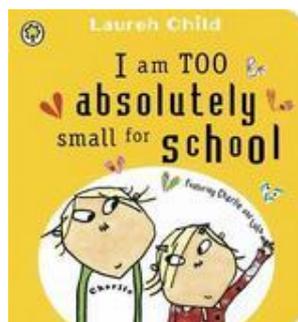


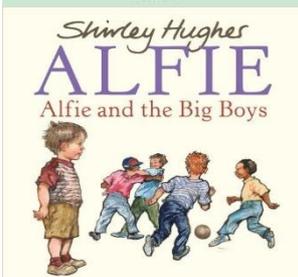
STORY BOOKS ABOUT STARTING SCHOOL



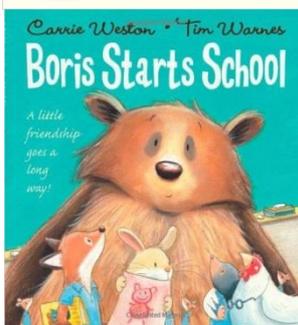
This humorous, colourful picture book follows Lola as she deals with her thoughts and feelings about starting school. Big Brother Charlie is full of advice and responds tirelessly to his little sister's endless reasons for not needing to go to school. And the relationship between Lola and her imaginary friend are sensitively explored as the big day gets nearer. Of course, at the end of a successful day at school, it was always her imaginary friend Soren Lorensen who was nervous – and not Lola!



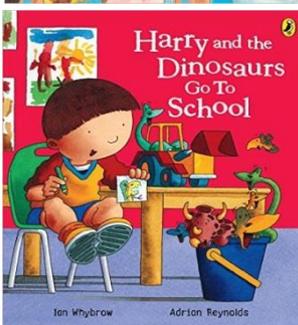
This lovely picture book sees Little Owl take on his first day at school. Initially, he's very nervous and decides he'd rather stay at home with Mummy and Baby Owl than go to school. But, when he has his dreaded first day he is surprised to learn just how fun school can be. He makes friends and builds sandcastles and can't believe how much he's enjoyed himself! This lovely book, illustrated by There's a Boy Just Like Me illustrator Alison Brown, is the perfect bedtime read for those who are nervous about starting nursery or primary school.



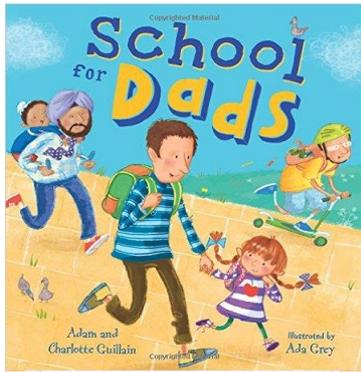
This book explores the idea of children at “big school” from a nursery child's perspective. Little Alfie watches in wonder as the older children play rough and tumble games from the nursery playground. In awe of the big boys, Alfie wishes he could be part of their fun. But then an event at a community plant sale demonstrates that all children, even in Year One, are vulnerable and sensitive.



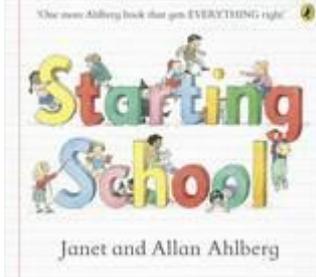
Who doesn't love a picture book bear? And Boris is no exception as we follow him on his first day at school. Throughout Boris's first day of activities, from reading and writing to lunch, play and home time, things just seem to go wrong for him. Being large, hairy and a little bit grizzly, Boris doesn't mean to scare all the other animals at school; he just wants to make friends. Then something unexpected happens and Boris becomes a class hero.



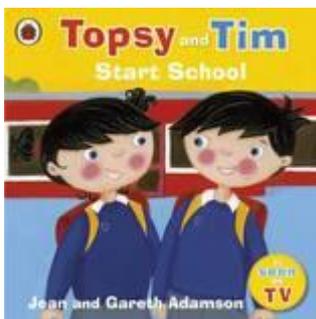
Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs experience being separated for a time in the classroom. Although there are lots of fun things for Harry to do at school, like make new friends and play on the monkey-bars at break time, he just wishes he could be with his dinosaurs. Then things start looking up for Harry. The teacher doesn't mind it when the dinosaurs let out a big roar. And a little boy who hasn't uttered a word all day is so inspired by Harry's prehistoric pals, he tells a dinosaur joke in front of the whole class. School can be fun– for children and dinosaurs!



This is a magnificently silly book and works especially well for children who enjoy having fun with their dads. Little Anna is fed up with her father always being late for school pick up. But then roles are reversed and it's the dads who have to go to school run by their children. This book is a refreshingly light-hearted way to introduce children to the concept of school and how fun it can be.



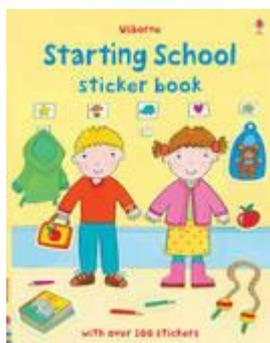
This picture book from Janet and Allan Ahlberg provides a funny and heart-warming take on starting school to chase the nerves away. The book focuses on a group of children going through their first term at school so young readers will know what to expect. If you're looking for a reassuring book that will remove the mystery of the first day for your child, this is an excellent choice.



Famous from many parents' childhoods and now on CBeebies TV, the cheerful twins Topsy and Tim are always ready to explore first experiences. And this book is no exception as Topsy and Tim start school. The artwork has changed from its original style, having been redrawn by Belinda Worsley and is fresh and appealing to a contemporary audience. Many children can relate to these famous characters and follow them through their busy school day – from the classroom to the playground and canteen. In true Topsy and Tim fashion, we learn at the end of the story that school can be fun.



This lovely book shows young children how to deal with separation anxiety which some children just starting nursery or school may struggle with. If your child needs a reassuring reminder that even when they are away from you, they don't need to feel stressed and unhappy then this is the book for them.



With over 100 stickers, children will love familiarising themselves with all the things they need to know and do when they start school. They'll help the characters get dressed, pack bags, hang up coats, change for PE, participate in art class, and enjoy lunchtime, playtime, story-time and home-time! This book is guaranteed to delight little ones and prepare them for new experiences at school.