

# Free books for Primary 1 children across Scotland

✘ Every Primary 1 child in Scotland will get not one but three free books as part of the celebrations next week during Book Week Scotland.

The national celebration of reading runs from 24 to 30 November 2014 and this morning Book Week Scotland are holding a photo call at Castleview Primary School in Craigmillar.

The books, all by Scottish authors or illustrators, will be gifted in the [Bookbug Primary 1 Family Pack](#) and comprise the Bookbug shortlist for the [Scottish Children's Book Awards 2015](#). The titles include: *Robot Rumpus* by Sean Taylor and Ross Collins, *Princess Penelope and the Runaway Kitten* by Alison Murray and *Lost for Words* by Natalie Russell.

Also included in the Bookbug bag will be a Scottish Children's Book Awards pack full of games and activities, along with a voting slip to enable children to declare which of the three picture books is their favourite. The pack will also contain *Ziggy and Maggie Start School*, a children's book about road safety created in partnership with Road Safety Scotland.

**Marc Lambert, Director of Scottish Book Trust, said:**

*"The beginning of school is the point at which books start to become associated with learning in a child's mind. This pack has been designed to help teachers, librarians and parents show children how pleasurable books can be, at a crucial point in their learning journey. This association of books with enjoyment will in turn lead to a more positive educational experience for the child, helping them to get more out of school and hopefully inspiring them to seek out and devour more and more books."*

For more information about Book Week Scotland 2014, visit [www.bookweekscotland.com](http://www.bookweekscotland.com), where you can find information about all the events taking place in your local area, vote for your favourite character from a Scottish book, make a Reading Pledge and discover a whole host of resources and ideas to help you celebrate and share whatever it is you love to read.

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