



Springmoor Grange School Governor Newsletter

July 2025 Edition

Who Are We?

Pam Sneath – Co-opted Governor, Chair of Governors and Child in Care Lead

Dave Stone – Co-opted Governor, Vice Chair of Governors and Chair of Finance and Resources

Anna Bowden – Headteacher

Debra Swinburn – Co-opted Governor and Chair of Leadership and Management

Wendy Hall – Local Authority Governor, Chair of Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes Committee and SEND Lead

Nicola Milne - Co-opted Governor and Chair of Quality of Education

Laura Simpson—Staff Governor

Sarah Aungiers—Parent Governor

Liam Clough—Co-opted Governor and Safeguarding Lead

Paul Wilson - Co-opted Governor

Gary Robinson - Co-opted Governor

Jayne Phillips— Acting Deputy Headteacher and Associate Governor

Hannah Shepherd - Assistant Headteacher—Associate Governor

Michelle Bowman - Assistant Headteacher—Associate Governor

Tracey Jackson - School Business Manager—Associate Governor

First Year at Springmoor Grange School

It is hard to believe that we are reaching the end of our first year - it feels like we have been here forever! The staff worked very hard last summer to make sure the school was ready and then our amazing children settled very quickly in September. Since then, time has flown - the children have enjoyed lots of exciting activities in our new facilities, made good progress in lessons and have, this week and last, visited their new classes ready for next year. Well done everyone!

Busy Summer Term

We have held many successful events such as our first SpringFest, five Sports Days, Nursery Graduation and our Year 6 Celebration. All of the events have been very well organised and well attended. Thank you to parents and carers for your support at these events. We know you can't come to them all but it is lovely to see everyone when you can. Next year, one of our priorities is to enhance parental engagement further - watch this space!

New Deputy Headteacher Appointment

Following a thorough process, we are thrilled to appoint Jayne Phillips as the new Deputy Headteacher from September 2025. You will all know Jayne as she has been a member of teaching staff and Key Stage leader for many years and is currently Acting Deputy Headteacher. We are sure that she will embrace her new role and continue to ensure that we provide the best possible education and support for the children. We wish her every success.

Happy Retirement Mrs Edgar

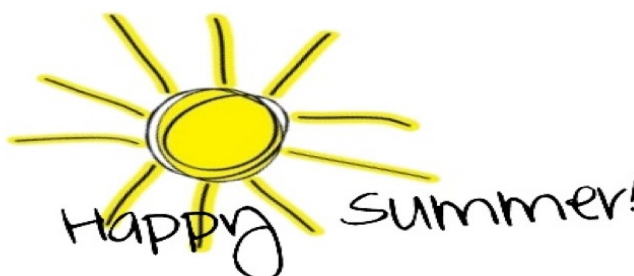
After 12 great years, Mrs Edgar is retiring. We wish her well and thank her for her hard work, dedication and commitment to Ox Close and Springmoor Grange.

Good Luck to our Leavers

We would like to wish all children who are leaving us to start their next chapter the very best of luck.

Happy Summer

Finally, we would like to thank the children, parents, carers and staff for their hard work, support and dedication and we wish you all a safe, healthy and happy holiday.



What do the Governors do?

We have three core functions which are:

- Giving the school a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

School Improvement Priorities 2025 - 2026

English - To refine the teaching of reading and writing to ensure that children develop the skills they need to make good progress in writing across the curriculum and increase the percentage of children working at and beyond age related expectations.

Adaptive Teaching – To ensure that all groups, including SEND, disadvantaged and more able, are accessing high-quality teaching with inclusive adaptations and targeted interventions.

Behaviour – To design and embed a new, consistent approach to behaviour in order to maintain high expectations for all pupil's behaviours and attitudes across all points in the school day.

Attendance - To continue to prioritise attendance and punctuality and take steps to identify and tackle barriers in order to have sustained high attendance.

Equality and Diversity – To provide children with meaningful opportunities to explore the importance of equal opportunity and respect for diversity in order to prepare children to be responsible, respectful, active citizens who contribute positively to society.

Careers - To implement and embed a Careers-Related Learning programme that is fully integrated into the curriculum from Nursery to Year 6.

Engagement – To effectively engage with parents and carers in order to support pupils' achievements and wellbeing.

Staff Wellbeing – To ensure that staff's wellbeing is of high priority and that workload is sustainable

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Curriculum Development – To ensure that the curriculum in the two year old provision is adapted to meet the needs of both 15 and 30 hour children.

Transition – To ensure that by the end of Reception, children are ready to begin Year 1 and more formalised learning.

How can we be contacted?

If you would like to speak to a member of the Governing Body, then messages can be passed on via the school office or through emailing the Chair of Governors at p.sneath600@durhamlearning.net

Where can I find out more about the Governing Body?

More information can be found on the website below:

www.spirngmoor.uk

Future Updates

Our next Governor Newsletter will be at the end of the Autumn Term 2025.

