

Saturday Wonderful Writers Course 7+ - 9+

Course A - Starting January 10th 2026 - 1:30pm-3pm Essex Church, Notting Hill

January 10th,17th, 31st February 7th, 28th March 7th, 14th, 21st

1.5 hours each Saturday (12 hours of intensive teaching and learning) Small group sizes - classes are limited to 8 pupils Adult to child ratio 2:8 Cost: £600 plus VAT

Course B - Starting April 18th 2026 - 1:30pm-3pm Essex Church, Notting Hill

April 18th, 25th, May 9th, 16th, 23rd June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, July 4th

1.5 hours each Saturday (15 hours of intensive teaching and learning) Small group sizes - classes are limited to 8 pupils Adult to child ratio 2:8 Cost: £750 plus VAT

The Saturday Wonderful Writers Course has been created to inspire children to become confident, thoughtful, and versatile writers. Through carefully structured weekly sessions, pupils investigate a wide range of genres and styles, giving them both the technical skills and the creative spark to produce writing that is not only accurate but also imaginative and engaging. The course has a clear focus on developing a love of language, alongside a deep understanding of how words and structures work to achieve meaning and effect.

A central aim is to help children write with flexibility. Too often, pupils rely on formulaic approaches, producing work that feels repetitive or predictable. Our course teaches children how to adapt their writing so that it is appropriate, interesting, and stylish. Whether crafting a gripping story opening, a persuasive letter, or a descriptive poem, pupils learn how to adjust tone, vocabulary, and sentence structure to suit different purposes and audiences.

One of the common pitfalls in writing is the misuse of ambitious vocabulary. Using a "big" word in the wrong context does not impress—it highlights a lack of true language understanding. This course addresses that directly, showing children how to select words with precision and to build a vocabulary bank they can apply confidently. Activities might



include rewriting passages to shift mood or emphasis, replacing overused adjectives with more effective alternatives, or analysing how professional authors achieve impact through subtle word choices.

Across the term, children will explore a wide range of genres including narrative, persuasive writing, reports, poetry, and creative non-fiction. Each week balances technical teaching—such as sentence variety, paragraphing, and punctuation for effect—with opportunities for free expression and creativity. This ensures that pupils not only master the rules of effective writing but also find joy in experimenting with language.

The course is deliberately delivered in small groups, allowing every child to receive detailed feedback and encouragement. They are guided by an expert language teacher and an experienced Headteacher, both of whom bring extensive knowledge of how to raise attainment and nurture a genuine enthusiasm for writing.

The Wonderful Writers Course is more than just a weekly lesson—it is an investment in your child's communication skills, creativity, and confidence. The proof of the success of our classes is clear: when children receive offers from their chosen schools, many still ask to continue lessons simply for the pure enjoyment of writing. By the end of the programme, pupils will have a toolkit of strategies to make their writing stand out for all the right reasons: accurate, purposeful, stylish, and full of flair.