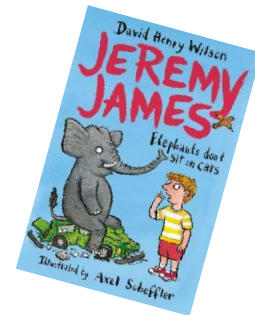




SPOTLIGHT ON...

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<p>Why do you love Woodhall Primary School?</p> <p>The children! Unique, diverse and delightful, I have loved getting to know them all.</p> <p>The moment I walked into Woodhall School, I felt like I was at home. Every person- from the caretaker to the head teacher- goes out of their way to make you feel welcome and the children make me smile every single day. Woodhall is a true family where we really appreciate each other, just the way they are.</p>	<p>Why did you become a teacher?</p> <p>When I left university, I was leading tour groups at the British Museum. I was planning on working in some dusty archive for the rest of my days... when suddenly it hit me. The thing that I enjoyed the most about my job was spending time with children. Instead of blabbing on about some old pot I had seen a million times before, suddenly, I was talking with children, helping them study a mysterious artefact with a fascinating history. I was seeing the world anew through their eyes, sharing their awe and wonder. Who wouldn't want to do that as a job?</p>	<p>What is your favourite children's book and why?</p> <p>When I was very small, every night after our parents had tucked us into bed and thought we were fast asleep, my older sister would sneak out her dog-eared and ear-marked copy of 'Jeremy James' by David Henry Wilson. She would regale me with the hilarious stories like, 'Elephants Don't Sit on Cars,' and 'How to Stop a Train with one Finger' always reading with such expression and fun until inevitably, I would start to nod off. This is such a precious memory for me; stories are wonderful but sharing a book with a loved one is timeless.</p>
<p>What is your proudest moment since becoming a teacher?</p> <p>Little things mean a lot. If I can brighten someone's day or make them smile when they were feeling crummy, I go home knowing I have done a good job. What is even better is seeing my class go on to be kind and loving to each other. It makes me the absolute proudest!</p>	<p>What do you like most about being a teacher?</p> <p>I am actually quite a sentimental old softie really. Hearing children sing always puts a huge lump in my throat.</p>	<p>If you could have a superpower, what would it be?</p> <p>I do have a superpower, but I'm not telling... otherwise my secret identity would be rumbled!</p>
<p>What was your favourite subject when you were at primary school and why?</p> <p>Anything creative! Poetry writing, art, music, I loved it all. I actually found Maths really, really hard at school but that is why I make an extra special effort to make it accessible and fun.</p>	<p>What is your favourite song and why?</p> <p>I have millions and squillions of favourite songs so this one is tricky but I would say... 'Into the Mystic' by Van Morrison. It was the first dance at my wedding and it always makes me feel warm and fuzzy.</p>	<p>What is your favourite pastime and why?</p> <p>I love to go to the cinema, to swim and to travel but I am truly happiest when I am spinning around on a dance floor, surrounded by my friends and loved ones, singing my head off. Look out for me at the school disco! Sorry kids!</p>

