

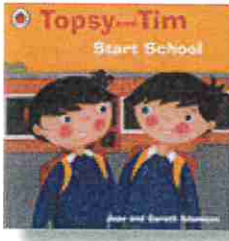
## Life skills for little ones – Starting School or Nursery


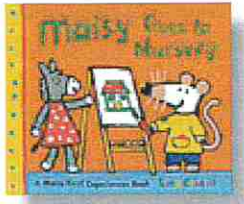


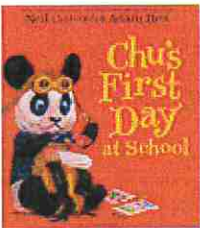


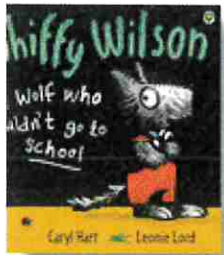
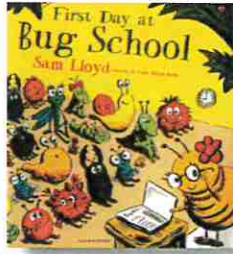

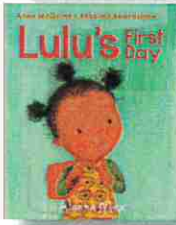


Ready Families

Is your child starting school or nursery this September? Maybe they have already visited their new class and met their teacher so have started to be introduced to the idea of meeting new people and having new experiences.

There are plenty of picture books that can prepare your little ones for this big change and will help dispel any worries or fears they may have. Here is a selection of some of our favourites.

Title	Author		Brief annotation
Starting school	Janet and Allan Ahlberg		From first day nerves to finding your peg, this reassuring read is full of humour and fun for children and parents alike. A classic picture book which offers advice and enjoyment for the whole family before school starts.
Topsy and Tim start school	Jean Adamson and Gareth Adamson		Along with favourite characters Topsy and Tim, children will learn what to expect in lessons, in the playground - even in the canteen - and, more importantly, that school can be fun!
George's first day at playgroup	Neville Astley and Mark Baker		It is George's first day at playgroup, and Peppa doesn't really want him there. But when all of her friends want a little brother too, will Peppa change her mind?
I am too absolutely small for school	Lauren Child		Lola is nearly big enough to go to school. But in her opinion she is still really quite small, and has far too many important things to keep her extremely busy at home.
Going to School	Anne Civardi		One of the 'Usborne First Experiences' series, "Going to School" uses simple text to introduce very young children, in an amusing and friendly way, to a new situation.

Come to school too, Blue Kangaroo	Emma Chichester Clark		Lily thinks Blue Kangaroo might be nervous about starting school – but in fact he can't wait to have fun and make some new friends.
Maisy goes to Nursery	Lucy Cousins		Maisy loves going to nursery. There's so much fun to be had, with all her friends and their teacher - singing at music time, a nap at quiet time, listening at book time and then play time in the garden. What a day.
Little Owl's first day	Debi Gliori and Alison Brown		It's a big day for little Owl, his first day at school. He would rather stay at home, however at school he gets to build a rocket learn to fly and even make a new friend.
Spot loves Nursery	Eric Hill		Join Spot in a story all about his first day at nursery school. There are lots of friends to meet and fun things to do before Mum comes to pick Spot up at the end of the day
Chu's first day at school	Neil Gaiman and Adam Rex		Chu is a little panda with a BIG sneeze and when his first day at school approaches he is nervous. Will the other boys and girls be nice? Will they like Chu?
Hugless Douglas goes to Little school	David Melling		Hugless Douglas is very excited to be going to Little school. There is so much to do.

Whiffy Wilson the wolf who wouldn't go to school	Caryl Hart and Leonie Lord		Whiffy doesn't know how to hold a pen and has never looked in a book, but fortunately his friend Dotty is on hand to show him that school is fun. Banish first day at school jitters and discover, like Whiffy, that school is the best thing ever.
First day at Bug school	Sam Lloyd		At the bottom of the garden where no one really sees, a secret school is hidden amongst the grass and weeds. Welcome to the bug school. A bright and rhythmic picture book sure to allay first-day-at-school fears.
Harry and the dinosaurs go to school	Ian Whybrow and Adrian Reynolds		It is the first day at school for Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs and they're excited to be going - all except Stegosaurus who's very nervous.
Lulu's first day	Anna McQuinn		Lulu is excited to start pre-school. It will be like storytime at the library, but she will stay by herself. There's so much to do at pre-school and in no time at all, Mummy is back to collect her.
My school unicorn	Willow Evans and Tom knight		Starting school is an adventure - especially when you have a magical unicorn friend by your side! Evie soon learns that starting school is LOTS of fun!
Never take a bear to school	Mark Sperring		Bears are clumsy. They don't sit still. They're much, much bigger than teachers - and they eat SUCH a lot of lunch! Yes, taking a bear to school is a BAD idea. But will this little boy find the courage to face the first day of school alone?
All the words you need to know before you start school	Felicity Brooks		Help pre-schoolers build the vocabulary they will need to communicate effectively, make friends, and learn to read and write when they start school.

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