

Oak Class has adopted **Gita Ralleigh**

Gita Ralleigh is a writer, poet and doctor born to Indian immigrant parents in London.

Her children's fiction debut, *The Destiny Of Minou Moonshine* is forthcoming from Zephyr/ Head Of Zeus in July 2023.



Willow Class has adopted **Jennifer Killick**

Jennifer Killick has always loved stories. Growing up, she kept so many books hidden under her bed for reading after lights out that there was barely room for her! She also loved writing stories – her first being a tale about a baby bird called Snowy, who hurt her leg and had to hop her way to safety. Jennifer has written the Alex Sparrow stories.



Ash Class has adopted **Andrew Powell-Thomas**

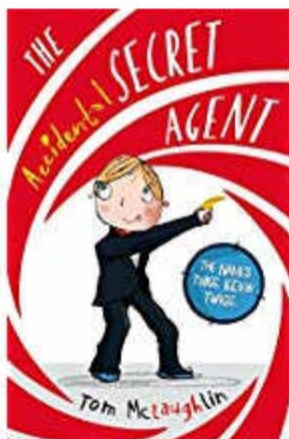
Andrew Powell-Thomas writes children's fiction and is based in Somerset. He also writes military history and local heritage books.

Andrew is the editor of *Over the Top*, the children's magazine associated with the Great War Group, and have done Television work for the *Yesterday Channel*. Andrew's books include James and the Ogre and A World of Colours.



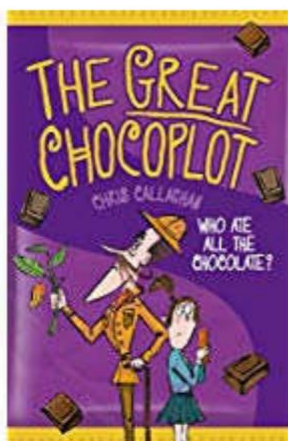
Beech Class has adopted **Tom McLaughlin**

Tom McLaughlin is an author illustrator from Devon. He graduated from Falmouth College of Art. He started in children's publishing by illustrating for other people's books before writing himself. Tom has been nominated for countless awards and his books have been translated into 10 different languages. He lives in Exeter with his wife and children.



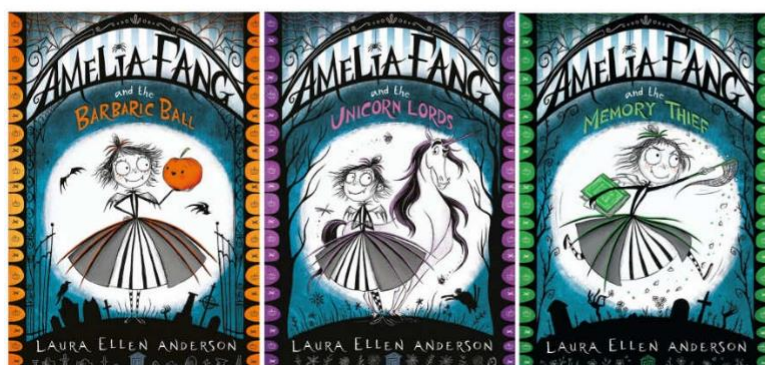
Elm Class has adopted **Chris Callaghan**

Chris Callaghan is a children's author who loves to eat and write about chocolate! Before becoming a writer, Chris was an environmental scientist, where he spent a lot of time on factory roofs measuring pollution. He also served in the Royal Air Force as an aircraft engineer.



Maple Class has adopted **Laura Anderson**

Laura was born in Essex in 1988 and now I live in London. Laura studied illustration at University College Falmouth and graduated with a First Class degree in 2010. Since then she has been lucky enough to work with many UK and US publishers on some wonderful books. The Amelia Fang series is my first fiction series as author and illustrator, featuring a young vampire and her friends. Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball won the Leeds Book Award for the 7-9 category.



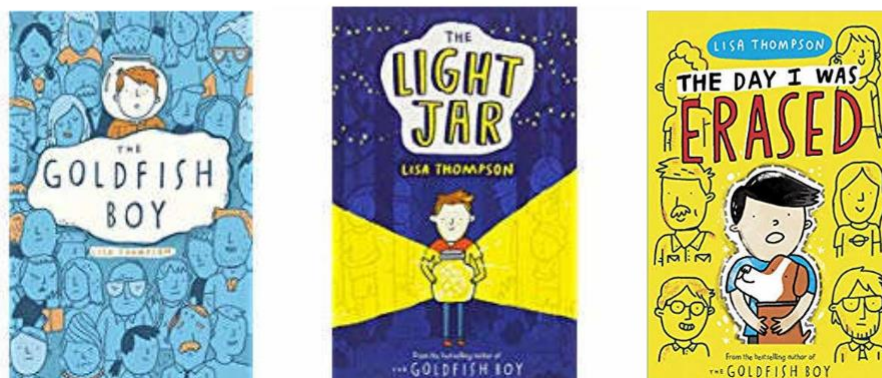
Poplar Class has adopted **Maz Evans**

Maz's debut children's novel *Who Let the Gods Out* was published by Chicken House in February 2017 and was selected as the Waterstone's Children's Book of the Month. It entered the bestseller charts on its first week on sale, has sold to 17 countries worldwide and has received 20 award nominations, including the Carnegie Medal, Branford Boase, Books Are My Bag and Waterstone's Children's Book of the Year. Maz then went on to release: *Beyond the Odyssey* and *Simply the Quest*.



Pine Class has adopted **Lisa Thompson**

Lisa Thompson is a children's novelist born in Essex. Her debut novel, *The Goldfish Boy*, was published in the UK in January 2017, where it was a Waterstones Children's Book of the Month and went on to become a bestseller. *The Goldfish Boy* has been nominated for the Carnegie Medal, The Branford Boase Award and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. It has been sold to nine territories around the world. Lisa's second novel, *The Light Jar*, was published in the UK in January 2018. Her latest novel, *The Day I was Erased*, was realised in January 2019.



Juniper Class has adopted **Nikki Thornton**

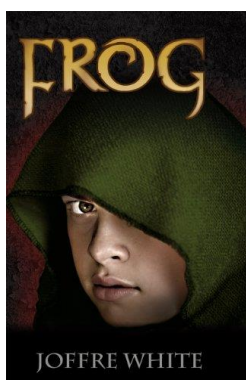
Nikki ran her own for ten years It was called Mostly Books, in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and she ran it with my husband, Mark - another book enthusiast. They organised a busy events programme, bringing authors to the town. They also took many into local schools. She was thrilled that her magical murder mystery 'The Last Chance Hotel' won The Times /Chicken House Children's Fiction Competition. It is a quirky story involving magic - and a murder! But it is mostly about discovering your talents and finding your place in the world and about how we all need to dream.



Birch Class has adopted **Joffre White**

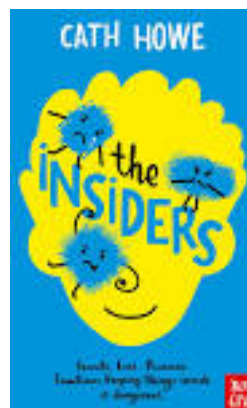
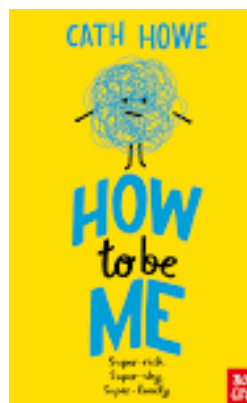
Joffre White is an Author and Reading & Writing Motivator. He is a member of the National Association of Writers in Education, and a UK Patron of Reading, he actively promotes the importance of reading, literacy and creative writing by visiting primary and secondary schools, colleges, libraries and literary events in the U.K.

Joffre's books include Frog which is a novel about a mysterious object that appears to have fallen from the sky and into the orchard of Chris's Garden! Frog is a glorious, fast-pace fantasy with great characters and laced with wit, humour.



Yew has adopted Cath Howe

Cath Howe is an author and teacher working in South West London writing for, and working with, Key Stage 2 primary age children. Nosy Crow published *Ella on the Outside* in 2018 and *Not My Fault* in 2019. *How to be Me* was published in 2021. *The Insiders* will be published by Nosy Crow on 5th May 2022. Her educational books are published by Pearson. She has won prizes for stories, poems and monologues and even written a musical. Cath runs workshops in schools on everything to do with writing and performing, and her book *Let's Perform*, published by Bloomsbury, gives guidance in encouraging children to perform.



Apple Class has adopted Lara Williamson

Lara was born and studied in Northern Ireland before moving to London where she worked for several magazines. She likes daydreaming, tap-dancing and writing but not at the same time. Lara Williamson writes books that warm your heart and break your heart at the same time. Her first two books, [A Boy Called Hope](#) and [The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair](#), were both shortlisted for multiple awards, and her third novel [Just Call Me Spaghetti-Hoop Boy](#) was released in 2017 to critical acclaim.

