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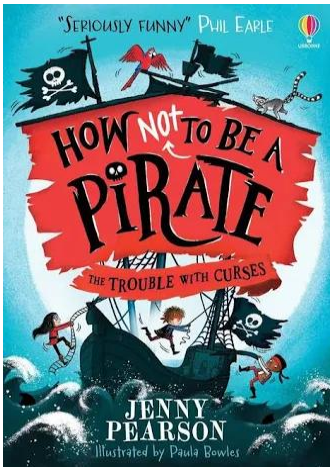
14th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

On Thursday, 24th September, author **Jenny Pearson** will be visiting us. As well as inspiring children in her role as a primary school teacher, Jenny has written a variety of brilliant of books. She has been shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award, the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Week Junior Book Award and won the Laugh Out Loud Book Award. Our judging panel also helped her to victory in the Spark! Book Award last year when they chose Shrapnel Boys as their favourite.

Jenny will present the first in her swashbuckling new series How Not to be a Pirate. Cutlasses at the ready for a fun, action-packed event where you'll discover if you have what it takes to succeed on the high seas – or not!

How Not to be a Pirate: The Trouble with Curses - *Paperback* £8.99



Wilbur doesn't believe he's destined to be a great pirate.

He hates heights, gets seasick and is too scared to fire a cannon. But Wilbur, together with shipmates Ellie and Gilbert, is taking his Level One Pirate Grading. They're in a race to find the greatest treasure of all: one of the legendary Jewels of the Sea.

With cursed treasure, rival crews, cannon-blasting battles and booby-trapped islands, danger is never far away.

Can Wilbur survive the storm and become the pirate he's meant to be?

Books, provided by Richmond bookshop The Alligator's Mouth, are available to pre order on School Spider. We'll keep hold of them until the day of the visit when Jenny will sign them for your child.

Best wishes,

Helen Jones