

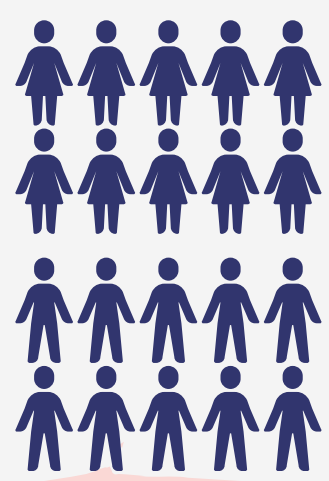


# NORTHERN CHILDRENS BOOK FESTIVAL 2024

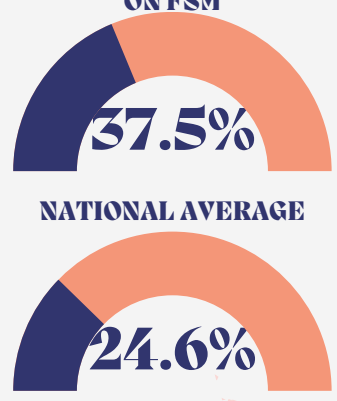
From 18th - 29th November 2024, NCBF was a giant celebration of literature, art and reading, ran by a group of passionate librarians every year since 1983.

Using their irreplaceable local knowledge and connections - this book festival uses a unique regional approach, working across all local authorities from the North East of England, we are able to reach some of the most deprived communities where access to creative activity is extremely limited or non-existent.

**2 WEEKS**  
**11 LOCAL AUTHORITIES**  
**19 AUTHORS**  
**109 SESSIONS**  
**8664 CHILDREN**



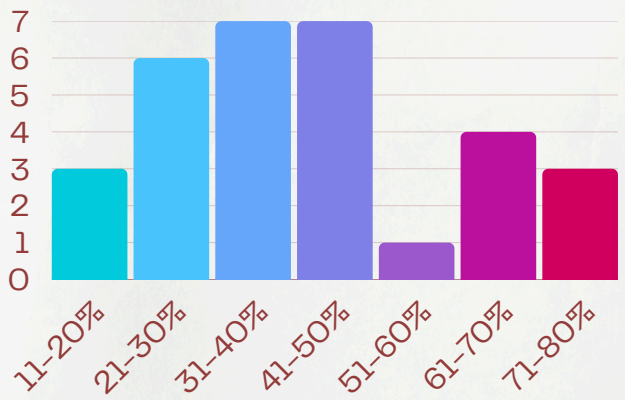
### CHILDREN NCBF ARE ENGAGING ON FSM



### PUPIL PREMIUM

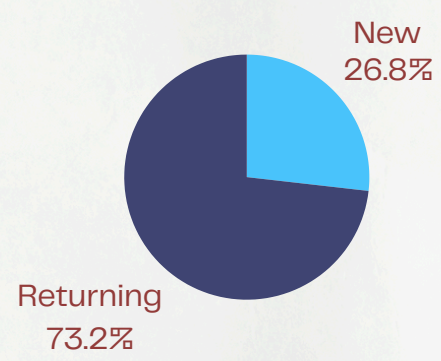
In 2024, around half of our schools had over a third of their children receiving Free School Meals. This is twice as many as the national average, meaning NCBF are succeeding in reaching disadvantaged children.

### Number of pupils per NCBF school who receive Free School Meals



1 in 4 children in working households in the North East are now growing up in poverty. \*

### Returning regulars or new to NCBF?



100% of schools said they would LOVE to work with NCBF again.

“Easy way to get authors in to school, great value for money, and easy to organise!” - Headteacher

### THE CHILDREN WE WORKED WITH SPOKE OVER 35 LANGUAGES

Including Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Czech, Farsi, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Igbo, Italian, Kannada, Kurdish, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Malayalan, Myanmar, Oromo, Pakistani, Pashto, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Tamal, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Yoruba

Guy Bass



Hiba Noor Khan



Adeola Sokunbi



Daniel Tawse

"Great way to **foster a love of reading** with the children and introduce them to a new book and **relevant to their history topics too.**"

"Anything to **promote reading for pleasure** is wonderful for staff and pupils."

"Anything that **promotes reading** and a love of reading is very worthwhile and valued in our school and wider community. **I think the festival is brilliant and look forward to taking part next year.**"

"**Children have subsequently bought the authors books** so she has had an impact on reading for pleasure."

"Children were provided with a greater insight into **possible future career pathways** and they were also inspired by the use of language and art"

"Session was inspirational and provided a **face to face career related learning experience** as well as **enhancing literature and a love of reading**"

"All very enthused and exciting. They told parents how fabulous it was. **Very exciting to have a book signed personally.**"

"The children love having the opportunity to see a real author and hear about how they get their ideas and are inspired to write. **As a school we in turn hope that this will inspire both writers and readers.** The children see reading as something very pleasurable not just as a task they have to do with their home reading book as **many of our children do not have stories read to them at home regularly.**"

"It is a great way to give children an **experience that they would be unlikely to get outside of school.**"

Since NCBF "High engagement with authors, children asking for the authors books to take home out the library, author visibility improved and **two children have asked for their own work to be presented in the library**"

"Children loved it. **They loved the opportunity to buy books and have been seen carrying them around school reading them!** More of an buzz around reading has been seen."

"It can be difficult as a school to locate authors to visit school. **The festival does all the groundwork in ensuring that the sessions are of high quality** and that they inspire children to both read and write."

