

St Wilfrid's Governing Body Parents and Carers Newsletter

Summer 2026

This is the first newsletter since I succeeded Rev Sam Hustwayte as Chair of Governors following her relocation in April.

Throughout her involvement with St Wilfrid's, Sam was very supportive of and committed to the school and I know she was very popular with staff and pupils alike. She will be missed and I have big shoes to fill!

As well as losing Sam, we also said goodbye to Gemma Berry and Mike Hulme whose term as Governors came to an end. Thank you for your commitment to the school.

We now welcome Mark Denyer and Andrew Pattison to the board, and I look forward to working with you.

As a board we will continue to support all of the staff at the school as they strive to deliver the outcomes that we all want to see whilst at the same time fulfilling our role as "Critical Friends".

I thoroughly enjoy reading the regular newsletters that Miss Cousin sends out and seeing the Facebook and Instagram posts about the activities of the children.

There are simply too many things to list here, and I would only be repeating Miss Cousin's words, but as a Board of Governors it is very encouraging to see the number of children receiving Value Awards and their wholehearted commitment to achieving them.

We are also very appreciative of the Extra-Curricular Enrichment Offers that the staff make available for our pupils and that the range is so diverse, giving the children the opportunity to try activities outside of what would perhaps be called the mainstream.

That we achieved Gold in the School Games Mark for a second time was fantastic

The responses to the Parent/Carer and Pupil questionnaires have been very encouraging for us to read with highlights being the number of pupils saying that they enjoy learning at school, and that they feel safe and supported. These things are very important to us as Governors.

Thank you for your commitment to the school in helping us to achieve such positive attendance figures which is vital to helping the children progress.

As you know, this terms' focus has been Joy and when I attend school it is a distinctive feeling of joy that is conveyed by staff and pupils alike.

I recently attended the Cup of Thanks service that was put on to recognise people who have volunteered their time at the school to help things like visits to the church and

library take place. The various year groups put on individual performances, and I was struck by their joy in doing so and their confidence in delivering them. They were a credit to you.

It was also wonderful to see the number of people who do volunteer and I know that there are others who couldn't make the event. I would like to thank all of you. It is another example of the role the school plays in the heart of our village community.

At the end of the academic year, it is time to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We hope that you have enjoyed your time at St Wilfrid's and wish you well in your future studies.

The cycle continues and so we extend a welcome to the children joining us from September at the beginning of their school life. We hope that you will be happy and feel secure during your time with us.

Finally, I hope that you all enjoy your summer whatever your plans may be.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Harris', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Harris

Chair of Governors