



Governors Newsletter – July 2026

Welcome to our Summer Term update - as we reach the end of another busy and successful academic year, the Governing Board would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what makes Bishopsteignton Primary School and Preschool such a special place to learn, work and belong. As a Governing Board we feel privileged to work alongside the school leaders and staff who share a commitment to ensuring the very best outcomes for our children.

A Message from our Chair of Governors – Pauline Morley

'I would like to introduce myself. I have been Chair of the Bishopsteignton Governing Board for the past two years. As Chair, I work particularly closely with both Dave Killoran and Emma Leballeur, helping to ensure that our Board functions effectively and that governors have a clear understanding of the school's strengths and priorities. I like to think of myself as the interface between the school leadership team and the 11 other volunteer members of the board.



Our role is strategic, rather than operational which means in simple terms, we support and challenge the school's leadership team to help ensure that every child receives the best possible education and opportunities. We work behind the scenes on the school's long-term direction, finances, policies and overall performance, while the Headteacher and staff manage the day-to-day running of the school and Preschool.

I am also the Lead Governor for Special Educational Needs, and my main role is to focus on SEND provision. I have an oversight of the school's systems and processes for supporting pupils with additional needs and have taken time to liaise with and foster a positive relationship with the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator -Emma Cully.

In my spare time, yes, I do have some! - I like to travel, love pottering in my garden and spending time with my grandchildren. I also sing in the Rock Choir, and I am an active member of Bishopsteignton Probus Club. I like to be busy and love being a Governor at Bishop School.

As Chair of Governors, it is a privilege to work with such dedicated staff, governors, parents and carers. One of the things I value most about our school is its strong sense of community. Many of the Governing Board members support our school in practical ways. Some of us volunteer at Forest School sessions and recently a few of us gave up our time to help at Sports Day. Whether through the dedication of staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils, the support of our families or the incredible fundraising efforts of FOBs, every contribution helps make Bishopsteignton Primary School and Preschool a place where children can flourish. We welcome feedback and engagement from parents and carers and I am always pleased to hear about what is working well and how we can support the school's development. So please do drop me a line if you would like to get in touch or offer any feedback. '

A Big Thank You!

Once again, our dedicated Friends of Bishop School team has once again played a vital role in bringing families together through a range of events and fundraising activities. Their enthusiasm, commitment and their willingness to volunteer their time make a real difference to school life. The funds they raise help provide additional opportunities such as school visits, Forest School and other resources and experiences that enrich the education of all our children.



This year we have identified an important priority for Preschool: replacing the outdoor surface and play equipment in the Preschool outdoor play area.

The current surface has served the setting well for many years, but it now requires significant improvement to ensure that our youngest children can continue to enjoy a safe, accessible and engaging outdoor environment.



To help make this project a reality the FOBS team have worked tirelessly to explore additional funding through grants and seek the support of local businesses who may be able to offer their support. This all takes hours of time, relentless dedication and a lot of hard work! Their efforts have helped to turn opportunities into results, and we are now very close to raising sufficient funds to transform this valuable resource for current and future generations of our Preschool children. Just the last little push and we will be there!

Every donation, large or small, has made a big difference to this fundraising campaign. We know that details of fundraising activities and opportunities to contribute to these have been shared widely across the community and we are beyond grateful to everyone who has contributed to these over the year!

Why Our School Values Matter?

The values that underpin our school community – curiosity, high expectation, resilience, collaboration, empathy and self-belief – continue to shine through in the achievements of our pupils and the dedication of all our staff. In the next year or so there will be significant national curriculum changes and with them new opportunities for both staff and pupils. Throughout this period of change, our school values will provide a strong foundation and help to guide our decisions and provide support to enable our children to learn and grow. In times of change, values matter more than ever. Whether in the classroom, in Preschool, on the sports field, through creative activities or within the wider community, our children consistently demonstrate what it means to 'Believe in ourselves – be the best we can be!'. These values help shape not only how the children learn, but also how they treat others, approach challenges and develop confidence in themselves. They can be seen in the classrooms, in Preschool and on the playground every day. They are modelled by the staff, the leadership team and the Governing Board. These values provide consistency, strengthen our community and help to ensure that every child continues to flourish, whatever challenges might lie ahead.



As the academic year ends, we would like to thank our staff, families, governors, volunteers and most importantly, our pupils for all their hard work, positivity and support. Together, you make Bishopsteignton School and Preschool a wonderful place to be.



Finally, on behalf of the Governing Board, we would like to wish everyone a happy, restful and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year ahead!

With best wishes from all of us on the Bishopsteignton Governing Board.

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