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Chair's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school year draws to a close, I've been reflecting on the busy and eventful year we've had at Kineton Primary. As governors, we've supported an Ofsted inspection, overseen the recruitment of a new Head and Deputy Head, and continued with our usual governance responsibilities. I'm confident we've got a fantastic team in place to support Mrs. Mitchell-Hilton as she steps into the role of Headteacher in September.

It was lovely to see such a strong set of attainment results across the school at our final meeting of the year, where we also approved a new budget which will ensure that funds are directed where they're most needed in the year ahead.

After a couple of years as Chair, I decided to step down at our last meeting to make space for some personal priorities. It's been a real privilege to hold the role and I'm very happy to be continuing on the Local Academy Council (LAC) as Vice Chair and SEND Link Governor – an area I'm really passionate about.

I'm really looking forward to supporting Adam Sharpe as he takes on the role of Chair. He'll be brilliant, and I'm excited to continue working alongside such a committed and thoughtful team.

Matthew Arnold will be covering for Barry Jackson as ex-officio governor during the 2025-26 school year. We were pleased to welcome Matthew to his first meeting last week and look forward to working with him. You can see his bio below. We may see Barry back with us in the future but for now I want to extend heartfelt thanks to him for all his contributions and support to the LAC.

Finally, on behalf of all the governors at Kineton, I want to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Pollard. Her dedication, warmth, and wisdom have left a lasting impression on our school community, and we're so grateful for everything she's given over the years. We wish her every happiness in her next chapter – and hope she won't be a stranger.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer,

Sophie Knee-Higgins

Chair of Governors, Kineton Primary School



Governor Newsletter

Summer 2025



Deputy Headteacher Recruitment

As part of our strategic role, several governors were involved with the robust procedures required for the successful appointment of Mrs Davies as Deputy Head. We'd like to congratulate Mrs Davies on her appointment and we look forward to working alongside both Mrs Mitchell-Hilton and Mrs Davies as they start a new chapter of leadership in our school.

Pupil outcomes / Monitoring

Over the year governors have been working closely with school staff to monitor many different areas of school life, ranging from the effectiveness of curriculum and teaching and learning in subjects such as Maths, English, Art and DT, History and Geography, Music, PSHE, to SEND provision, sustainability, attendance, collective worship and more. For the core subjects monitoring is usually done through a 'Pupil Book Study', a three-pronged approach involving observing teaching and learning in class, looking through the children's workbooks and wall displays, and talking with a sample of children from each class about their learning. This last is always encouraging as the children love talking about their learning.

Our monitoring shows that children are progressing well in all areas, the curriculum is being followed clearly through the year groups, teachers are committed to working together, using standardised vocabulary and processes, and children can give expression to their learning and feel proud of their achievements. The lead teachers in each subject are aware of areas that need work and are working with staff to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Judy Ashton

Safeguarding Lead

Attendance

The governors monitor attendance on a regular basis and discuss it at each meeting we hold. As well as looking at overall attendance percentage for each year group, we ask for analysis on different groups of children, for example children who receive pupil premium or free school meals, those who have SEND or for whom English is a second language. This ensures that all children get the individual support that they need to attend school regularly. We also ask for data on trends like pupils regularly having the same day of the week off and details of what action the school is taking to address this. We're pleased to see a range of identification and support mechanisms in place including Thrive, specific adaptations and involvement of the Warwickshire Attendance Service as necessary and the positive impact these appear to have had on attendance figures this year.

Although we haven't quite reached the end of the academic year, we look like attendance this year has improved on last year and is above the national average. Without the support of all staff, parents and children this would not have been achieved. We hope to do even better next year!

Jill Lawrence

Attendance Lead



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Finance Update

With the end of the academic and school financial year approaching I have attended meetings with Mrs Pollard, Mrs Mitchell-Hilton and the Trust to prepare and set the draft budget for the 2025/26 academic year. Governors at their meeting last week discussed and approved the budget.

To continue to implement the governors' strategic role of evaluating the effectiveness of spending decisions, I have continued to meet Mrs Pollard monthly to review the school's management accounts and report regularly to governors. All schools continue to face budget challenges and the school's leadership continue to work hard to ensure the best financial outcomes to support your children.

The governors would also like to thank Friends for their fund raising and ongoing support.

As previously reported, capital allowances have allowed us to secure work across the school during the year. We are very pleased that a recent and successful capital investment funding bid will facilitate the installation of much needed new boilers; we expect this work to be carried out in summer 2026.

Melanie Mathews

Finance Lead

Sustainability Update

Eco Club has been a great success this half term.

Sunflower, lettuce and radish seeds were planted. We have made bird feeders and placed them on trees around the school. We have been on a Nature Scavenger and Leaf identification Hunt and learnt about the diverse range of plants and trees around the school grounds. We ended the term with a litter pick. The children were very keen and enthusiastic and a pleasure to work with.

Janet Nelson

Eco-Club and Premises Lead

Meet the Governor – Matthew Arnold



Dear friends,

I write to introduce myself here as the newest member of the team of the Kineton Primary School team of Governors.

As you may well know already, I presently serve as Associate Curate at St. Peter's, and within the group of the Edgehill & East Fosse Churches. My existing links with the school already include visiting frequently to lead Collective Worship, other occasional visits in the classroom and leading with the St. Peter's team some of the festival services at the church, all of which I have enjoyed greatly and look forward to very much as part of my life in ministry here.

Our nearly four-year-old son is now coming to the end of his time at the Kineton Playgroup and will start this academic year in the Reception Class with Mrs Field and Mrs West. Clement is very excited about this, to be moving up to the 'big school' as are my wife Lynn and myself.

During my time as a Governor, I hope that I'll be able to support and contribute something of my experience working for some twenty years within the motor industry, a theological perspective as a minister of the Christian faith and of course, as a dad finding his way in parenthood too. I know that I shall learn a great deal from the Local Academy Council itself as well as our young people as we travel through the academic year together too.

It will be a great pleasure to meet and chat with you over the coming year – I look forward to that opportunity a great deal.

Very, very best to all, and have a lovely summer.

Godspeed,
Matthew

Current Governing Body 2024/2025



Adam Sharpe
Chair of Governors



Sophie Knee-Higgins
Vice Chair, SEND and
Foundation Governor



Margaret Pollard
Headteacher



Nicola Field
Staff Governor



Melanie Mathews
Foundation Governor
Finance Lead



Janet Nelson
Chair of Premises
Committee
Safeguarding (e-safety)
Foundation Governor



Matthew Arnold
Ex-officio



Sally Stanton
Foundation Governor
Performance and
Standards Lead



Tom Charman
Parent Governor



Emma Richardson
Staff Governor



Judy Ashton
Foundation Governor
Safeguarding Lead



Jill Lawrence
Foundation Governor

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