

What we introduced in 2024

- Thursdays for the over 12's
- songwriting workshop
- introduction to Dungeons and Dragons
- talks about the graphic novel process
- wordsmithing with poet Adam Gaterell
- performance by Apollo Youth Theatre
- Julia Tuffs's novel Hexed



- 200 Instagram, Facebook and Twitter posts,
- video on Red Funnel
- coverage in the local press
- increased audience base

We also ran Stories in Schools June 2024

- authors • storytellers • illustrators • live theatre • poets
- graphic novelists • comic book creators • junk modelling

13 schools
with at least **250** children per school involved

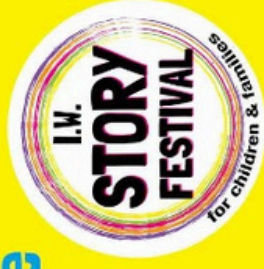
nursery to key stage 3
ALL host schools keen to have Stories in Schools in 2025

Thank you to all our performers, volunteers, and sponsors: we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to everyone else who helped make the event such a success: Quay Arts, Raven Print, Medina Books, and our other sponsors.

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IW STORY FESTIVAL 2024 15-17 February Quay Arts, Newport



Hundreds of children and their families, from the Island and beyond, were treated to a magical three days over half term, celebrating everything to do with stories.

- authors • illustrators • storytellers • role players
- theatre performers • artists • musicians • nature educators

- gave talks, read from their books, led activities and inspired hundreds of young people aged between 3 and 18.



**The next IW Story Festival
20th 21st & 22nd February 2025**

Balance brought forward 31.3.23

8443.95

	Income	Expenditure
Performers		21184.54
Venue		3815.00
Accommodation		1665.00
Advertising		0.00
Printing & graphics		1819.29
Insurance		659.00
Contingencies		3765.65
Travel		1444.54
Buffet meal		620.00
Grants	13500.00	
Ticket sales	10076.00	
Donations	16873.64	
Other income	243.73	
TOTAL	40693.37	34973.02

Balance carried forward 31.8.24

14164.30

Accounts inspected by (print name) DAVID KENNETH WALTERS.Signed D. K WaltersDate 19.12.2024

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Signed Geoffrey BanksDate 3/1/2025

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1300 individual tickets sold at our 2024 festival

Headline authors, Kes Gray, Francesca Simon, Harriet Muncaster and Alasdair Beckett-King entrained the crowds, and John Hegley and Neal Layton had the audiences laughing with hilarious songs and illustrations.



Alasdair Beckett-King



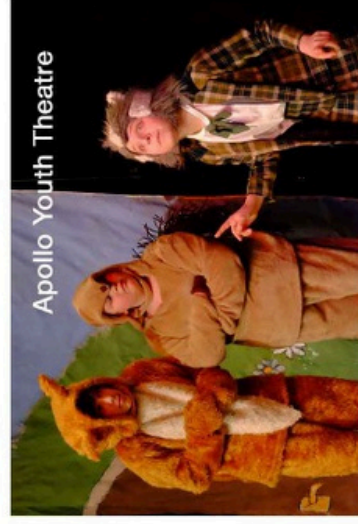
Opera Prelude

There were lots of interactive things to do: a hands-on musical workshop with The Cabinet of Living Cinema; Opera Prelude gave a wonderful performance of Nicholas Allen's The King's Pants, and the Apollo Youth Theatre brought Going South for Winter.

Local authors showcased their latest books to enthusiastic audiences and storytellers enthralled listeners with a host of tales.



Isabel Norwood



Apollo Youth Theatre



Francesca Simon

In our quest to have stories

relevant to all –

- wide genre of events
- free workshops
- BSL communication support
- youth theatre
- wide age range 3–18 years
- exploring culture and heritage
- affordable tickets
- central location
- accessible for people with disabilities



Did you know we had:

- 60** performers
- 40** scheduled events
- 1300** tickets sold
- 15** other hands-on activities
- 6** free drop-in activities
- 5** local bands/musicians



Kes Gray D is for Danger



Nazneen Ahmed Pathak