

The Bookstart Superbox Programme, 2017

‘Reading, Talking, Sharing’

This year's conference will focus on exploring the relationship between reading and talking in the early years. We'll be exploring ideas for different ways of sharing books and encouraging families to read, talk about and enjoy books together. The conference will be an opportunity to share ideas and good practice from across Wales. Many of the sessions will be based on the Bookstart Superbox books that you'll take away with you and our aim is for participants to leave with plenty of new ideas – and the tools to put them into practice. You can [book your place via Eventbrite for Superbox Conference 2017](#) for [South Wales](#) and [North Wales](#) now.

What is Superbox?

Superbox supports Early Years practitioners to inspire children and families across Wales to enjoy books and read together.

As part of the [Bookstart](#) programme, Superbox equips practitioners with the skills and resources to:

- promote shared reading in their settings
- encourage parents and carers to read and enjoy books with their children
- use books creatively in early years sessions



The Bookstart Superbox programme has three elements:

The Superbox Conferences – 19 October (Holywell) and 26 October (Bridgend)

The Superbox resources – 10 copies of each of the four 2017-18 Bookstart books and accompanying activity cards

Using Superbox in your setting and providing feedback to BookTrust Cymru

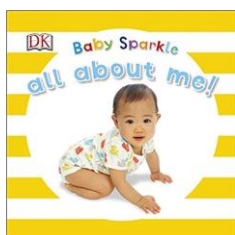
Who can take part?

Bookstart Superbox is open to Early Years workers across Wales. Past participants have included Flying Start workers, Families First teams, childminders, library staff, community nursery nurses, parental support officers, Communities First workers and a wide range of third sector organisations

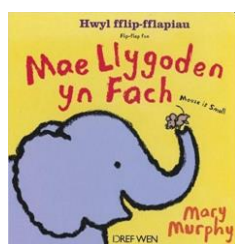
What is the 'Super Box'?

The 'Super Box' contains English and Welsh titles specially selected by panels for the Bookstart Baby and Bookstart Early Years packs in 2017.

The Bookstart Baby 'Superbox' contains:



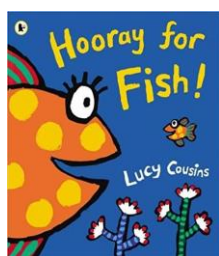
All about me! from the Baby Sparkle series
by Dorling Kindersley
10 copies



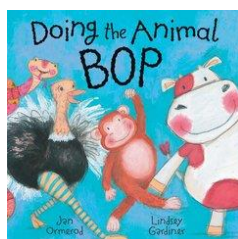
Mae Llygoden Yn Fach / Mouse is Small
by Mary Murphy
10 copies

Plus activity cards with creative ideas for using these books with families in a group setting

The Bookstart Early Years 'Superbox' contains:



Hooray for Fish
by Lucy Cousins
10 copies



Dawns yr Anifeiliaid / Doing the Animal Bop
by Jan Ormerod and Delyth George
10 copies

Plus activity cards with creative ideas for using these books with families in a group setting



What is Bookstart?

Bookstart, a programme funded by Welsh Government, means every child in Wales receives a bag of high quality books at 6 months (Baby Pack) and again at 27 months (Early Years pack).

The programme is delivered in partnership with Health Visitors and Library Services.

Superbox spreads the key messages of the Bookstart programme to other Early Years workers to build on the foundation of Bookstart. You can find out more about Bookstart at

bookstart.org.uk/cymru

How do I use a Bookstart Super Box?

Leading a Superbox storytime with multiple copies of a book means each child or family can follow the story and remain engaged in your session. You can use ideas from the bespoke activity sheets to enhance your storytime sessions with games and songs too.

By modelling book sharing to parents and carers, you are giving them the confidence to continue reading at home with their child. Positive book sharing experiences in your session will encourage parents will read the book over and over at home, helping parents to build bonds and support their child's language and developmental needs.

You can read about the benefits of Bookstart Superbox in a summary of some research done for us by the University of South Wales, Trinity St Davids in the [2016 Superbox handbook](#).



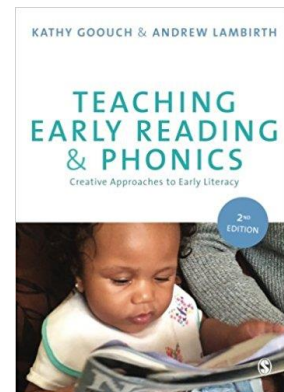
What happens at the Superbox conferences?

Best Practice Carousel – In this lively and engaging part of the day you can hear from Early Years workers who took part in Superbox 2016 and how they engaged their families using Superbox.

Keynote speech by Professor Kathy Goouch, Professor of Early Education at the Research Centre for Children, Families and Communities at Canterbury Christ Church University

Tell, Talk, Tattle: how talking with and about books can support literacy from birth.

'In this presentation, the power of books and stories, within a landscape of talk, will be discussed. Consideration will be given to the ways in which books and stories can entrance, inform, entertain, console, inspire, lull, offer worlds and warmth to babies and young children - with the benefit of good companions'.



Professor Kathy Goouch has decades of experience in education and now enjoys teaching, researching and writing about babies and young children, their literacy and learning, and about the people who care for them and help them to learn.

Workshops: Practical, hands-on workshops sharing creative ideas and approaches to using books in sessions with families and children. Workshops cover a range of themes and in the past have included speech and language therapists, librarians, play experts, Welsh-medium organisations and academics.



How much does it cost?

Earlybird price: **£36** (£30 fee plus VAT)

Full price: **£48** (£40 fee plus VAT)

The prices include attendance for one person at the conference, refreshments, lunch and the Bookstart Baby and Early Years Superboxes with accompanying activity sheets.

How do I sign up?

Remember, by booking a place at the conference you agree to promote Bookstart and Bookstart key messages encouraging families to share books at home. You can find the details of this Partnership Agreement on the [booking page for the Superbox Conference](#).

Places fill up quickly so book early via Eventbrite for [Superbox Conference South Wales](#) or [Superbox Conference North Wales](#) to secure a place. You can make payment by debit or credit card directly on Eventbrite.

We will contact you in September so you can select your workshops.

Please note that attendees can only receive refunds up to 30 days before the conference. You can contact booktrustcymru@booktrust.org.uk or call 02920 437835 with any enquiries.