

Book of the Week

Each week we'll be putting a spotlight on a must-read book which can be borrowed from the library. We welcome suggestions from staff and pupils so please do email library@worth.org.uk telling us why your choice deserves to be in the spotlight!

The Accidental Prime Minister

by Tom McLaughlin



With the general election looming, how would a 12 year old get along running the country?!

When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world! Before long, people are calling for the current leader to resign and give someone else a go ...and that's how an ordinary boy like Joe, ended up with the most extraordinary job. Now the fun can really start! A hilarious story of one boy's meteoric rise to power.

“Tom McLaughlin’s debut novel, in which a twelve-year-old—Joe Perkins – doesn’t just get to be an MP; he accidentally becomes Prime Minister. Joe sets out to make the country a happier, more relaxed place. And he does, at least until his scheming deputy puts a spanner in the works, or a nail in a bouncy castle to be precise. McLaughlin milks all opportunities for situation comedy, and indulges in some terrific fantasy law-making while the action scampers along at pace. Beneath the humour there are serious points being made about democracy and government, and this could actually inspire future generations of politicians.”

Andrea Reece, [Love4reading4kids](http://www.love4reading.com).

This book is suitable for pupils age 11+.

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