

WOOTTON ST ANDREW'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome from our Chair of Governors

Welcome to the first edition of our Governor Newsletter. As I write, the seasons are gently shifting from autumn into winter, bringing crisp mornings and cosy evenings—a perfect time to connect and share what's happening in our school community.

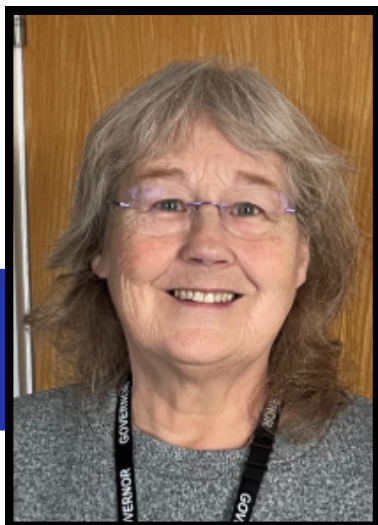
This publication has been created in response to the thoughtful feedback we received from the recent parent/carers questionnaire. Many of you told us that you'd like to know more about the school's governing body and the part it plays in shaping the strategic direction of the school. We hope this, and future newsletters, offer a friendly window into our work and helps strengthen the partnership between governors, parents, and the wider school community.



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We'd like to start by introducing some of the school's current governing body members

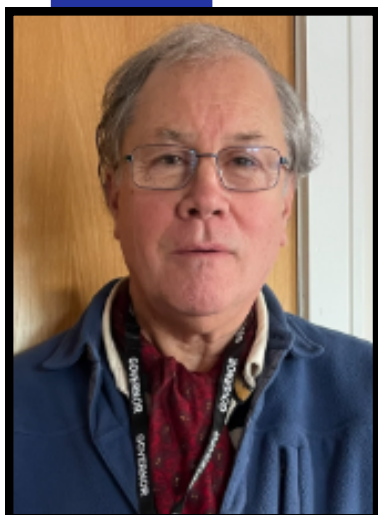


Mrs Kathryn Shân Hewson, known as Shân. Chair of the Governing Body.

I am a retired teacher with 32 years experience teaching KS1. I am an active member of St Mary's Church, Barton upon Humber. I first came to Wootton St Andrew's School as a Bishop's Visitor 12 years ago and became a foundation governor 10 years ago becoming Chair of Governors this year. I really enjoy being a governor and it is a privilege to work with all staff and children.

Mrs Anne Morgan. Vice Chair of the Governing Body

My name is Anne and I live locally with my husband Paul and we have one grown up son. After almost 40 years of working in finance it is a real joy to be part of the Wootton family. I volunteer in KS2 and love testing the children on their number bonds.



Professor Emeritus Christopher R. Wilson MA DPhil FSA FHEA Dip,CÉSR (FR), Foundation Governor

As a Foundation Governor, I seek actively to promote and support the aims of the school and its educational aspirations. I am a member of several governor committees and go into school, by invitation, on a regular basis to contribute to the learning experiences of the children. As Churchwarden and Organist of the local church, St Andrew's, I engage closely and essentially with the participatory liaison of the church and school and its many activities in the church. I have maintained and developed a high-profile career in tertiary education. I am a family person with three grown-up children. I live in the village of Wootton.



Canon Ian Robinson, Foundation Governor



I'm Canon Ian Robinson. I retired in 2023 after spending 28 years as a Vicar of Caistor where I was Governor at Caistor Church of England and Methodist Primary School, Grasby All Saints Church of England Primary School and Caistor Grammar School. Prior to that I was a Vicar in Scunthorpe on The Riddings where I was a governor at Enderby Road Infants School. I currently serve as a Director on the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education. I now live in Brigg and have a grown up son and daughter and four grandchildren.

Mrs Shelley Rising, Parent Governor

Hi my name is Shelley and I have been a Parent Governor here at Wootton for 10 years. I have had 2 children go through the school, 1 of which is currently in Year 6 and also a Godson in Year 4. Living close to the school means that I am able to attend many events the school does such as sports day, church performances, etc as both a parent and a Governor. Over the years I have worked as a Cabaret Dancer and also a Landscape Gardener, but now work in Compliance for a housing association. As a family we like to go mountain biking, climbing, swimming, anything outdoors really and I also enjoy doing pole and aerial dancing and fire performing.



Mr James Cook, Foundation Governor



My name is James Cook and I am a Foundation Governor. I am also the safeguarding Governor for the School. I have lived in Wootton for around 13 years having married into a local farming family. I am a Solicitor specialising in Family, Children and Child Protection. I am a keen runner and have undertaken several ½ marathons. I also enjoy walking, the theatre and travelling to unusual places. I am also a member of the Parish Church Council for St Andrew's Church.



Mrs Angela Storer: Staff Governor

Hello, I'm Angela Storer. I have been a teacher for over 27 years - the last 15 of which have been here at Wootton St Andrew's. My experience is throughout Key Stage 2 and I am currently found with Years 5 and 6. I am proud to be part of this village church school with its ethos being strongly embedded through Christian values.

Mrs Hannah Hepworth: Foundation Governor

Mrs Emma Nawaz: Parent Governor



One of the first tasks required of the governing body this term was to develop the school's vision for the next three to five years. Following advice from the Lincoln Diocese and consultation with staff, children and parents, we are pleased to announce that the vision has now been finalised.

Rooted in the Wootton Way, Journeying Together

At Wootton St Andrew's Church of England VA Primary School, we walk in the light of Love, Joy, Courage and Trust, The Christian Values of the Wootton Way. Together we learn and shine as we discover new things and become the best we can be. With our families, the Church and our community, we make school a safe, happy, caring place where everyone is valued. Inspired by St Andrew, we aim to be a light for others, showing kindness, resilience, bravery and hope as unique citizens who make the world a brighter place.

The new vision has already been shared with the children and will be formally adopted during the St Andrew's Day service, which the school will lead.

All parents and carers are warmly invited to

**St Andrew's Church on Monday 1st December at
10:30am.**





Would you be interested in joining our governor team?
We have a space for a Foundation Governor.

A Foundation Governor's key responsibilities are to:

1. Preserve and strengthen the school's Christian vision, values and ethos

Ensure the school's Christian character is central to its work. Make sure the school's vision influences decisions, policies, and daily practice.
Promote the spiritual development of all pupils and staff.

2. Support the school's relationship with the Church. Act as a link between the school, the parish, and the diocese. Encourage strong partnerships with clergy and church community.

3. Ensure RE and Collective Worship meet Church of England requirements

Monitor the quality and distinctiveness of RE teaching. Ensure worship is inclusive, invitational, and inspirational. Support leaders in preparing for SIAMS inspection.

4. Contribute fully to the three core functions of governance, always through the lens of Christian distinctiveness

Shaping vision and strategy
Holding leaders to account
Overseeing finances

5. Model Christian leadership and values

Act with integrity, compassion, and commitment to the school's mission.
Ensure decisions reflect the values of the Church school.

6. Safeguard the school's Church foundation. Ensure the school remains faithful to its founding principles. Protect the school's status as a Church of England school.

If you think you have the qualities that would make a Foundation Governor or you'd like to find out more information, please get in touch!

We would really appreciate any feedback about the Governor Newsletter or requests for information you would like to see it contain in the future.

Equally, please feel free to contact us with any compliments or concerns that you might feel you may have by using the email address

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Please remember that any complaints to the Chair of Governors needs to have followed the 'Complaints Procedure' that can be found on the school website.

There are lots of exciting events taking place in school over the coming weeks which the Governing Body will be part of. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas.

With blessings,
Mrs Hewson

