



Always be thankful.
1 Thessalonians 5.16



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I am absolutely delighted to welcome you all to another school year! The children were all enjoying the sunshine today when I visited at lunch time and were very excited to be back with their friends. I can't wait to see our new Reception children on Monday; We have a lot of siblings this year, so I feel as if I know most of the children already but I am looking forward to spending time with them and getting to know them better every Friday afternoon with Mrs Ettridge. I will also be spending time in Year 3/4 on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Jones and am excited to be joining in with the children's RE and Music lessons. I loved our 'jazz' sessions last term so I'm hoping for something exciting this term!

For the benefit of new Parents, let me introduce myself. On a lovely sunny morning 20 years ago, I walked up the drive for the first time with my twin girls, Serena and Poppy. For my first two years I was a member of the PTA and then when my son, Daniel, started school 2 years later, I also became a Parent Volunteer in Reception Class. I became a Foundation Governor 14 years ago and this will be my 12th year as Chair. As you can probably guess, I am passionate about our school, and it fills me with joy to watch our children flourish and fulfil their potential every day.

I know a common misconception is that Teachers have had a long holiday but, as always, everyone has been busy in school preparing for the start of term. All classrooms are looking very clean and tidy, after Mrs Brown has worked her magic and Teachers have taken the opportunity to declutter. Mr Jones has been busy working with all stakeholders on our School Development Plan and reviewing & rewriting policies to ensure we meet all our statutory obligations. Mrs Ettridge has been devoting time to our upcoming Ethos project, revisiting 'Spirituality'. I know you may have been thinking about 'what it means to be spiritual' over the holidays and I am intrigued to see all the wonderful ideas the children have come up with. We are planning a very exciting 'Spirituality' morning for all the children on Wednesday 30th September in the Church and an afternoon in school on Thursday 8th October. We are very blessed to be part of such a nurturing Church school, with our Christian Values and our theologically rooted School Vision at the heart of everything we do.

We are a nurturing school with close links to our community where all are inspired to achieve their best. The school provides education of the highest quality; our children embrace every opportunity, enabling all to flourish.

Everyone is valued and loved for their individual worth; we are inspired by Matthew's gospel, to 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All develop mutual respect based on compassion, honesty and trust.

"Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew)

Every year Governors award those children who have consistently demonstrated our Values throughout the year and at our Leavers' Assembly in July the following children were presented with a certificate and voucher: Scarlett for Love, Caius for Compassion, Alfie for Respect, Zarah for Courage. The very special Bishop's Award was presented to Neriah and the winner of Eve's Art Prize was Leo. Congratulations to all these very worthy children!

I wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Successful School Year!
Amanda de Choisy

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