



Governors Newsletter - March 2026

Welcome to our Spring Term update - this term seems to have flown by – even with highest number of rainy days at the beginning of the year that any of us can recall! Hopefully the spring sunshine will soon return in abundance, and we can enjoy being outside without wellies and a raincoat!



Welcoming Our New Governors – We are delighted to welcome some new governors to the Governing Board. Their time, commitment and professional expertise will strengthen the strategic leadership of our school, and we look forward to the fresh perspectives that these new members will bring to our school community.

Michael Broom – Co-opted	Paul Bruton – Co-opted	Joe Todd – Parent
		
My wife and I retired to the village in 2018. I used to work in the banking industry but now with time on my hands I want to try and give something back to help future generations. Hopefully, my finance and business background will be of benefit to the governing of the school. We also have an 18-month-old granddaughter who we hope will attend Bishopsteignton school in due course. I am joining the Resources Committee.	I relocated to Devon in 2023 and we moved into our home in the village in June 2025. I am keen to contribute to the community and am pleased to be joining the Governing Board. I taught Maths part-time at Torquay Boys' Grammar School and retired fully from teaching in August 2025, although I am still teaching able mathematicians online, through Parallel Academy. My career has provided lots of opportunities to explore teaching methodology and curriculum development. I am joining the Teaching and Learning Committee.	I've worked in education, social care, and mental health and I care profoundly about making sure that every child gets the chance to do well. I now work with a NHS specialist autism and learning disability team and as a counsellor supporting neurodivergent individuals and their families. As a parent governor, I'll bring practical experience, empathy, and a genuine commitment to inclusion and opportunity for all our children. I am joining the Resources Committee



Summer 2025 - Outstanding Pupil Achievement – We are delighted to share that our pupils continue to achieve so well in comparison to schools nationally and locally. At the end of **KS2**, **77%** of our pupils achieved the expected standard, significantly above the national average of **62%** for other state funded schools and better than all but one of the other schools in our local area.

In addition, **14%** of our pupils achieved a higher standard, compared with **8%** nationally. In **KS1** children continue to achieve well in the national phonics check, demonstrating that outcomes are strength of our school and provide a solid foundation for future learning in both Key Stages.

While we maintain high expectations for learning and achievement, we are equally committed to ensuring that these expectations are balanced with appropriate pastoral and learning support when necessary. This approach promotes and values resilience, confidence and a broad and balanced learning experience without placing undue pressure on our children. The dedication, professionalism and hard work of all the teaching and support staff do not go unnoticed- so a huge thank you to them for continuing to ensure that our children continue to achieve well. This is what makes Bishop such a special place to be!

Showing 8 schools

School name	Type of school	Number of pupils at the end of key stage 2	% of pupils meeting expected standard	% of pupils achieving at a higher standard	Average score in reading	Average score in maths
Shaldon Primary School	Academy	32	88%	31%	109	109
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Bishopsteignton School	Maintained school	22	77%	14%	109	109
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Our Lady and St Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School	Academy	15	73%	0%	106	105
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Stokeinteighhead School	Maintained school	18	72%	0%	107	106
Remove						
Rydon Primary School	Academy	60	68%	13%	105	106
Remove						
Hazeldown School	Maintained school	64	67%	14%	107	106
Remove						
Kingsteignton School	Academy	27	59%	7%	104	105
Remove						
Teignmouth Primary School	Academy	34	55%	12%	104	104
Remove						
England - state-funded schools		652650	62%	8%	106	105
England - all schools		655417	62%	8%	106	105

The Governing Board Committees – What do we do?

We are often asked what the Governing Board does and what our different committees focus on. We hope this short update helps to explain how we support the school and Preschool behind the scenes. We work on two main committees:

The Teaching and Learning Committee focusses on your children's education. We look at:

- The quality and breadth of the curriculum
- Pupil Progress and attainment
- Support for children with additional needs
- Attendance and behaviour patterns
- How our school is making improvements to teaching and learning
- Progress relating to the annual School Development Plan



So, in simple terms, we ask: **'How well are the pupils learning and how do we know?'**

We review school data, ask questions of leaders and ensure that every child is supported to achieve their best.

The Resources Committee focusses on making sure the school and preschool are financially secure and well managed. We oversee:

- The school budget
- Financial planning and forecasting
- Staffing structures
- Building maintenance and health and safety
- Ensuring value for money in spending

In our meetings, we ask: **Are the school's resources being used effectively and sustainably?**

We ensure that the school can continue to invest in teaching, facilities and opportunities for the children, both short term and long term.

Preschool – What does Governor-Led mean?



Being a Governor-led Preschool means that there is a dedicated group of people working behind the scenes to make sure that our setting is safe, well-managed and provides high quality early education. From the administrators in the office, to Lyn Jolly, one of our early years teachers who offers her expertise, support and guidance, and the strong leadership of Dave Killoran to the experienced and well -qualified Preschool team, led by Christie Tribble, the provision is run by people in our school community working together to give your children the very best start. As Governors, we focus on the big picture - overseeing the finances, safeguarding and long-term planning to ensure that your children continue to receive excellent day-to-day care and learning. If you know families looking for a nurturing, play-based provision for their child, we'd love you to spread the word. We currently have some spaces available and warmly welcome visits. Together, we can keep our Preschool thriving for the children in our community – now and in the future.

And finally...

As a Governing Board, we want to make sure that our newsletters are useful, informative and relevant to our families. If there is anything you'd like to see included, or ideas that would make them more useful, we would really value your feedback. Please feel free to speak to a member of our team or get in touch! We are always keen to hear your views and ensure we are communicating in the best way for our community.



We would like to wish all our children, families and staff a very Happy Easter. As we celebrate the season of new beginnings we thank you for your support and commitment to our school. We hope the coming break brings rest, more sunshine and plenty of chocolate with loved ones.

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

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| Paul Bruten

PARENT GOVERNORS:

| Joe Todd | Nick Long | Richard Rock-Evans

STAFF: Emma Leballeur (Staff Governor) Dave Killoran (Headteacher) | Geoff Jones (Clerk)

