



LEANNE BEARDSLEY

Author Visit

About the Author

Leanne Beardsley is an author and illustrator whose debut picture book, Please Cloud, Don't Cry, was inspired by a beautiful sentence spoken by her then 6-year-old neurodivergent daughter during a sunny walk in 2018.

Please Cloud, Don't Cry is a gentle, rhyming story about a little girl who meets a sad cloud on what was meant to be a perfect sunny day. Through their conversation, the cloud teaches her that all feelings are okay, even sad ones, and that sometimes letting our emotions out can help us feel so much better.

Perfect for ages 3-7 (Reception to Year 2)

Curriculum Links

PSHE – Emotional wellbeing, empathy, understanding feelings

Literacy – Story structure, rhyme, creative writing

Science – Weather, clouds, the water cycle

Art – Illustration, character design, creative expression

Ideal for literacy weeks, mental health initiatives, World Book Day, and author study units.

What's included in a visit

Interactive Storytelling: A reading of Please Cloud, Don't Cry with plenty of opportunities for children to join in and explore emotions, empathy and weather

Craft Workshop: Kindness Clouds Children create their own cloud featuring the signature bow tie from the story, decorated with kind actions they can do when someone is feeling sad

Q&A Session: Children ask questions about being an author and illustrator

Book Signing: Signed copies available for children to take home

Signed hardcover copies of Please Cloud, Don't Cry are available at a special school-visit price of £11.24 (25% off RRP £14.99) for pre-orders.

Leave a message on the contact us page at www.leannebeardsley.co.uk to enquire/book your visit!

Visit Options & Pricing

Half-Day Visit – £250

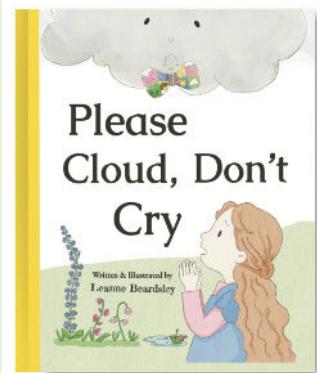
- Up to 2 classes (maximum ~60 children)
- Includes storytelling, craft workshop, Q&A, and book signing
- Perfect for Reception, Year 1, and Year 2
- Duration: 2.5-3 hours

Full Day Visit – £400

- Multiple sessions throughout the day
- Can accommodate more classes
- Includes all elements of half-day visit

Virtual Visit – £100

- Live online session (45-60 minutes)
- Interactive storytelling, craft demo, and Q&A



Travel Costs

- I'm based in Yorkshire so travel within Yorkshire and the Humber – no additional travel costs.
- Visits outside this area may incur travel costs (to be discussed).

Booking Information

- Please book at least 4 weeks in advance
- Currently booking Spring/Summer 2026
- I'm very flexible and happy to adapt visits to your school's specific needs

Cancellation Policy

- More than 4 weeks' notice: Full refund or reschedule
- 2-4 weeks' notice: 50% fee or reschedule
- Less than 1 week: Full fee charged or reschedule

Book Orders

Signed Hardcover Copies

Pre-Order Price: £11.24 per book (25% discount – save £3.75!)

Pre-orders must be placed at least two weeks before the visit

On-the-Day Purchases: £14.99 (full price) Payment by cash or card

How it works: I can send you a simple parent order form to distribute. Collect orders and payment, send me the list with children's names, and I'll bring the signed books on the day!

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Also available for forest schools, home educator groups, libraries, and community organisations.

