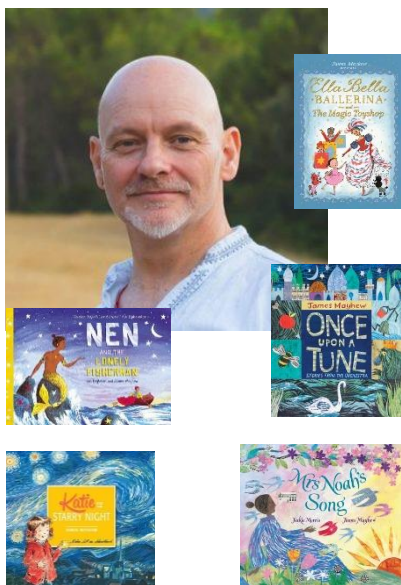


# MEET THE author VIRTUAL



## JAMES MAYHEW

**Available from 14 November 2022 until 10 February 2023**



James is an author and illustrator. He grew up in a tiny Suffolk village with his parents and big sister Kate. Art was his favourite subject at school and he knew that he would be an artist of some kind when he grew up. There was always a love of telling stories and reading in his family, even before he could read, Kate would tell him stories. His first book, *Katie's Picture Show*, published in 1989, was inspired by a trip to London with his sister and Grandma. There are many more 'Katie' titles, introducing the great works of art to children. He also has written and illustrated a series *Ella Bella Ballerina*. As well as making books on his own, he also illustrates for many other authors. This includes *Mrs Noah's Pockets*, longlisted for the Kate Greenaway Award in 2019 and more recently *Nen and the Lonely Fisherman* and *Mrs Noah's Song* published July 2022. When he isn't making books, he is painting to music, creating art during performances of spectacular classical masterpieces and is an adviser to Action for Children's Arts, a charity that campaigns for children's right to access the arts.

**Audience Year 1/2/3**

*Meet the Author* aims to support literacy and to inspire children's reading and writing by giving them the opportunity to meet some of the very best and most popular authors writing for children today. Our virtual event will also offer children the chance to buy books via the independent bookseller P&G Wells: [P&G Wells Bookshop UK](https://www.pgwells.co.uk/)

In order to participate and ask a question in our virtual Meet the Author Event, you will need to register and submit your questions by 7 October 2022. Each school will have a chance to ask up to five questions and a form will be sent out upon registration. We guarantee at least one question from each school will be answered by the author. We regret that schools signing up after this time will not be able to submit questions but will still be able to enjoy the author's presentation. Please see booking instructions below.

### Prices

The price is £50 per school per author. Your school will be given access to our Meet the Author Moodle Page where you can view your chosen Meet the Author videos whenever it suits your timetable. The Videos will be available from 14 November 2022 until 10 February 2023 and can be viewed numerous times.

### Booking Instructions

- Complete a registration form via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/i1tNCQcupM>
- We will then send you a link to the questionnaire
- The full fee will be taken via journal transfer before the 14 November, using cost code 4540. For academies, an invoice will be sent.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call SLS HQ on **01962 826660** or send an email to [SLS.events@hants.gov.uk](mailto:SLS.events@hants.gov.uk).