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Writing Matters: Bridging Research and Policy into Primary Classroom Practice

Tuesday 17th March 2026 | 9am-4pm | Online

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Time	Details			Location
8:45 – 9:00am	Conference registration Pre-recorded 'how to' and navigation			Main Stage
9:00 – 9:10am	Conference welcome and introductions			
9:10 – 10:00am	Picking apart the research into the Writing Framework Dr Tim Mills MBE , DfE RISE advisor and lead author of the DfE Writing Framework			
10:00 – 10:10am	Break			
10:10 – 11:00am	Nurturing Young Writers Professor Teresa Cremin , Co-director, Literacy and Social Justice Centre, The Open University			Main Stage
11:00 – 11:20am	Break			
11:20am – 12:05pm	Workshops			Workshop rooms
	Workshop 1 Disciplinary literacy in primary schools Shareen Wilkinson , Education Adviser	Workshop 2 Writing Engagement: Spotlight on Financially Disadvantaged Voices Dr Francesca Bonafede , Research and Evaluation Manager, Writing for Pleasure, National Literacy Trust	Workshop 3 Developing Morphological Awareness Ben Meyjes , Primary English Teaching & Learning Adviser, HFL Education	
12:05 – 1:05pm	Lunch			

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	Workshops			
	Workshop 4	Workshop 5	Workshop 6	
1:05 – 1:50pm	Oracy: what it is, why it matters, and why everybody’s talking about it ... Geoff Barton CBE Former teacher, headteacher & general secretary of the Association of School & College Leaders. Recently, chair of the Oracy Education Commission	Dr Mellissa Prunty, Chair and Michelle Stone, Co Vice Chair, National Handwriting Association	Writing is an art form! Creating opportunities for meaningful writing Dr Darren Chetty, Lecturer in English Education, UCL Institute of Education	Workshop rooms
1:50 – 2:00pm	Break			
2:00 – 2:50pm	Telling Tales: Words, Pictures and the Space in Between Bethan Woollvin, Children’s Book Author and Illustrator			Main Stage
2:50 – 3:00pm	Break			
3:00 – 3:50pm	Creating an Evidence-Based Writing Program Professor Steve Graham, Regents and Warner Professor, Arizona State University			Main Stage
3:50 – 4:00pm	Final thanks and conference close			