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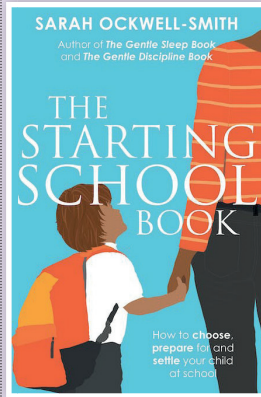
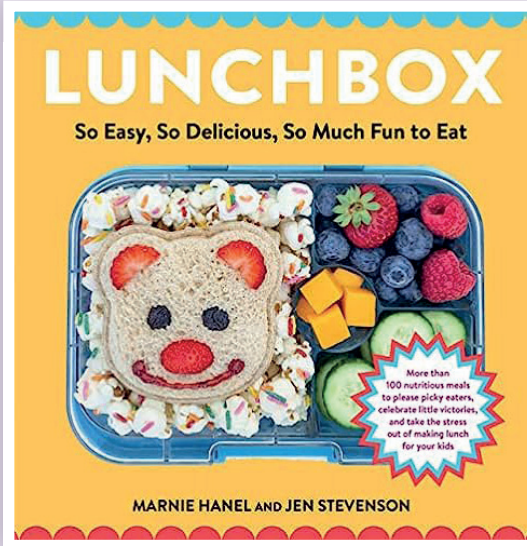


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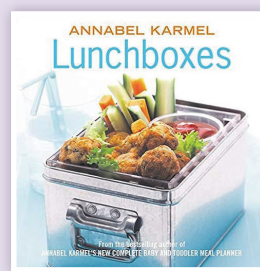
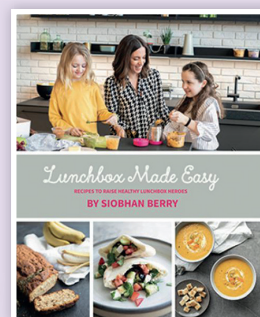
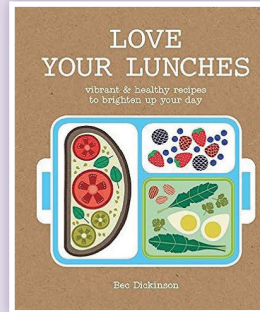


"From Toddlers to Textbooks"

Our Libraries Guide You All The Way



The Lunch Box
Nutritious lunches are crucial for children, because they provide the essential nutrients and energy needed for growth, development, concentration and overall good health. But what to put in them can be tricky, and especially for fussy eaters. Check these titles out, and you'll never be stuck again.



It's a Big Day for Parents Too!
When a child starts school, parents often have mixed emotions. Don't worry, this is normal; support books are at

hand to navigate these emotions, and ensure a positive outcome for everyone

Are You Seated Comfortably, It's Storytime at the Library!
Attending storytime in libraries has many benefits; it fosters a love of reading, it develops literacy, listening & vocabulary skills, and provides an opportunity for engagement with other children. All of which are important skills that will help a child as they start school. Our libraries host regular storytimes, rhyme times, and workshops. Check the website for full details www.kilkennylibrary.ie



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We look forward to meeting children and their parents or guardians as they collect their bags at any library branch and we hope that our new library members and their families will come back regularly to keep their bag full of books and to take part in library storytimes and activities.

Starting School This Year?
Have you collected the free 'My Little Library Book Bag'? The bag includes books and resources to help children as they start school.

This initiative is for children who are taking the big

step of starting school in 2023 and for children aged 4 and 5 who are home-schooled.

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The 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative is a collaboration between libraries and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy. Kilkenny Libraries is delighted to be part of the **My Little Library Book Bag** initiative.

Remember that the bags are available to collect from any of our branches and, like all our services, events and library membership, are absolutely **FREE!**

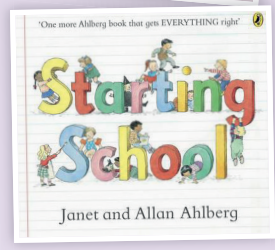
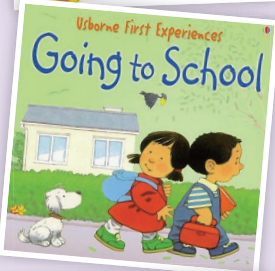
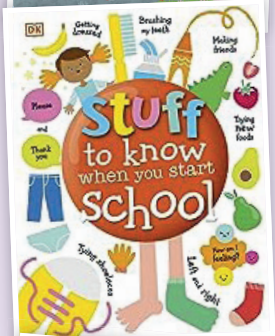
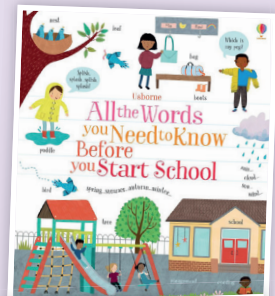


Books About Starting School

A great way to prepare your child, and spend special time together, is by reading stories about the first day at school. This will help them to understand what to expect, and can often be a great conversation starter. There are plenty of books in the library about starting school, from the practical and straightforward, to titles that explore the more emotional side of the transition. Sharing books about school can prompt children to ask questions about things that may seem trivial or obvious, but have been bothering them.

Library staff have tried and tested lots of books, and they recommend the following; the stories are engaging, the illustrations made us smile, and the messages in

them resonated with our school-goers and their parents and caregivers



Your Child's First Day at School

The journey of a child starting school is a significant milestone in their life. It marks the beginning of formal education, and new challenges & experiences. During this transition, your local library can play a crucial role in supporting and guiding children in their early academic years, and beyond. Libraries offer a nurturing, welcoming and child-friendly environment. They stock a diverse collection of age-appropriate books, that cater specifically to young children. They provide resources and programmes that encourage reading, foster a love for learning, and promote social development. Our libraries have lots on offer for our younger members, plan a visit before they head off to school!

