

Hundreds of free events during Bookbug Week



Celebrating the joy of books and rhymes is what organisers of the nationwide book festival are looking for

Bookbug Week, an annual celebration of Scotland's national book gifting programme, takes place between 15 and 21 May with hundreds of free events for children and babies held across the country.

This year's theme is Bookbug's Big Giggle, a fun and playful theme that encourages parents and carers to share playful songs and stories with their children in order to highlight that laughter is essential for well-being and for building bonds between carers and children.

Now in its seventh year, Bookbug Week 2017 will see free Big Giggle themed events taking place in every local authority in Scotland, with special appearances from some of the UK's best-loved children's authors and illustrators.

Schools and nurseries across the country can also tune in to watch a fun-filled Authors Live event with Alex T Smith, streamed live at 11am on Wednesday 17 May.

Bookbug prizes will also be up for grabs in on-line competitions throughout the week and families can find details of all Bookbug Week events by visiting the [website](#) or asking at their local library.

Marc Lambert, CEO of Scottish Book Trust, said: "Bookbug Week invites every family with young children to take part in the hundreds of free and fun-filled events across Scotland, to

celebrate the joy that comes from sharing books and rhymes together.

“This year’s theme highlights how sharing these fun songs and stories can help with children’s confidence, development, connectivity and over-all well-being.”