a
6-minute read!
(TOPS!)



‘This is the best thing ever!’

BOOKSLAM 2025 CONTESTANT



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SLAM 2026

WELCOME TO BOOKSLAM!

A nationwide competition for pupils in Years 3 to 6 that ignites a passion for reading, and which brings the world of books to life through fun and creative challenges.



HOW IT WORKS

(in 4 easy steps!)

Registration is now open ...

STEP 1
Register your school for the regional rounds.

Time to get reading!

STEP 2
Choose a book to read from the BookSlam reading list.

Challenge accepted!

STEP 3
Compete in the regional rounds with BookSlam's fun challenges.

Time to hit the finals!

STEP 4
Win at the regionals and earn your place at the national in June!



**THE
RACE IS
OFFICIALLY
ON!**

The race to become BookSlam National Champions 2026 is officially on – and the good news? There are only **two creative regional challenges** and **four epic national challenges** between your team and the BookSlam 2026 trophy!



COMPETING IN BOOKSLAM 2026

BookSlam is a nationwide reading competition packed with fun, creative challenges to boost pupils' literacy, confidence, and teamwork.

There are two stages: the regional rounds, held in your classroom, and the national final in Aberystwyth.

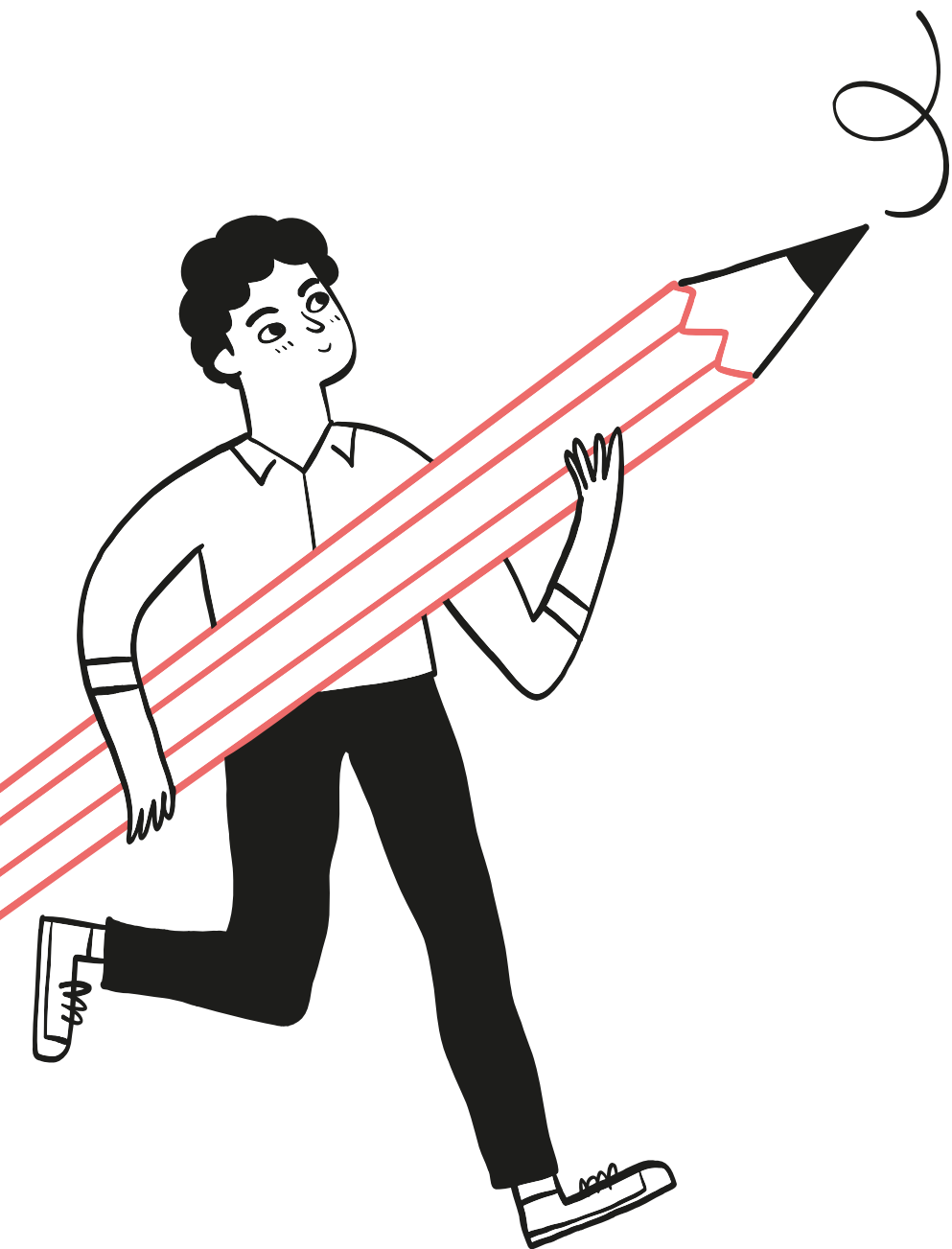
THE REGIONAL ROUNDS

Once you register, you'll need to choose a book from the BookSlam reading list to read. You'll also be assigned a regional coordinator and judge.

Read your chosen book as a class, and get ready for two exciting regional challenges:

Challenge 1: The discussion round

Form teams of four and dive into a lively discussion about your chosen book – covering characters, plot, themes, and more. Judges will join you in your classroom or online to watch and score your team's discussion.



Challenge 2: Create a video advert

Promote your chosen book with a short video advert. Make it funny, dramatic, or surprising – just make it stand out! Your regional judges will score both challenges.

THE NATIONAL FINAL

If your team makes it through the regionals, you'll be invited to the BookSlam 2026 national final in Aberystwyth – a fun-filled day of activities, challenges, and the chance to be crowned BookSlam champions!

Challenge 1: The second discussion round

Challenge 2: Design a book cover

Challenge 3: Write the perfect blurb

Challenge 4: Cinema showcase of your video clip

All four challenges will be judged by our national judging panel. National round teams will also take part in an extra special author session and cinema session.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Curious about what students gain from participating in BookSlam 2026?



100%
of participants enjoyed
the BookSlam
experience!

Offers experiences to spark learners' imagination and creativity and help to build a lifelong love of reading

Cultivates positive and long-term attitudes towards reading and the development of learners' sense of identity in Wales

Supports the development of emotional literacy and well-being by developing confidence and empathy

Promotes and raises awareness of books, authors and illustrators whilst celebrating exceptional quality in the field of children's literature

Helps students express ideas and emotions through different media, and encourages creative thinking and confidence to participate in a variety of tasks

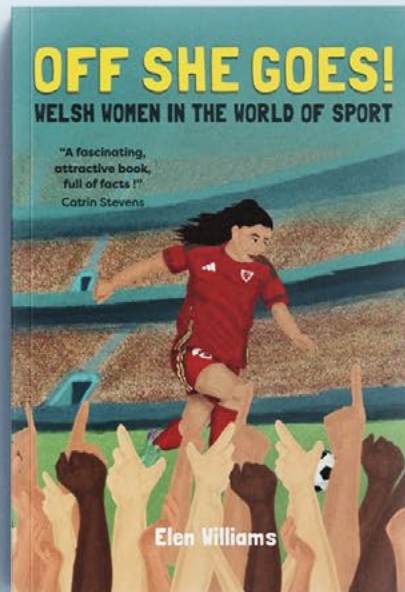
Supports the requirements of the Curriculum by offering a variety of activities to individuals and groups across the Areas of Learning and Experience

THE READING LIST

Take a sneak peek at the
BookSlam 2026 reading list ...

More info will come your way once you
register – and don't forget, you can grab
the books from your local bookshop or
borrow them from the library.





Off She Goes! Welsh Women in the World of Sport

Elen Williams

Gwasg Carreg Gwalch | 978-1-845279-87-5

Celebrating the achievements of Welsh women in sport.

THEMES

Sports, influential women, Wales



Giants, Ghosts and Goblins

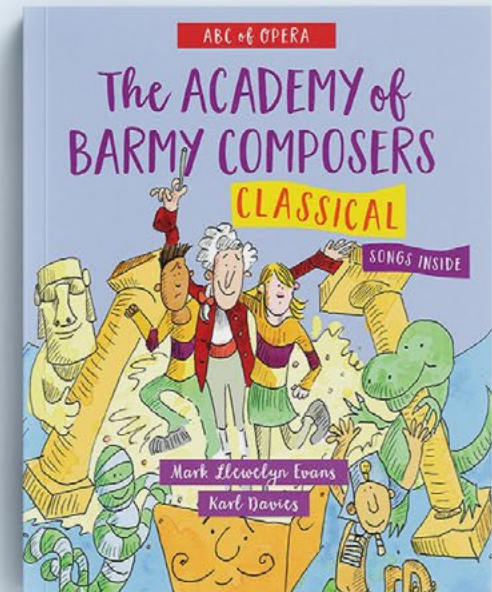
Claire Fayers

Firefly | 978-1-915444-70-7

Stories of giants, ghosts and goblins from across Wales.

THEMES

Mythical, Wales



ABC of Opera: The Academy of Barmy Composers – Classical

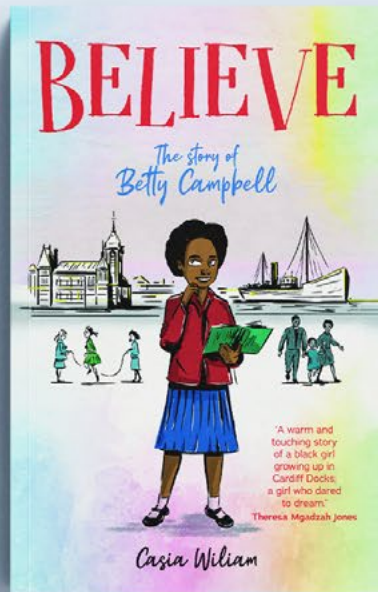
Mark Llewelyn Evans

Graffeg | 978-1-912213-87-0

A group of friends time-travel to explore the world's greatest classical composers.

THEMES

Music, history



Believe - The story of Betty Campbell

Casia Wiliam

Gwasg Carreg Gwalch | 978-1-845279-61-5

The story of Wales' first black headmistress – Betty Campbell.

THEMES

Race, influential women, Wales



The Street Food Festival

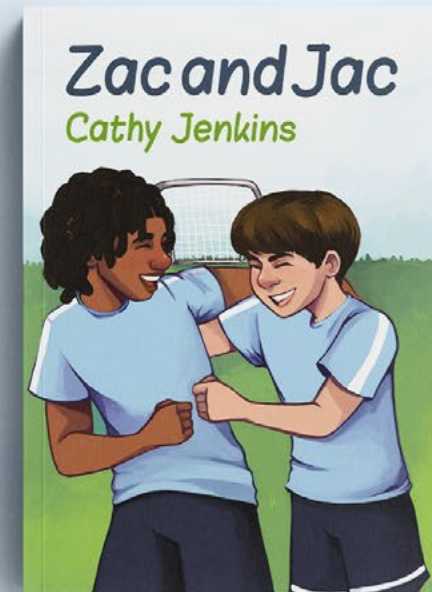
Gail Sequeira

Atebol | 978-1-801064-54-5

A school gardening club arranges a food festival to celebrate diversity.

THEMES

Diverse cultures, food



Zac and Jac

Cathy Jenkins

Graffeg | 978-1-802586-46-6

Nine-year-old Jac idolizes his dad – until a school visit from pro football players helps Jac see the truth about racism.

THEMES

Sports, racism

KEY DATES

Looking for further information?
Contact a BookSlam coordinator
by emailing plant@llyfrau.cymru

SEPTEMBER
Registration open!

DECEMBER 5
Registration
closing date for
BookSlam 2026.

**JAN 1 –
MAY 15**
Regional rounds
takes place
across Wales.

JUNE 19
National round
takes place at
Aberystwyth.

SIX CHALLENGES, ONE CHAMPION!



Will your school be the next
BookSlam champions?

Register your school now.

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