



## **FCBG Annual Conference 2025**

**Monmouth 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April**

### **FRIDAY**

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| 15:00         | Registration  |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Afternoon Tea to celebrate the 45th anniversary edition of the classic <i>Peace at Last</i> by Jill Murphy with Macmillan |
| 16:00 - 17:00 | Publishers' Presentations   |
| 17:00 - 17:50 | Publishers' Exhibition in the Exam Centre   |
| 18:00 - 19:00 | Dinner  |
|               | After dinner entertainment  |
|               | Raise your glass to Celebrate 10 years of Rock the Boat   |
| 19:15 - 20:00 | Welsh Weavers of Words  |
|               | Poet laureate Alex Wharton and debut poet Kate Williams   |
| 20:00 - 21:00 | Storytelling Magic with Mama G  |
| 21:00 onwards | Bar   |

### **SATURDAY**

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| 7:30 - 8:30   | Breakfast  |
| 8:30 - 8:50   | Day Delegate Registration                        |
| 8:45 - 9:15   | FCBG AGM   |
| 9:15 - 10:00  | Jackie Morris                                    |
| 10:00 - 10:45 | Lesley Parr                                      |
| 10:45 - 11:15 | Nevermoor Celebration Coffee break with Hachette |

11:15 - 12:15	Celebrate the 2024 Children's Book Award winners Matt Goodfellow and Thomas Flintham
12:15 - 1:00	Seminars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Craft and storytelling activities for National Share a Story Month with Karin Celestine.</li> <li>2. How to make Non-Fiction irresistible with Ben Hoare, Lily Dyu, University of Cambridge and National Non-Fiction November</li> <li>3. Finding the Magic in contemporary YA: the transformative nature of stories for young adults with Louisa Reid.</li> <li>4. Writing workshop with Struan Murray.</li> </ul>
1:00 - 14:15	Lunch and Exhibition
14:15 - 15:00	Manon Stefan Ros
15:00 - 16:00	Neurodiversity in children's publishing Greg Stobbs, Scott Evans and Zoe Antoniades
16:00 - 16:30	Tea celebrating Jessie Burton's Hidden Treasures with Bloomsbury
16:30 - 17:30	Group Meeting OR session for individual and professional members and non-members on how to get more out of the FCBG
18:30 – 19:00	Famous Five Cocktails with Chris Smith and a quiz all about Enid Blyton
19:00	Gala Dinner + Quiz <p>After Dinner Speaker Barry Cunningham celebrating 25 years of Chicken House</p>
21:30 onwards	Bar

## **SUNDAY**

7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00	Day delegate registration
9:00 - 9:45	Empathetic Eco-warriors in conversation. Gill Lewis and Hannah Gold
9:45 - 10:45	The Magic of Graphic Novels. Neill Cameron, Billy Partridge and Sophy Henn
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee break celebrating Pia's Pet Club – brand new 6+ series from Serena Patel and Emma McCann with Usborne
11:15 - 12:15	Weaving folk tales and legends into your stories - Piers Torday, Ash Bond and Sandra Saleh-Reyhani interviewed by Claire Fayers
12:15 - 13:00	'Everything's Connected: weaving words to make planet stewards' Nicola Davies
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch

**Please note all sessions subject to change**