



Waterbeach Community Primary School Welcome to Our Governing Board 2023-2024

John Hall – Chair of Governors Co-Opted Governor 17/10/2019 – 16/10/2027



I've lived in Waterbeach for 10 years and have a child in year 6 and another in Year 1. I work as a Software Engineer in Milton.

I've been a trustee of City Church Cambridge for the last 19 years, a role which has many of the same concerns as a school governor, such as finance, risk assessment, health and safety and safeguarding. I thought that those skills and experience that I have gained would be of use in serving the governing body of Waterbeach Community Primary School.

Martin Brown – Chair of Children's Committee Co-Opted Governor 25/09/2016 – 07/07/2024



I am a retired Science teacher. I worked in a local secondary school in Cambridge for over thirty years and was a member of their S.L.T. for the last ten, with responsibility for the Co-curriculum (learning/activities outside the classroom). My family has lived in Waterbeach for nearly 15 years. With more time available to me I want to contribute in a useful way to my local community which is why I have volunteered as a Co-opted Governor at the School. I also volunteer at Wicken Fen National Trust Reserve in their Learning Department – and work with young people as a Leader in a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Open Group at St Ives. My own interests include road biking, mountaineering, and gardening.

Lisa Wakley-Davies LA Governor 01/12/2017 – 29/11/2025



I decided I would like to be a Governor to support our school. I have 2 children at the school and feel passionately about the school's ethos and how it runs to ensure our children's education is a high priority.

Jane Green – Head Teacher



I am the Head Teacher and a Governor. This is my second headship and I have been in post since September 2010. I have led the school through a number of changes in the past eight years. I love this school and the community that works closely with us. I believe in a school where children can grow to be the best that they can be in an environment that supports and nurtures them in a totally inclusive manner. Out of school I ride horses, train my terrier to take part in dog agility, and set myself challenges such as wing walking and climbing Kilimanjaro.

Terry Gilzean

Staff Governor 05/12/2017 – 04/12/2025



I have lived in Waterbeach all my life and attended Waterbeach Community Primary School when I was a child. I am now the Site Manager and the Staff Governor at the school.

Jessica Lechner

Co-Opted Governor 05/07/2017 – 04/07/2025



I grew up in Mexico City. I always knew that my vocation was to work with children and young people, and I have particularly enjoyed doing so in school settings. I studied Psychology at University and chose to complete my master's degree in educational psychology. I also trained as a Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist.

I moved to England 12 years ago and since then I've been running the Red Balloon Learner Centre in Cambridge. I love working in this unique setting where I can combine my passion for education and wellbeing for young people.

I moved to Waterbeach about 3 years ago and I really like living in this village. My twins go to school here and I'm thrilled to be part of the Governance team.



Rebecca Pharo
Co-Opted Governor 09/07/2020 – 08/07/2024

I have lived in Waterbeach for almost 10 years and have 2 children at Waterbeach Primary: a daughter in year 4 and a son in Year 1. I run a Graduate Technical Recruitment Consultancy and in recent years have been heavily involved in encouraging diversity in the workforce, particularly in encouraging school-aged girls to explore careers in technology. With my knowledge in recruitment and running a business I aim to add guidance and support to the resources committee to contribute to the running of the school.



Mark Smith
Parent Governor 07/10/2022 – 06/10/2026

I decided I would like to become a Governor as I felt this role would be a great way to become more involved in the school and the community. I have lived in Waterbeach for 7 years and have a child who has just started Reception (and another who will be there in a few years' time). I am passionate about education and the school experience for our children and am looking forward to helping the school continue to develop and grow. I have a range of professional skills which fit very well with this role and welcome the opportunity to utilise these in a way to benefit the school and our children.



Nicola Webb
Parent Governor 27/02/2023 – 26/02/2026

I've recently joined the governing body as a Parent Governor, I have lived in Waterbeach for 7 years, having grown up locally in Milton. I have two children and my son joined the school in reception in 2022. I have worked in HR for 17 years and currently head up a HR business partnering team in a NFP genetic research organisation just outside Cambridge. I was keen to join the governing body as I see the school as a central part of our community in the village and value the significant role it has in our children's lives. I wanted to be able to contribute to that community and support the school's governance however I can.

**Robert Schumann – Vice-Chair of Governors
Chair of Resources Committee
Parent Governor 01/04/2022 – 31/03/2026**



Originally from South Africa, I live in Landbeach and have two children at the school. I have a background in mathematics and physics and now work in strategy for a global technology company. I am delighted to be able to learn more about education, and our local community, from being on the governing body and hope to be able to help create greater opportunities for the children at Waterbeach through being part of it, based on my skills in financial analysis and strategic thinking. Helping coach and manage a few local youth football teams fills up any remaining time kids leave me.

**Anne Morten
Co-Opted Governor 01/12/2021 – 30/11/2025**

I moved to Waterbeach in November 2011 and have always wanted to be more involved in the local community. Retiring from my job as a Primary School Headteacher in August 2020 gave me the time and opportunity to volunteer as a governor at Waterbeach Primary.



I have been a headteacher of two primary schools and have had several years' teaching in a wide range of settings – primary, secondary, inner city, the private sector and abroad. I look forward to drawing on my skills and knowledge and making a meaningful contribution to Waterbeach Primary. I would like to be able to support the staff and the Governing Body in achieving the best possible outcomes for the children.

I enjoy living in Waterbeach and discovering the surrounding countryside. Retirement has also given me time to explore the beautiful National Parks in the UK.

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**Mark Spedding
Parent Governor 16/11/2021 – 15/11/2025
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**Nicky Murphy
Co-Opted Governor 07/06/2023 – 06/06/2027
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Amy Unchern

Associate Member 07/06/2023 – 06/06/2025

Helen Andrews

Clerk to Governors

I have been employed as a Cam Clerk, part of the Local Authority's Governor Services Team, since 2018. Before clerking, I gained many years of experience working in primary schools at an operational level in a variety of roles. I became an Accredited Clerk in 2019 through the National Governance Association and DfE. As well as being Clerk to the Governing Board at Waterbeach Primary School, I maintain a portfolio of schools across Cambridgeshire and provide specialist clerking duties across the county, as required.