



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Governors' Newsletter Autumn 2025

Governors have had a very busy start to the school year. We enjoyed meeting and chatting with parents and guardians at the recent consultation evenings and were pleased with all the positive feedback we received about the school.

Our Teaching and Learning Committee have monitored Pupil Progress and, as always, have been impressed by the care and attention given to individual pupil's needs. Several of our members also met with Teaching Assistants to discuss their work. The meeting highlighted how lucky we are to have such a dedicated team working alongside our teachers to support the children's learning, physical health and mental wellbeing. A big thank you to the team.

The Premises, Health and Safety Committee are delighted with the new cabin and how it has already become a much-utilized space for learning. The Committee have submitted a CIF (condition improvement fund) bid to update some of the areas of the school. This is a national scheme for improving the condition of school buildings but is fiercely competitive. We wait and see!

The Staff and Finance Committee continue to closely monitor the budget and are grateful for the work that both Sian, our business manager, and Adrian do to ensure that our budget is spent in a way that maximises impact on children's learning and development. Each year the budget seems to get tighter, and we are therefore grateful to the Friends for their amazing fundraising efforts which allow the school to purchase much needed resources for the children. Governors would like to thank all the volunteers that contribute to the life of the school, enriching our community and supporting our children.

We have been pleased to welcome three new Governors this year, Kier Sessions, Luke Rogers and Dr. Frances Talbot.



Kier says "Having recently joined the local community, my family and I have been thoroughly impressed with the school and the efforts made to ensure we feel welcomed and settled. With two children currently loving being part of Lavant School, I am highly motivated to serve the school as a way of giving back to the community. My professional background as a Learning and Development Manager across the retail and defence sectors gives me relevant expertise in strategic staff development and performance oversight. I am keen to utilise these skills to support the Governing Body and the teaching staff in continuing to drive the school's success."



Luke says "As a parent of two children, I have a very keen interest in the running and leadership of our fantastic school. I have worked in education for over ten years, including two recent years at Lavant, as a Primary School teacher and now a Forest School leader. With this experience, I hope I can offer fresh eyes to help further develop the brilliant education and opportunities our children have."



Frances has been a member of Lavant Churches for over 20 years, helping with Junior Church throughout that time. Over four years ago she started a youth group at the church. She was appointed Children and Families Worker at Lavant Churches nearly four years ago. In that role she started a monthly Messy Church and contributes to the weekly church-led Collective Worship in school and to special services. Many of the children involved in the church activities attend Lavant School. Before moving to Chichester, Frances led a cub scout group for 16 years in Portsmouth. Frances is a mathematician; after university she joined the Ministry of Defence research establishment in Portsmouth, where she continues to work. Frances tries to help all ages to fulfil their potential and is keen to ensure the excellent relationship between church and school continues.

We are lucky to have a group of Governors with such a wide range of experience and expertise who both support and challenge school leaders. As part of Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership, we have additional layers of support. Chairs of Governors meet on a regular basis, as do headteachers and, Special Educational Needs and Disability Officers. This is enabling us to gradually build a successful working partnership.

Governors wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards,

Ann Smith

Mrs Ann Smith
Chair of Governors