

TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are excited to announce that picture book author & illustrator duo **SMRITI HALS** and **NILA AYE** will visit St Peters Primary School on **TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY** to talk to EYFS and Year 1 & 2 children about their cute new picture book *FREE TO BE ME*. The event will include an assembly with storytelling and drawing, plus a book-signing.

**The Steyning Bookshop have organised this free author visit for the school and offer you the chance to pre-order a book for your child to receive and get signed on the day. Pre-ordered books will be given to children at school on the day of the author visit and Smriti and Nila will personally SIGN & DEDICATE each book.**

**The deadline for pre-ordering is 4pm on SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

**If you miss the deadline, the Steyning Bookshop will also be selling copies AFTER SCHOOL – while stocks last – accepting both cash and card payments.**

#### HOW TO PRE-ORDER YOUR BOOK VIA THE STEYNING BOOKSHOP ONLINE STORE

- 1) Go to <https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/product-category/school-author-events/>
- 2) Add the SMRITI HALS / NILA AYE book/s to your shopping basket
- 3) Select 'LOCAL PICKUP' (No postage charge, books will be delivered to the school)
- 4) **Enter Billing Address as normal. In ORDER NOTES add 'ST PETERS SCHOOL, CHILD'S NAME & CLASS.**  
Alternatively, you can add these details instead of your shipping address.
- 5) Proceed to payment. (Payments are processed via Paypal but you don't need a Paypal account)
- 6) Books will be signed and handed out to the children at school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

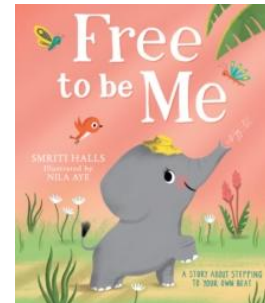
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**If you have problems ordering online, please call the bookshop to order by phone on 01903 812062**

About *FREE TO BE ME* - EVENT PRICE £7 (RRP £7.99)

**A heart-warming story about a little elephant trying to find his place in the world!**

Elbert the Elephant is full of life and ready to try anything! The only problem is that nothing ever seems to go quite as it should – from ballet dancing to swimming lessons to story time at the library... will Elbert ever find a place where he fits? A life-affirming story which encourages every child to celebrate their individuality and find their place in the world.



Also available: **ONE IN A MILLION**, Smriti & Nila's previous book about a little giraffe who loves to count!

#### About SMRITI HALS & NILA AYE



Smriti Hals is a bestselling, award-winning children's author, published in more than 40 languages worldwide. Her best-loved stories include 'I Love You Night and Day', and her acclaimed series with Steve Small, 'I'm Sticking with You'. She is the winner of several national, international and regional awards - five of her books have been nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal and *The Little Island* was a Sunday Times Book of the Year.

Nila Aye is a talented children's book illustrator whose cute, whimsical illustrations have graced the pages of many picture books by authors including Julia Donaldson, Kes Gray and Benjamin Zephaniah.



**This author visit is FREE OF CHARGE for the school, please support the authors and the work of the Steyning Bookshop in bringing authors to schools by purchasing a book, if you can.**