

# LIFE SKILLS FOR LITTLE ONES – STARTING SCHOOL OR NURSERY.



Is your child starting school or nursery this September?






In Hertfordshire libraries you can find lots of picture books that can prepare your little ones for this big change and will help dispel any worries or fears they may have. Here is a selection of some of our favourites.

You can request books free of charge with a child's library membership card. Click on the book cover pictures to link to the Hertfordshire library catalogue or visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)

Also why not also keep them busy and join in with 'Gadgeteers' this year's Summer Reading Challenge a fun way to encourage the love of reading and sharing books together.

Title	Author		Brief Annotation
<b>The Starting School Book</b>	Sarah Ockwell-Smith		There are so many issues surrounding starting school that parents struggle with issues ranging from selecting the best school for their child to preparing their child emotionally and practically for starting school. This book, aimed at parents, fills this gap.
<b>Starting School</b>	Janet and Allan Ahlberg		From first day nerves to finding your peg, this reassuring read is full of humour and fun for children and parents alike.  A classic picture book which offers advice and enjoyment for the whole family before school starts.
<b>Topsy and Tim Start School</b>	Jean Adamson and Gareth Adamson		Along with favourite characters Topsy and Tim, children will learn what to expect in lessons, in the playground - even in the canteen - and, more importantly, that school can be fun!
<b>George's First Day at Playgroup</b>	Neville Astley and Mark Baker		It is George's first day at playgroup, and Peppa doesn't really want him there. But when all of her friends want a little brother too, will Peppa change her mind?
<b>Come to School Too, Blue Kangaroo</b>	Emma Chichester Clark		Lily thinks Blue Kangaroo might be nervous about starting school – but in fact he can't wait to have fun and make some new friends.


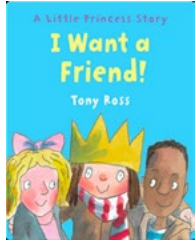
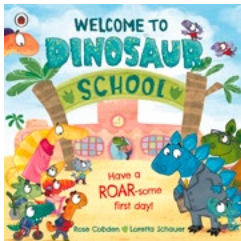


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Maisy Goes to Nursery	Lucy Cousins		Maisy loves going to nursery. There's so much fun to be had, with all her friends and their teacher - singing at music time, a nap at quiet time, listening at book time and then play time in the garden. What a day.
Little Owl's First Day	Debi Glori and Alison Brown		It's a big day for little Owl, his first day at school. He would rather stay at home, however at school he gets to build a rocket learn to fly and even make a new friend.
Spot Loves Nursery	Eric Hill		Join Spot in a story all about his first day at nursery school. There are lots of friends to meet and fun things to do before Mum comes to pick Spot up at the end of the day
Do I Have to Go to School- A first look at starting school	Pat Thomas		Going to school is a huge change for young children, this book encourages children to discover the joy of learning new things, meeting new people and having new experiences.
A New Friend	Lucy Menzies		It's Joe's first day at a new school. He misses his school, his old friends and his old life. When Mae hears that there's a new kid starting school, she can't wait to meet him. Is this her chance to make a true friend?
Whiffy Wilson- The wolf who wouldn't go to school	Caryl Hart and Leonie Lord		Whiffy doesn't know how to hold a pen and has never looked in a book, but fortunately his friend Dotty is on hand to show him that school is fun. Banish first day at school jitters and discover, like Whiffy, that school is the best thing ever.
First Day at Bug School	Sam Lloyd		At the bottom of the garden where no one really sees, a secret school is hidden amongst the grass and weeds. Welcome to the bug school. A bright and rhythmic picture book sure to allay first-day-at-school fears.



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Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School	Ian Whybrow and Adrian Reynolds		It is the first day at school for Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs and they're excited to be going - all except Stegosaurus who's very nervous.
Lulu's First Day	Anna McQuinn		Lulu is excited to start pre-school. It will be like storytime at the library, but she will stay by herself. There's so much to do at pre-school and in no time at all, Mummy is back to collect her.
My School Unicorn	Willow Evans and Tom Knight		Starting school is an adventure - especially when you have a magical unicorn friend by your side! Evie soon learns that starting school is LOTS of fun!
Never take a bear to school	Mark Sperring and Britta Teckentrup		Bears are clumsy. They don't sit still. They're much, much bigger than teachers - and they eat SUCH a lot of lunch! Yes, taking a bear to school is a BAD idea. But will this little boy find the courage to face the first day of school alone?
All the Words you Need to Know Before you Start School	Felicity Brooks		Help pre-schoolers build the vocabulary they will need to communicate effectively, make friends, and learn to read and write when they start school.
Starting School	Eleanor Taylor		Peter Rabbit has a new bag, new pencil and is ready for his first lesson! In this perfect book for little ones starting at school or nursery, Peter is excited to start forest school with Benjamin Bunny.



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Prince George Goes to School	Caryl Hart		<p>Prince George is starting school! There will be new faces, new friends, lots of new things to learn - as well as new challenges, like taking turns! How will the young royal enjoy his latest epic adventure?</p>
I Want a Friend	Tony Ross		<p>The Little Princess is tired of playing with her brother and is thrilled to be starting school the next day. However, when her first attempts to make friends with other children fail, she is left all alone. Fortunately, she soon finds other children with no friends, and they decide to play together...</p>
Welcome to Dinosaur School	Rose Cobden		<p>Jewel the dinosaur is very nervous about her first day of school. The dining hall is very noisy and her new classroom is so big! But as the day goes on, and Jewel settles into her new class and makes new friends, she realises that school isn't that scary after all.</p>

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