



Annual Governor Report to Parents

Celebrating Success at St Peter's CE Primary School 2025-26

As we look back at another successful school year at St Peter's Church of England Primary School it is with great pleasure and pride that I present the Annual Governor Report to Parents. This is a summary of the school successes over the 2025-26 school year and indicates what can be achieved when the whole school community works towards a common vision of enabling our children to shine bright by building on the firm foundations that our school provides so well.

School Development Priorities

As Governors we use our Strategic Plan to challenge and support our leaders to build on successes and further improve our school. Our Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team have worked hard to make good progress on a number of key priorities, which are summarised in our School Development Plan (SDP)

1. To improve attainment in writing in all year groups with a specific focus on achieving more greater depth
2. To revise the curriculum in response to the school now admitting 30 children and planning ahead as single form entry transitions through the school in coming years.
3. To review and develop the curriculum areas of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Music.
4. To engage with and implement the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme in school.
5. To continue to prioritise and maximise the mental wellbeing of staff, parents and pupils of St Peter's.

We have link Governors for each of these priorities, as well as aspects including SEND, safeguarding, cyber security, maths, website and GDPR. Over the last year the Governors have monitored the progress on these issues at Full Governing Board and Standards Committee meetings. In addition, link Governors made about 20 link visits to monitor progress.

We have a number of positive visits from School Improvement Partners linked to the both the Wirral LA and Chester Diocese, who have confirmed the excellent progress being made. We are delighted with these improvements and are pleased that the school leaders are always seeking to make our future provision even better.

Staffing, Building and Finance

Our Assets, Buildings, Health & Safety Committee oversee key areas such as staffing, finance and our building. In response to lower numbers of school age children in the local area Governors consulted to reduce our Pupil Admission Number (PAN) to 30 more accurately reflecting the number of children applying to the school. This will now involve planning for a reduced number of classes and staffing as single form entry works its way through the school in coming years. These phased changes and other efficiency savings have significantly reduced our spending, but the school budget remains in deficit. The next phase of the associated staffing changes (needed for September 2027) will continue over the next school year. As Governors we continue to monitor and support the well-being of all staff across the school, and we have been reassured by the professionalism and understanding they have shown during this challenging time.

As I am sure you are aware the school building was mainly built in the 1960s and requires much care and attention. Improvements made over 2025-26 include roof repairs, new fire doors, a new sensory room and refurbished library. We are also grateful for the redecorations which have improved our inside spaces, and to those who have donated materials, time or work to achieve this.

Successes in 2025-26

Extra-Curricular Activities

The Governors Standards Committee have been delighted to learn of that the wide range of extra-curricular activities developed over 2024-25 have been sustained and continue to provide opportunities for children with a wide range of talents to “shine bright”. Successes include: the AmaSing performance at the Floral Pavilion, Digital Wizards and Mad Science which were both well attended.

Sporting Achievements

This year Mrs Hesketh has led sport well across the school and we have taken part in many competitions across the sports of Football, Netball, Boccia, team building, indoor athletics, cross country, and much more. 90% of our Key Stage 2 pupils have represented the school in some form of competition and this shows our commitment to ensuring opportunities for all. We were proud to have reached the quarter finals and semi-finals of the football cups. As Mrs Hesketh leaves the school this summer, we wish her well.

Creative Arts and School Production

Creative Arts is as always, a strength of the school. The AmaSing club led up to a fabulous performance of the children at the Floral Pavilion in June, singing with lots of other schools and a professional live band. Christmas brought us the usual tear-jerking nativity plays and the Year 6r production of Cinderella and Rockerfella was a huge success with some of the best singing and dancing this side of the Wirral.

Active parental engagement

As a school we have actively engaged with parents extensively this year. From the termly parents meeting, to the half termly Share the Learning events, the annual survey and all the community events laid on by Friends help to ensure that parents feel part of the St Peter's community. The support from the parents is strong and much appreciated by school staff. We have also really valued the many superb fundraising activities organised by the Friends of St Peter's including the fireworks display and summer fair. The funds raised have benefitted our pupils in many ways, including the purchasing of musical instruments, library and OPAL equipment and improving the playground for our foundation stage pupils.

Sandra Banks (Parent Governor)

“As both a parent and a Governor, I am proud to be part of our wonderful Christian school community. Seeing first-hand the care, dedication and hard work that our headteacher, and our teachers, bring to the school each day gives me complete confidence that my children are in the very best place to learn, grow and flourish. I am also grateful for the support of our Governing Body, who work quietly behind the scenes to help the school continue to thrive. It is both a privilege and an honour to contribute to a school that means so much to my family and to so many others.”

Jayne Brown (Parent Governor)

As a parent Governor, it has been a privilege to support our school community this year. Our 'PETERS' values and dedicated staff continue to shape a caring, inclusive environment where every child is encouraged to flourish academically, socially and spiritually from the Early Years all the way through to Year 6. St Peter's is a truly happy place to be. Our children feel valued, supported and inspired to achieve their best and I look forward to seeing our school continue to grow and thrive next year.

On behalf of the Governors, I wish you all a lovely summer break and a successful 2026-27 school year.



John Dowler

Chair of Governors