



North East
Festival of Languages

6 January to 31 March 2026



*Create your own Festival
programme!*

WHAT'S ON UK SCHOOLS

Pick and mix from FREE events, classroom activities with teaching resources and competitions to build skills and celebrate diverse languages, cultures and global connections

Classroom activities (6 January-31 March)

- [Ursa Lingua's Castle Quest](#) Escape Room Adventure (KS2)
- [Multilingual Me KS2 lesson](#): Exploring & celebrating pupils' languages
- [Stories from around the world](#): Food on Film activities (ages KS1-3)
- [6 Primary French lessons: World Cup 2026](#) (Y5-6, Y7)
- [Exploring and celebrating indigenous African languages](#) (KS1-4)
- [Afro-Ecuadorian Fairytales](#) resources (English/Spanish) (KS2-5)
- [Fun with Japanese](#) interactive activities (KS1-2)
- [Multilingual digital stories](#) -5 films made by children (KS2-5)
- [Fun with Felix and Franzi](#) primary German lessons (KS1-2)

Live languages & cultures events (Jan-March)

- [Lingua Cub's French Fun! Series of 4 online sessions](#) (KS1-2) on Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 and 25 March
- [Lingua Cub's Super Spanish! Series of 4 online sessions](#) (KS1-2) on Fridays 6, 13, 20 and 27 March
- [Wuschel online German sessions](#) (KS1-2) 9 and 16 March
- [#LetAfghanGirlsLearn! Webinar](#) (KS4-5) 10 March
- [Bilingual poetry online French/English](#) (KS4-5) 12 March
- [Ursa Lingua's French Feast live lesson online](#) (KS2) 17 March

Languages and Careers events and resources

- [Modern Languages in the Working World webinar](#) (Y8-9) 2 March
- [Spanish language and careers webinar](#) (Y8-9) 3 March
- [Languages at Work webinar & language challenge](#) (Y8-9) 5 March
- [Futbol Lingo languages and careers webinar](#) (KS3-5) 6 March
- [Where can languages take me? Webinar](#) (Y8-9) 26 March
- [How Languages Changed my Life](#) stories

UK competitions and celebrations

- [German Week 19-24 January](#) UK primary and secondary schools
- [JaLaChamp](#) (Japanese) primary and secondary, November-March
- [World Children's Haiku Contest](#) (U15s) submissions by 28 February
- [French Pop Video Competition](#), register by February, submit May
- [Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators](#), open until 27 March
- [Joutes oratoires lycéennes](#) French debating competition for 6th forms, regional heats to February, final in March
- [Celebrate Speaking!](#) Festival of speaking languages, 1-28 Feb

Resources and support

- [ENACT Around the World Club packs](#) (North East, UK, Worldwide)
- [Around the World Education Packs](#) from British Council
- [British Council languages support](#) for schools
- [Association for Language Learning](#) and ALL North East
- [National Consortium for Languages Education](#)
- [European Centre for Modern Languages](#)

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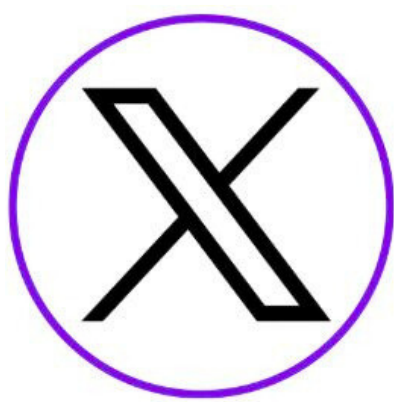
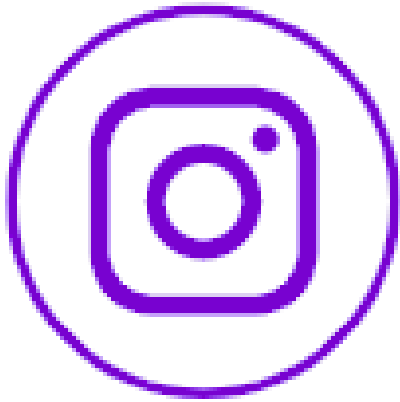
Applications for British Council's [International School Award](#)

Foundation Certificate, Intermediate, Accreditation and Reaccreditation



Schools can support [Schools of Sanctuary](#) work by getting involved in a range of activities and events to embrace the languages, cultures and traditions of all pupils and the school community.

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