



SCHOOL GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2025

TERMLY GOVERNORS REVIEW



As we write our Summer Term newsletter, it is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another academic year! It has certainly been a busy term for the school team and the children.

Our role of the Board of Governors is to work with Mrs Loader and her team to ensure Stanway Primary continues to provide the best environment so your children can thrive both with their educational attainment, and as they develop as young people.

Since our last newsletter, we have been able to take part in several activities, as well as attending the school for a day to observe and monitor the teaching across the school.

SATS

A number of Governors supported during SATs week.

We monitored the management of the test papers, both in terms of how they were stored, distributed and then collected in. We also supported teachers during the tests as invigilators.

We were incredibly proud of all the Year 6 children that week – their attitude to the tests and their behaviour was exemplary, and

we could see how hard they all tried to do their very best. Our thanks go to Mrs Riggs and Miss Vanner for their hard work in preparing the children in advance and supporting them during the 4 days of tests.



Thank you as parents and carers too, for ensuring your children were prepared and ready for what we know can be an anxious time.

GOVERNOR MONITORING DAY - March 2025

In the Spring term, the governors were welcomed into school to carry out a monitoring visit. The focus was primarily on Maths and we also looked at behaviour and the nurture room provision. During the morning, governors visited the classrooms across all years to observe the teaching, look at the displays and have the opportunity to see Maths lessons in action. We talked to pupils across all year groups. Observations of both KS1 and KS2 nurture rooms were completed, and break & lunch time observations took place.

Pupils had the opportunity to share their work, progress and anything they would like to change. Most noted they were happy and engagement levels were high, as well as a few suggestions on what can be changed!

It was clear through our observations, interactions with children & teachers and book looks that a significant amount of focus is in place to ensure children reach their full potential and the expected attainment. Behaviour was excellent throughout the school and all pupils showed a huge amount of pride in their work.

Children were extremely polite – impressively so. Children were engaging well with governors, and willingly sharing their thoughts and perspectives. Politeness and kindness were consistent throughout the day.

Our thanks go to all staff for welcoming us into school for the day, and for all their hard work, excellent practice was seen and all feedback was taken onboard.

OTHER MONITORING

One of our governors also attended the phonics screening with the Year 1 children, observing how the tests were managed and the support given. The governor was only present with children who wouldn't be fazed by having someone in the room with them and Miss Firth. The tests were conducted in a supportive way, whilst ensuring the children completed the tests independently.

GOVERNOR VISITS



Governors have also attended a number of other events over the last few months including both Sports Days, the science Mantle of the Expert afternoon and the Year 4 performances. These are such important events of the school year, and it is great to see the enthusiasm and engagement of the children shine throughout.

Of course, these all take huge amounts of time and effort from the school team, so a big thank you to them for organising and running these. We know these things will be a big part of the children's memories of their school journey, and will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

AND FINALLY...

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all as parents and carers for your support over the last year. We are extremely proud of everything your children have achieved and we wish you a very happy summer and look forward to seeing you and your children back in September.

Thank you to all the staff across the whole school for another very successful year. Your hard work, care and determination to make sure the children have the best environment in which to learn and grow is exceptional. Please enjoy a very well deserved summer break!

A special thank you goes to all of the year 6 parents and guardians. It has been a privilege to have you and your children as part of the Stanway Primary School community and we send you our very best wishes for the future.

But finally, and most importantly, we wish our year 6 children all the very best as they move to their new schools. Thank you for being such a credit to our school, for working so hard and well done for everything you've achieved. Be happy and continue to do your very best!