



Governor Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025

We wish everyone a festive Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Well Done & Thank You!

Throughout the year WPSA devotes much time and energy raising funds to help create a better environment for the children. However, their work for the Light Trail took this to another level, with many parents volunteering. At this event, children and adults were transported to an illuminated world of fairy tales, offering a festive evening of family fun. The school grounds were transformed into a wonderland, with lights and surprises around every corner. We appreciate the preparation of props, costumes and lights will have taken much time and governors would like to thank all parents who were involved behind the scenes, for making the Light Trail such a success. Your work and enthusiasm created a memorable and awe inspiring event.



Good News & Congratulations

Weeke has been announced as the highest performing two form entry primary school in Winchester due to this year's KS2 results, published nationally in October.

- ◆ 81 per cent of pupils met the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics combined
- ◆ 92 per cent in reading
- ◆ 89 per cent in grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS).
- ◆ 90 per cent in mathematics

These figures place Weeke ahead of all other maintained primary schools in Winchester and is a testament to the work of staff who strive to nurture the potential of all its pupils by providing a well rounded education throughout their time at the school.

Goodbye & Thank You

At the end of January we say goodbye to a valued member of the staff team. Our Senior Site Manager, Oliver Connal-Hicks, is leaving to pursue a different career path and we wish him well in his new venture.

Behind the scenes, Oliver has created innovations in the school grounds—new plant beds at the front of the school; mud kitchen for EYFS and created a new area to replace the pond, to name but a few. He has maintained the school to a high standard, both inside and out, and ensured all legal checks are carried out timely and efficiently.

He has kept the Governing Body updated on maintenance issues and any proposed projects. We are very grateful for everything he has done for the school. His conscientious and creative approach to the role will be sorely missed. **Good luck in the future Oliver!**

Some governor work carried out this term

Governing Body

We welcomed Nicole Moyo, to our Governing Body this term, which means we have one remaining vacancy for a co-opted governor. At the beginning of the term, specific roles for the Governing Body and Committees were confirmed as follows:

- Chair of Governors—Sheila Alderson
- Vice Chair of Governors—Katy Francis
- Finance & Resources Chair—Matt Whitehead
- Learning & Wellbeing Chair— Katy Francis
- Learning & Wellbeing Vice Chair—May Glover-Poultney

Monitoring Visits

Visits form part of our strategic role to help governors improve their knowledge of the school, ascertain its priorities and understand its strengths and areas for development. This term we have:-

- ◆ Carried out a safeguarding visit
- ◆ Reviewed fire safety and evacuation plans
- ◆ Discussed the impact of assessment n different areas of the curriculum with staff
- ◆ Reviewed pupil premium funding and its impact for pupils.

Questionnaires

We are preparing our annual questionnaires in readiness for issuing in the Spring and hope as many of you as possible will complete them. They help us obtain a rounded view of the school's development and progress. The timetable for issuing the questionnaires will be:-

Staff — end of January onwards

Pupils — during second half of Spring term

Parents & Carers — after Easter holiday

Please look out for an email detailing the process. Thank you in advance for supporting the school and governing body in this way.

Marketing

After last year's success, we have continued to support the school by attending prospective parents open events and developing ideas at our marketing working party meetings.

We'd like to thank parents and WPSA who have supported this project by:

- ◆ Distributing leaflets
- ◆ Allowing banners to be placed on fences
- ◆ Providing refreshments
- ◆ Attending parent open events and sharing what is great about our school.

Policies Approved

The following policies have been approved by governors this term:

- ◆ Safeguarding
- ◆ Child Protection
- ◆ Staff Pay
- ◆ Appraisal
- ◆ Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions
- ◆ Privacy Notices for Parents & Carers, Staff & Governors
- ◆ Data Protection
- ◆ Freedom of Information Scheme

Other work completed

- ◆ Approved the School Improvement Plan
- ◆ Reviewed tenders for a new cleaning contract
- ◆ Devised a monitoring schedule to review the impact of the School Improvement Plan
- ◆ Approved the monitoring visits for Health & Safety and Safeguarding
- ◆ Reviewed and approved the 6 monthly revised budgets
- ◆ Evaluated the impact of the Yurt and Outdoor learning
- ◆ Devised a Governor Development Plan