



Starting school book list

This is a long list that I have tried to make fairly varied so there is something for everyone. There are lots of well-known books specifically about starting school that you have probably seen on similar lists. I have also included a few of my own/Wild Sparks favourites (the last 5) that either feature school as the setting or that explore feelings more generally; these may be helpful for children who need encouragement to express and understand their feelings in the run up to school.

I have included a link to a video for each so you can have a look and decide which ones will suit your child before you invest in a copy or watch together.

Mae's first day of school, Kate Berube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5mVqQ_Ysmw

Whiffy Wilson the wolf who wouldn't go to school, Caryl Hart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8J5Nf-nYsms>

The Colour Monster goes to school, Anna Llenas

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVb2-Ye_i00

First Day at Bug School, Sam Lloyd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnT5MDZ5SGc>

Starting school, Janet and Allan Ahlberg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zQivaCXu-Q>

How do Dinosaurs go to school?, Jane Yolen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_Seg9RBnuk

I am absolutely too small for school, Lauren Child

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHjRzSFyn50>

Lucy and Tom go to school, Shirley Hughes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeCsrVP03bU>

Mouse's first night at Moonlight school, Simon Puttock

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLYdOt80aEg>

Bobbo goes to school, Shirley Hughes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXH5f64m5ko>

Going to school, Usborne First Experiences

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWsZ2q9ROac>

The Everywhere Bear, Julia Donaldson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=crEznjM1BDk>

Don't worry little crab, Chris Haughton

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYDzK_kuyzl

Ruby's Worry, Tom Percival

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NajPK4wgl8l>

Tough guys have feelings too, Keith Negley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ke-eVrls5HM>

All the ways to be smart, Davina Bell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeUIm7BVLA0>