



Springmoor Grange School Governor Newsletter

July 2026 Edition

Who Are We?

Pam Sneath – Co-opted Governor, Chair of Governors and Allergens Lead

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Paul Wilson - Co-opted Governor and Curriculum Lead

Gary Robinson - Co-opted Governor and Inclusion Lead

Jade Franklin - Parent Governor

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Jayne Phillips— Deputy Headteacher and Associate Governor

Hannah Shepherd - Assistant Headteacher—Associate Governor

Michelle Bowman - Assistant Headteacher—Associate Governor

Tracey Jackson - School Business Manager—Associate Governor

They say that time flies when you are having fun and that has most certainly been true at Springmoor Grange this year. The children have enjoyed lots of exciting learning activities, made excellent progress in lessons and taken part in a variety of different enrichment opportunities. Well done to everyone for a very successful 2025 - 2026!

Thank you to parents and carers for your support over the course of the year - everyone at Team SGS really appreciates it!

We would also like to thank the staff for all of their hard work and commitment over the course of the year - they go above and beyond for the children.

Happy Retirement Mrs Cox and Mrs Cool

After many years of teaching and supporting our children so well, Mrs Cox and Mrs Cool are retiring at the end of this school year. We wish them both well and thank both for their hard work, dedication and commitment to Ox Close and Springmoor Grange. Enjoy every moment of retirement!

Good Luck to Miss Day

Miss Day has secured a promotion at another school in Co. Durham. We wish Miss Day the best of luck in this new role which we know that she will shine in.

Welcome to New Staff

After a thorough recruitment process, we are delighted to welcome the following new staff to Springmoor from September:

- Mr Hutchinson - Reception Class Teacher
- Miss Shakib - Y1 Class Teacher
- Mr Craig - Y5 Class Teacher
- Mrs Thompson - Teaching Assistant
- Ms Tsaliki - Lunchtime Supervisor

Lots of the staff have managed to pop in to school and meet the children and staff and we look forward to officially welcoming them to the team in September.

Good Luck to our Leavers

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

Happy Summer

Finally, we would like to 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 2026 - 2027

Here are our priorities for next year:

Curriculum and Teaching

To move to a single aged planning structure that is sequenced, builds on previous learning and has clear end points.

To secure a sequenced and explicitly taught foundational curriculum in English and Maths.

To build teacher expertise and use of assessment for learning to identify and respond to gaps quickly.

Achievement

To continue to embed strategies to ensure that pupils know more, remember more and do more.

To ensure that pupils achieve well and are broadly in line and above national expectations.

Inclusion

To ensure adaptive teaching is embedded and effectively used throughout the school in order to remove barriers to learning for children identified as disadvantaged. SEND, known or previously known to social care and those that face other barriers to learning and wellbeing.

To ensure a range of interventions and strategies are delivered effectively to meet the needs of individual children, following sustained training and support for staff.

Behaviour and Attendance

To ensure high expectations of behaviour across all points of the school day.

To increase the overall school attendance percentage, reduce the number of persistent absentees and close the gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged.

Personal Development and Wellbeing

To develop pupil knowledge of the Fundamental British Values in order to prepare them for life in Modern Britain.

Early Years

To ensure that staff provide children with high quality interactions and ambitious tasks and resources so that they are prepared for their next stage in education.

Leadership and Governance

To ensure that the CPD plan in place for the school is evidence informed, high quality and designed to build staff expertise.

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 2026.

