

We're a school or nursery!

We'd love you and your students to celebrate illustration with us this 29 November. Read on for all you need to know...



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Why celebrate National Illustration Day?

Illustration is everywhere – in picture books and text books, on posters and road signs, and embedded in videogames and apps. It helps us examine the past, understand concepts and topics, and imagine the future. Find out more in our 101 second film [what is illustration?](#)

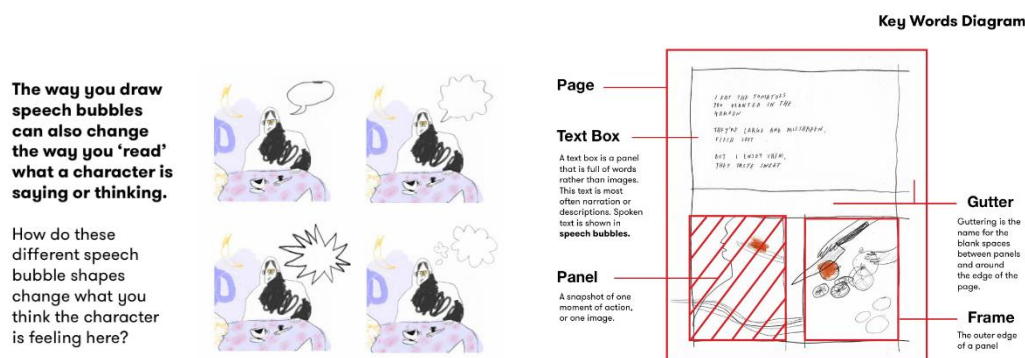
As the national charity for illustration, we're inviting everyone to celebrate the pictures that are part of our lives and the brilliant people who make them.



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What could I do with my class?

- **Curate a display** with your students. Even very young children can share their favourite illustrated books, with older students writing labels or giving presentations explaining their choice.
- Set a **research project**. Ask your students to find out about their favourite picture book illustrator. Perhaps they could experiment with some of their media or techniques.
- Download our **free [lesson plans and resources](#)** to bring illustration into your classroom and support curriculum topics.



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What can we do across the whole school?

- Encourage your fellow teachers to **start every lesson with an illustration** that day: maths with an infographic, science with a botanical illustration, design technology with a sewing pattern....
- Create an **illustration trail** through the school. Draw your students' attention to all the different ways illustration is used to communicate: exit and instruction signs, diagrams, lunchtime food packaging, Makaton symbols... illustration is everywhere!
- Have a **'Drop Everything and Draw'** half hour where the whole school gets involved. You can find some prompts in this [resource](#), use class texts or invite students to share a story visually.
- Create a **whole-school illustration** using chalks in the playground or rolls of lining paper in the school hall. Invite students to include a story about themselves or a favourite character.
- Invite a **local or parent illustrator** in to speak in assembly. Find out what illustrators do all day, what they love about their work and how they got into it.

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We currently offer sessions in your schools within Greater London, as well as a range of downloadable resources. When we open our new site in 2026 you'll be able to visit us too!

Find out more about our offer [here](#) and sign up to our teacher mailing list [here](#).



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