



Online Schools cohort

Looking for practical, evidence-led ways to strengthen pupil wellbeing, and build a stronger school community, whilst also increasing reading engagement and ability? The EmpathyLab Schools Programme offers a proven approach to do exactly that, using books as a powerful tool.

Why now?

With the government-backed National Year of Reading launching in January 2026, this is the perfect moment to power up your reading strategy and align with your wider curriculum and wellbeing priorities.

Register your interest now to take part in online training. Cohorts starting in either the Summer or Autumn terms - ready to embed sustainable change from autumn 2026. Primary, Secondary and SEND settings all welcome!

What the programme offers

Evidence-led training & strategy

- Two online training days for your chosen Empathy Lead plus 2-3 staff (e.g. Literacy Lead, PSHE Lead, Librarian, SLT).
- Practical strategies to embed empathy-focused reading into your curriculum, whole school culture and community engagement.
- Dedicated action planning time – fully adaptable to your School Development Plan

Classroom resources & enrichment

- A rich bank of high-quality teaching resources, including slide decks, curated booklists, short films and original short stories from high profile authors.
- Termly online author visits to join from the classroom, linked to key celebration dates (e.g. Children's Mental Health Week, Black History Month).

Ongoing support & community

- Termly Share & Learn sessions for Empathy Leads with participating schools across England, Scotland and Wales.
- Access to ongoing bespoke support with EmpathyLab
- Easy-to-use impact tools to help track progress and evidence change.

Designed to work with your priorities, not add to your workload

This isn't a 'bolt-on' initiative. The EmpathyLab framework is designed to be woven into your existing curriculum, whole school culture and reading practice. You set the pace; we support you over two years to embed sustainable, empathy-focused reading across your school.

Join the 26/27 online Cohort

- Summer cohort: training online 16 & 25 June 9.30pm - 3.30pm
- Autumn cohort: training online 3 & 18 November 9.30pm - 3.30pm
- Access EmpathyLab resources, events and support through to summer 2027

Cost

The total cost is £500.

[Click here to register](#)

Or contact helen@empathylab.uk for more information