



St Wilfrid's Governing Body news Spring 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term newsletter, and what a term it has been, the energy that began the new academic year has continued and the school seems to have gone from strength to strength as staff and pupils alike find a renewed energy and positivity in learning and growing together.

As a governing body, this has been the first term for a while we haven't welcomed new staff or said goodbye the existing... in addition to co-opting Julie and Lindsay, we have co-opted Sarah Vanner this term, as she continues in her role as safeguarding governor and have run a parent governor election (we will be welcoming Jessica Godfrey as your new parent governor in the new term). Craig Harrison finishes his 4-year term as parent governor. Thanks to him and for his commitment to the school, during the past 4 years, especially in the areas of health and Safety, science and bringing in cakes.

As a body we have updated many policies, including collective worship, complaints, RE and the staff code of conduct. Held staff accountable to the use of pupil premium money, the school budget and appropriate provision for those children with SEND needs.

Can I please ask that we continue to be considerate of residents when parking outside school and on Renals way as well as considerate of how we speak to one another and school staff, being kind and respectful, just as our staff and children aim to be.

Finally, I can't write a newsletter about this term without mentioning our amazing 2 weeks stint of inspections, and the staff and pupils' resilience, kindness, and respect leading up to and during the those inspections. As I write the SIAMS report has been released, speaking of a school that is flourishing 'with a tangible culture of love and kindness, where individuals are valued, nurtured and believed in'. As governors we have been privileged to see this in action as we have visited school for various occasions and visits. Whilst we are still waiting for the official OFSTED report, I can say on behalf of the governors an enormous thank you to the whole school for the effort that has gone into embedding the vision and values and the work towards being the best that we can be.

Please find out more about us below and if you would like to be in touch with a question or observation, please use the email address below.

We do hope you have a good Easter break.
May God bless you and keep you,

On behalf of the Governing Body

Rev Sam Hustwayte
(Chair of Governors)

Learning and growing together; living life in all its fullness
With the Christian values of Kindness, Love, Respect, Faith, Resilience and Joy

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Rev Sam Hustwayte	Chair	Ex-Officio Foundation Governor
Mr Mike Harris	Vice Chair	Local Authority Governor
Miss Lauren Cousin	Head Teacher	Ex-Officio Staff Governor
Mrs Sarah Vanner	Safeguarding	Co-opted Governor
Mrs Helen Whitehead		Co-opted Governor
Mrs Laura Clifton		Parent Governor
Mr Craig Harrison		Parent Governor
Miss Gemma Berry		Foundation Governor
Mr Mike Hulme		Foundation Governor
Mr Luke Clapham		Staff Governor
Mrs Lindsay Ainley		Co-opted Governor
Miss Julie Morton		Co-opted Governor

All school governors are volunteers. They are responsible for making the school's key strategic decisions. The governing body plays a vital role in ensuring school accountability.

The governing body has a strong focus on 3 core strategic functions:

- a. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- b. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- c. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The governing body meets once per term and conducts much of its business through the Personnel Pupils & Strategic Development (PP&SD) and Finance, Health, Safety and Estates (FHS&E) sub-committees.

Each of the governors have specific roles within the body. This enables the governing body to carry out its functions across the whole school