

# Lamont Books Standing Order

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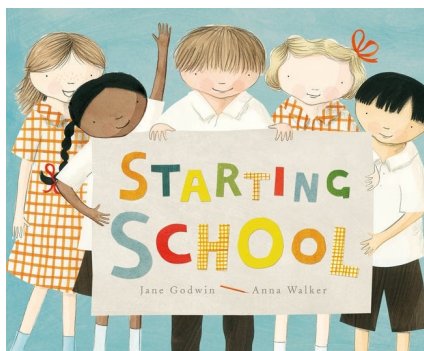
*Teacher Notes and Activities*

## Starting School

By Jane Godwin & Illustrated by Anna Walker  
ISBN 9780670076765  
\$24.99

Picture Book of  
the Month

Tim, Hannah, Sunita, Joe and Polly are all off to school for the first time. Would you like to meet them and see how they go? There are new friends to make, fun ways to learn, and lots of different things to discover.



This book can be used with children who are currently at school as a way of reflecting on how they have changed over the year or it is also a fantastic resource for your orientations during Term 4 and the start of next year.

### Themes:

- Starting School
- Making Friends
- Adjusting

### Discussion Points:

- Each of the five main characters in the story had a different feeling about school. Can you recall the names of the children and how they each felt?
- There were also other children in the class. How many other different students were there? Do you remember any of their names?
- If you are nearing the end of your first year at school, you may have felt just like some of the children in the story. Can you remember what your first day was like? If you had to use one word to describe your first day, what would it be?
- How would you describe school now? Is it better than you thought it would be?
- What were some of the things that the children did on their first day? Were these similar to what you did with your new teacher?
- If you are about to start school, what is the thing that you are most excited about?
- What do you think will be your favourite thing? What is it that you might be unsure or nervous about?
- Who do you think will help you settle in at school?
- It is not only the children who get excited and nervous about starting school. How do you think your parents and teachers feel about you starting school?

### Activities:

- At the bottom of some of the pages in the story and throughout the book there are pictures of all different things about school. Make your own poster showing everything you can think of about school. Make your favourite thing the centrepiece of your poster.