All Saints Primary School

Our Governors

Co-Opted Governors

James Smyth (Chair of Governors & Chair of People Group & HT Performance Management Group)

Term: Jan 2020 Jan 2024

James lives in Kings Stag with his wife and daughter after returning from a period in France running his own agricultural engineering company. He has been an engineer all his working life and has worked in aviation, petrochemicals, agriculture and the marine sector. This has involved working and living in many locations around the UK and abroad. He currently works for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) as Technical Training Manager responsible for ensuring all volunteers and staff have the necessary skills to operate and maintain lifeboats, associated plant, and equipment throughout the UK and Ireland.

This passion for supporting the development of people translates directly into the role of a school governor and ensuring children are given the best possible opportunities available and schools are supported to do so.

During his free time James enjoys time with his family, pets, gardening and DIY.

No Business Interests of Governor or Immediate Family: Sept 2022

Wendy Taylor (Chair of School Development Group & EYFS Governor)

May 2021 - May 2025

Wendy's main interests in life are her family and education. She started teaching in The West Midlands, quickly followed by two years as a volunteer teacher in Kenya. This is where she learnt the value of having an education and how poverty not only ruins individual lives but also society. Wendy's teaching career moved to West London, Germany and America. Her husband Mike and daughters Kate and Hannah all enjoy many sports and cooking. Wendy claims 'I am so lucky to have been welcomed into All Saints Community'.

No Business Interests of Governor or Immediate Family: Sept 2022 Paul Tomlin (Chair of Finance Committee)

Term: Oct 2021 - Oct 2025

Paul lives in Bishops Caundle and serves as a Community Governor having formerly represented the various Parish Councils within the school's catchment area. His son, George, benefitted hugely from attending All Saints before moving onto the Gryphon School, studying History at Sussex University and gaining a Masters Degree in European Politic from Exeter University. Paul has been a governor since 1997 and has held the role of Chair of the Finance Committee for the past 20 years.

After graduating from Newcastle University with a Joint Honours degree in Mathematics and Land Surveying, Paul worked for British Coal in the West Midlands for over 16 years as a surveyor, engineer and manager on opencast coal sites before moving to Dorset in 1993. He then worked in the Minerals and Waste planning section of Dorset County Council based in Dorchester until taking early retirement in 2017.

He enjoys foreign travel, hill walking, photography as well as supporting Yeovil Town FC and Somerset County Cricket Club at every opportunity.





Dean Gardner (Vice Chair & H&S Governor)

Term: November 2019 - November 2023

Dean lives in Bishops Caundle with his wife Katie, two daughters and Ace the dog. He has worked in the construction industry all his working life, firstly as a Carpenter, and more recently over the last few years Site Manager for major house building company. Through his work in the Construction sector Dean has been involved in new build products, extensions and restorations, along with the health and safety and procedural regulations. In his spare time he may get to enjoy his hobby of remote controlled tanks, trucks and off road vehicles, when not having to go to horse events with his pony mad wife and kids.

No Business Interests of Governor or Immediate Family: Sept 2022

Alanda Phillips

Term: July 2020 – July 2024

Alanda Phillips is the Head at Leweston Prep, just outside Sherborne, where she has been in role for four years. Alanda has a MA in Education, a PGCE in Early Years Education, a PGCE in Educational Leadership and a BA (Hons) in Education.

Prior to moving into Headship, Alanda spent much of her career teaching in the early years, as well as throughout the Primary age range. Alanda has conducted an educational research tour of the United States, and writes regularly on educational issues for a number of publications.

Living and working locally, Alanda is delighted to support the ongoing excellent work at All Saints', ensuring that every pupil is provided with the very best foundations in education and opportunity.

No Business Interests of Governor or Immediate Family: Nov 2022

Parent Governors:

Emma Coleman

Term : November 2021 - November 2025

Originally from London Emma moved to the South West in 2010 and lives with her husband, son and very rambunctious puppy Olive in the village of Longburton. Her son Henry can currently be found thriving as a happy pupil in the reception class at All Saints.

Emma is an HR professional with a background in recruitment within the professional services industry. Emma's current role sees her work with senior leaders on a range of HR and people projects including remote working and learning, diversity, inclusion and women in leadership - expertise she is excited to add to the existing experience and skillset of the governing board.

She looks forward to working with the governors to ensure that the school continues to provide high-quality education and opportunities for all of the children at All Saints.

In her spare time, Emma enjoys spending time with her family exploring the countryside, renovating their house and more often than not she can be found with her head firmly stuck in a book.







Alicia Stoddart

Term: November 2020 - November 2024

Alicia moved to Dorset with her family in the summer of 2020 and live with her husband and two daughters in the Caundle Marsh. Her daughter Grace is in the current year one at All Saints. Alicia is a practicing Veterinary Surgeon with a MA in Psychology and has published work in the journal of Autism and Developmental disorders. She is passionate about the impact of the early years of education on a child's future and the holistic education of all children. She would like to continue the existing work that is being done to foster positive links within the local community and ensure the community takes the pride in their local primary it so deserves.

No Business Interests of Governor or Immediate Family: Nov 2022

Laura Prowse

Term : November 2019 - November 2023

Laura has two daughters at All Saints, the eldest having joined in 2017. Laura's specialty is safeguarding, being a police officer for 19 years and now working in cyber security.

She is an advocate for protecting all children and implemented Report My Concern in the first months of holding the safeguarding governor post. Laura continues to be an ambassador for the school and its future development.

No Business Interests of Governor or Immediate Family: Sept 2022

Authority Governor

Sarah Wicks

Sarah grew up in the leafy suburbs of North-West London with passions for reading and horses. She gained a BEd in Primary and Middle School Education and began her 30 year teaching career in the London Borough of Barnet. In 1993, she moved to Dorset, firstly supply-teaching in the many primary schools around Blandford Forum and then spending 22 years at Knighton House School. Here she fulfilled her childhood dreams of becoming Head of a country boarding school with ponies and keeping goats, chickens and white doves! Having retired, she continues to promote reading as a Library Assistant at Blandford Library. Sarah believes passionately in the development of reading skills as crucial to learning and the building of children's confidence as key to progress.

Sarah lives in Durweston with her photographer husband, Alan, and their 2 cats. She loves wildlife, the countryside, gardening and history. In her spare time, she volunteers for the National Trust at Hardy's Cottage and, of course, she continues to indulge her passion for books!

Term: September 2020 - September 2024







David Campbell

Term: Feb 2021 - Feb 2025

David has been a priest in the Anglican Church for more than 25 years. During that time he has held posts in both Scotland and England. For the last 15 years he has been a chaplain in a number of independent senior schools; currently he is the Senior Chaplain at Sherborne School. He holds a doctorate in the causes and responses to conflict in the New Testament. He thoroughly enjoys his diverse life at Sherborne School – taking part in everything from teaching, to coaching rugby, football and golf, to leading the school's services in Sherborne Abbey. He likes nothing better than an early morning walk with his retired racing greyhound Billy. It has been a real joy for him to become involved with Bishops Caundle School and he hopes to be able to contribute something to the very rich life of this wonderful community.

No Business Interests of Governor or Immediate Family: Sept 2022

Lucy Parrot - Ex officio

Jan 2020 - 2024

Lucy lives in Glanvilles Wootton with her husband, Edwin, an agricultural engineer. She keeps busy helping with her 2 granddaughters aged almost 6 and 2, who live next door on the farm. She also does Edwin's book keeping and looks after her cows, sheep and other animals. She is the sole Warden at St. Mary's Church the Village. Her main hobby before Covid was ballroom and sequence dancing, with her husband and friends.

No Business Interests of Governor or Immediate Family: Sept 2022

Head Teacher

Nigel Roberts

Term: Sept 2019 onwards

Nigel grew up in Bath where his love of sports (in particular rugby) began. He joined the Army as a young man and served in the Royal Signals - across the world - for 22 years. In this time he played rugby union for the Army and also for Roundhay and then Leeds in various National Leagues. On retiring from the Army, he completed his PGCE with the Borough of Poole SCITT. Since qualifying, Nigel has worked at schools in Poole and Blandford. He became Headteacher of All Saints in September 2019. Nigel is married to Maria, they have two children William (Bill) and Henry, both of whom continue the families love of rugby. In his spare time, he enjoys walking his dogs, reading and completing (or at least trying to complete) crosswords. Nigel has also become a proficient taxi driver for his children.







Staff Governor

Lisa Regan

Term: Sept 2021 - Sept 2025

Lisa Regan has lived in Dorset for the majority of her life, except when training to be a teacher at The University of Plymouth, where she gained a BEd in primary teaching, with physical education as a specialism. It is here that she met her husband Gregory Regan, who is also a teacher and teaches at a special needs school for autism. Both are extremely sporty, and as a result are heavily involved with the local community, including their most recent tour to South Africa with a rugby and netball team. Teaching has always been a passion of Lisa's, and as a result, she thrives on giving her best and helping all the children she works with to be the best that they can be, reach their full potential and achieve their dreams. It is also this dedication that sees Lisa at the many PTA events as well as representing the staff on the Governing Body at All Saints. Lisa is the Deputy Headteacher at All Saints Primary School and is committed and passionate about making a real difference, to what she believes is a great school. In her spare time, she is found mostly playing netball, reading her muchloved books, playing with her family dogs or having family times with her nearest and dearest.

