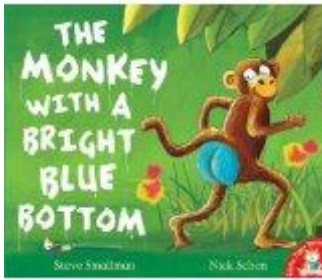
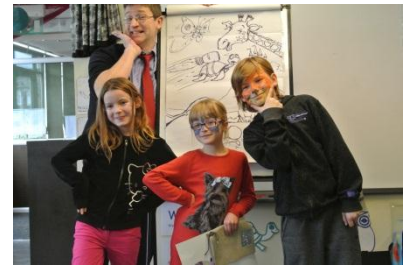


What the visiting authors and illustrators said about the Words Festival!

Steve Smallman

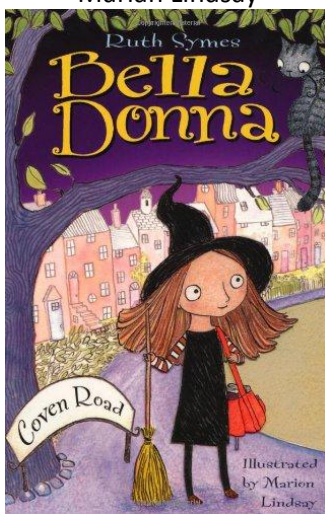


As a Wisbech lad I was delighted to be asked to take part in this festival! I had a great time and was impressed by how well it was organised and at the quality of the other authors, illustrators and storytellers involved .



I would have loved to have seen them in action if I hadn't been so busy 'showing off' myself!

Marian Lindsay

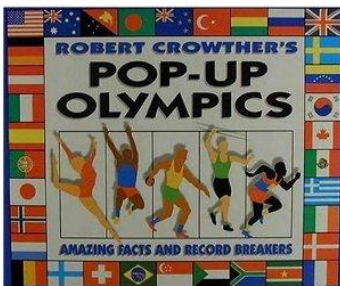


It was a fantastic day for children with lots of book-related activities including mine which was all about creating an animal alphabet. The children came up with suggestions of animals for me to draw, which I did – after a fashion... When we had filled a new page with a particular letter it was the children's turn to help colour them in to create our alphabet display. Over the course of the day we made it all the way through to O so we did pretty well! I hope the children of Orchards will take up the gauntlet and finish the alphabet – I'm afraid they get left with the tricky letters such as X, Y and Z but I sure they are up to the challenge!



The one day festival was a great success and a fun day out. It was wonderful for me to meet pop-up artist [Robert Crowther](#) (I still have a very beloved copy of his Animal A-Z from my childhood – obviously it made a big impact...) and to see again storyteller [Andy Hawkins](#) and children's book illustrator [Steve Smallman](#).

Robert Crowther



Thanks for inviting me to your lovely ,friendly school! I had a great time popping-up there today, teaching paper engineering to a keen and lively group of children and parents and Miss Burrows!



What Mrs Parker, Headteacher, said about the event

What an amazing day for the community. It was great to see families from Orchards, St Peters, Nene and Thomas Clarkson all enjoying the day. I know many families were stunned by the quality of the authors and the goody bag. We couldn't have asked for a better atmosphere, so though the weather wasn't on our side, we all had a great day. My daughter also joined in the fun for the day and loved every minute of it!

The day was such a success I am already working with the team that made this event possible to find funding to run the festival again next year! I have to say a huge thanks to everyone who helped plan the day and helped during the festival, especially the team from Cambridgeshire Libraries and CP Learning Trust, and a special mention has to go to Jakki Racey for her fantastic organisation and endless energy.