

Meet the Primary Teaching Team



Miss Martin, Year R Apple Class Teacher

"I absolutely love the moment when children achieve their next steps and get to celebrate it with everyone around them," says Miss Martin. Her Early Years classroom is a welcoming, creative, and beautifully challenging environment designed to help young learners thrive.

Fun fact: she used to work as a Disney princess!

Book Recommendation: Anything by Julia Donaldson!



Miss Smith, Year R Cherry Class Teacher

Miss Smith loves watching children's natural curiosity grow. She creates a nurturing, creative environment where children feel safe, valued, and genuinely excited to learn. At home, Miss Smith is currently learning Brazilian Portuguese, and she once snorkelled alongside a three-metre manta ray!

Book Recommendation: The Lion Inside by Rachel Bright



Mrs Golby, Year R Cherry Class Teacher

Mrs Golby provides a fun, inclusive, and nurturing environment where all children are listened to and supported to reach their full potential. She loves watching her students learn and grow every day. Mrs Golby is a mum of 5, a passionate bird watcher, and lived in Italy for three years teaching English - so she speaks Italian!

Book Recommendation: The Everywhere Bear by Julia Donaldson



Mr Cook, Year 1 Oak Class Teacher

For Mr Cook, a great classroom is welcoming, fun, and designed to help children build lifelong core memories. He is passionate about fostering a love for learning and helping students grow into thoughtful global citizens. If you see him outside of school, he'll likely be hiking—ask him about the time he actually got to drive a London Underground train!

Book Recommendation: Funnybones



Miss Beadle, Year 1 Beech Class Teacher

Miss Beadle's main goal is to spark curiosity and independence, nurturing a lifelong love of learning in a fun, creative environment. She loves supporting children as they develop into capable, confident individuals. When she isn't building Lego or crafting, you can find Miss Beadle proudly wearing her wonderfully quirky, hand-knitted character jumpers!

Book Recommendation: The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh



Mrs Bhutta, Year 2 Cedar Class Teacher

Mrs Bhutta is passionate about lifelong learning and loves inspiring that same curiosity in her class. Her classroom is an engaging, supportive space where a simple willingness to try is celebrated above all else. Mrs Bhutta is also our resident "Earth Hero" and runs the Eco Warriors club at CFS!

Book Recommendation: A Tadpole's Promise by Jeanne Willis



Ms Dowers, Year 2 Chestnut Class Teacher

(currently maternity cover for Mrs Grace)

Ms Dowers lives for those "lightbulb moments" when the penny drops, a child masters a new skill, and you can see the pride on their face. She provides an empowering, supportive environment where every child can thrive. If you share her love for the ocean, ask her about her hobbies - she is a qualified scuba diving instructor!

Book Recommendation: Where the Wild Things Are



Mrs Grace, Year 2 Chestnut Class Teacher

(currently on maternity leave)

Mrs Grace wants every student to discover success, whether in an academic subject or a practical life skill. Her classroom is welcoming, structured, and creative. When she isn't teaching, you'll find her baking up a storm, walking her dog or travelling with her little team. Mrs Grace loves musicals and always wanted to be a backing dancer!

Book Recommendation: Percy the Park Keeper



Mrs Ubsdell, Year 3 Elm Class Teacher

Mrs Ubsdell loves the daily joy of helping children achieve things they once thought were impossible. She strives to make her classroom a creative, nurturing, and collaborative space where students can truly find their confidence. Outside of school, Mrs Ubsdell loves travelling and cooking, and she has a twin sister named Emma!

Book Recommendation: The Magic Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton



Miss Morriss, Year 3 Willow Class Teacher

(currently maternity cover for Miss Sparshott)

Miss Morriss's favourite part of the job is watching her pupils' confidence blossom over the course of the year. Her classroom is a fun, inclusive, and nurturing space where children feel safe to take risks in their learning. She loves to travel and has already explored 13 different countries!

Book Recommendation: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone



Miss Sparshott, Year 3 Willow Class Teacher

(currently on maternity leave)

Miss Sparshott is passionate about sparking curiosity and helping children become independent, resilient, and happy learners. On weekends, she loves travelling to funfairs, castles, and museums with her family. With eight children of her own at home, she jokes that her classroom can sometimes actually be the quieter part of her day!

Book Recommendation: The Snail and the Whale



Mrs Wilson, Year 4 Rowan Class Teacher

Mrs Wilson believes every child has unique strengths, and she finds nothing more rewarding than helping them overcome challenges. Her classroom is a fun, supportive space where ensuring every child feels understood is a top priority. Mrs Wilson loves board games and collects Jellycats—she currently owns over forty of them!

Book Recommendation: Oliver and the Seawigs by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre



Mr White, Year 4 Sycamore Class Teacher

Mr White thrives on the fact that every single day in teaching is different. He focuses on building a calm, structured, and inclusive environment where children feel safe and entirely ready to learn. Outside of school, Mr White loves gardening, gaming, and cars—and he earned his scuba diving qualification in Mexico!

Book Recommendation: Green Eggs & Ham



Mr Wilson, Year 5 Hazel Class Teacher

Mr Wilson loves the creative side of teaching and focuses heavily on building positive relationships with his pupils. In his nurturing classroom, everyone is encouraged to give things a go and embrace mistakes as part of the journey. Mr Wilson brings that same creative spark home, where he is an award-winning painter.

Book Recommendation: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien



Mrs Feast, Year 5 Birch Class Teacher

Mrs Feast loves getting to know the unique personalities and wonderful senses of humour in her class. She strives to make every child feel completely safe, valued, and truly at home in school. Outside the classroom, she enjoys walking and travelling—and she is an avid scuba diver who is always happy to share stories of her underwater adventures!

Book Recommendation: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo



Miss Stapleton, Year 6 Ash Class Teacher

Miss Stapleton runs an inclusive, structured classroom focused on celebrating academic progress and getting pupils thoroughly prepared for secondary school. Alongside her passion for teaching PE and seeing students succeed, she is a massive sports fan. At home, she loves travelling and spending time with her three dogs.

Book Recommendation: *Holes* or *War Horse*



Miss Bigg, Year 6 Maple Class Teacher

Miss Bigg is all about encouraging children to believe in their own abilities and step out of their comfort zones. She works hard to ensure her classroom is a safe, inclusive space where everyone has a chance to shine. Miss Bigg is getting married next year, and fun fact: she knows how to ice skate, horse ride, and play the piano (though not all at once!)

Book Recommendation: A tie between *Matilda* by Roald Dahl and *Harry Potter*



Mr Garner, Executive Principal

With over 20 years of experience, Mr Garner still loves nothing more than working alongside curious learners. He runs a challenging and engaging school built entirely on trust and honesty. In a wonderful full-circle moment, Mr Garner's very first teaching job was at the exact same primary school he attended as a boy.

Book Recommendation: *Once*



Mrs Tunnicliffe, Head of Primary

Mrs Tunnicliffe has nearly 20 years of experience and loves helping children realise everything that they can do - and believing they can do it. She values an environment where both children and staff feel valued as individuals and loves singing - even if she isn't very good at it! Fun fact: Mrs. Tunnicliffe used to teach dance - she can even do ballet en pointe!

Book Recommendation: *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline



Mrs Hayes, Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Hayes places great value on building positive relationships, which she believes create the absolute foundation for learning. She is committed to ensuring every pupil feels known, supported and challenged. Outside of school, she is a mummy to two daughters, and back in her student days, she played hockey and netball at university and county level.

Book Recommendation: *War Horse* or *Goodnight Mister Tom*



Mrs Galpin, Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Galpin loves that every single day is different and unique, just like the children. Her goal is that every child achieves success and finds their talent and passion alongside core skills for life. When she isn't spending time with family, gardening, or travelling, Mrs Galpin admits she is a bit of an adrenaline junkie who enjoys daring activities!

Book Recommendation: Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd Stanton



Mrs Halton, Vice Principal and Primary SENDCo

Mrs Halton focuses on building strong relationships with the pupils, ensuring they are happy, feel safe, and continue to grow both academically and socially. Outside of school, Mrs Halton enjoys reading, music, and travelling—and she actually flew a glider solo when she was 16 and holds gold medals for ballroom, Latin-American, and disco dancing!

Book Recommendation: The Magic Faraway Tree