

BOOK FRIEND

What BookFriend Is

One child. Three perspectives. A book that grows with them.

BookFriend is a child-centred app designed to build a meaningful record of a young person's school years. The child, their parent or carer, and their teacher can each contribute appropriate moments from the part of the child's life they see.

Instead of memories, learning and achievements being scattered across different places, BookFriend brings selected contributions together into a growing yearly book. Each school year becomes another book on the child's digital bookshelf.

The purpose is not to record everything. It is to give the moments that matter somewhere to belong.

Three contributors, one child at the centre

CHILD	PARENT / CARER	TEACHER
Their voice, ideas, drawings, creativity, reflections, achievements and moments they want to remember.	Milestones, encouragement, home achievements, family moments and things school may never otherwise see.	Learning, progress, classroom moments, achievements and positive parts of the child's school journey.

How daily contributions can work

BookFriend can make contribution part of ordinary life rather than a large task. A contribution could be added when something worth remembering happens. It might take seconds: a short note, a photograph where appropriate and permitted, a piece of work, an achievement, a reflection, or a small moment from the day.

The aim is **little and meaningful, not constant and burdensome**. Nobody needs to write a diary every day, and a quiet day does not need an entry.

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Daily Contributions

Small moments can become part of a much bigger story.

A simple contribution flow

- 1. A moment happens.** A child finishes something they are proud of, a teacher notices progress, or a parent sees a milestone at home.
- 2. Someone adds it.** The appropriate contributor adds a short entry from their own perspective. The app should make this quick enough to fit naturally around family and school life.
- 3. The contribution is handled within the right permissions.** Who can add, see, share, approve or retain different kinds of content should depend on the child's age, role and the safeguarding/privacy rules of the finished service.
- 4. Meaningful moments build the year.** Contributions accumulate carefully rather than becoming an uncontrolled feed.
- 5. The year becomes a book.** At an appropriate point, the selected story of that school year forms another book on the child's BookFriend bookshelf.

What might be added?

Child	Parent / carer	Teacher
A drawing or piece of writing	A first day, milestone or home achievement	A breakthrough in reading or maths
Something they are proud of	A photo or memory, where appropriate	A classroom achievement
A reflection on their day	Encouragement or a family memory	A positive observation or school moment
A creative project	Something important outside school	Work the child would like to remember

Designed to grow with the child

BookFriend should change as the child grows. Younger children may need more adult support; older children and teenagers should have an increasingly strong voice, greater independence and age-appropriate control. The finished permission, safeguarding and data model would need to be developed and professionally reviewed before school deployment.

At the end of the school journey, the destination is simple: the young person has a collection of their childhood and school years that was built around them — and becomes theirs to carry forward.

Every year becomes a book. Every book becomes part of their story.