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Dear Parents/Carers,

20th January 2026

We are excited to inform you that our school will be taking part in a special author visit being facilitated by celebrated, published author/teacher, **Banji Alexander – as seen on Britain’s Got Talent**. Children in Reception to Y6 will take part in a workshop in the afternoon.



When? Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Who for? Reception to Y6

Book signing? Yes!

Pre-order books? Yes – fill in the form below and pay online using your school money account by Monday 2nd March 2026. *PLEASE ENSURE YOU WRITE YOUR CHILD’S NAME and CLASS on the slip and give to your child’s teacher.* Only paid for books can be signed on the day.

We are very fortunate to have Banji Alexander visit our school. Please note, the book pre-orders cover the cost of the visit, allowing all pupils to enjoy the experience, so please support the event!

Banji Alexander appeared on Sky News & BBC News to discuss the schoolbook tour. Visit www.banjialexander.com/banji-in-the-media to see where else he has featured.

His website is www.banjialexander.com

His title '**Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party**', comes highly recommended for primary aged children and has received wide acclaim from teaching professionals across the country, and MPs, including the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the Shadow Minister for Schools, Stephan Morgan MP.

Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party:

- Details a child's experience during lockdown and for all children when facing something different
- It was written to allay the fears of Banji's learners surrounding the pandemic and show resilience
- Helps facilitate discussions around mental health and well-being
- Key themes are: Hope, Kindness, Resilience, Patience, Gratitude & Adapting to Change

This is going to be a memorable experience for your child, in meeting an author singing his song! Thank you for your continued support.

From the Reading team @ Thomas Hickman School

Author visit – Banji Alexander Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Child’s name:

Class:

I would like ____ (number of copies) copies of Banji Alexander’s book ‘Lockdown Looms’,

I have paid £ ____ (£10 per book) on my school money account.

Signed: _____

Date: _____