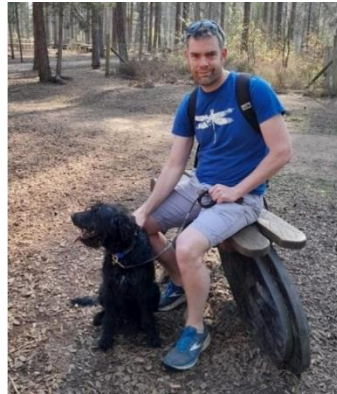




GOVERNOR PROFILES



Angus Brettell

Parent Governor and Co-Chair

Commenced 1st September 2021

I've lived in Crowmarsh / Wallingford for 14 years and have two children currently at the school and one that we would hope that would join when old enough.

My family have always taken a keen interest in the direction of the various clubs, schools etc that our children have been involved in. I am passionate to work with the school and other Governor's, to work through key decisions to shape the future of the school and to further enhance its reputation.

Professionally I am a Project Director with a Tier 1 Contractor leading a diverse team in the delivery of a large Project in West London. I am very keen to share any skills learnt from my workplace to the Governing Body and have a vested interest in Crowmarsh Gifford Church of England Primary School.



Tim Crossingham

Local Authority Governor and Co-Chair

Commenced 24th March 2021

I have been teaching since 2003 and began my career as a Secondary School PE Teacher in South East London working at three inner-city school. In 2018 I moved out of London to teach in Slough and am now currently the Deputy Head Teacher at a large comprehensive called The Westgate School.

My enthusiasm and drive for educating young people and developing staff is core to my leadership ethos. As a governor, I hope that the experiences I have along with my values in supporting and challenging leaders and staff to get the very best from them in order to give their best to the children, is something that will serve the wider community of Crowmarsh Gifford Primary School well.

Sport and activity is a fundamental part of my life and although I no longer play water polo anything that involves water gets my vote. You may have seen me paddle boarding the Thames and I am always happy to take a weekend trip to get some surf in the South West too!



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Katie Lucas – Assistant Head / SENCO

Staff Governor

Commenced 27th September 2021

Having grown up in the New Forest, then studying in York, I moved to Oxfordshire over 20 years ago to complete my teacher training and have lived here ever since. My husband and I have two children, both of whom go to schools in Wallingford, and we often see friendly Crowmarsh faces as we're out and about locally!

Since joining the team at Crowmarsh, I have been lucky to teach in both KS2 and KS1. I'm passionate about my role as a class teacher and consider myself very fortunate to be able to combine this with my other roles of SENDCo and Assistant Head. With its wonderful, positive ethos and really supportive wider school community, Crowmarsh is genuinely a great place to work - I enjoy coming to school each day to do teach and support the children, staff and families to the very best of my ability.

As a governor, having represented the staff on the Governing Body since 2017, I'm keen to strengthen relationships between governors, staff and parents to ensure the effective ongoing development and improvement of our school.



Derek Bottomley

Parent Governor

Commenced 16th May 2022

I have three daughters, one of whom is already loving Crowmarsh Gifford and another two who we very much hope will be joining soon. Since my first experience of the school I've been excited for them to be educated in such a positive environment and hope that I can be a part of the school's progress in the years to come.

Away from my role as a governor, I have been a maths teacher for over 15 years and very much enjoy using my holidays for long family trips abroad, to get as much sand or snow time as we can.



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Saffy O'Sullivan

Diocesan Foundation Governor

Commenced June 2022

I'm here nominally as one of three Foundation Governors; as a practicing Christian, I want to strengthen the relationship between school and church, and focus on the best foundation of kindness, mutual respect, and *compassion, for every child.

I'm also here as an English teacher of ten years' experience, mainly at a boys' secondary school, and I would like to support our excellent teachers to reinforce reading and writing skills for each pupil throughout the school.

Foremost I am here as a mother with a very vested interest in everything that happens at school, and I hope as an approachable fellow parent to listen to, and endeavor to address, your concerns about your child's experience.



Linda Parker

Diocesan Foundation Governor

Commenced 01st April 2019

I am a retired teacher, now an author, who has lived in Crowmarsh for 4 years, but has had connections with the village for over 20 years. Generally, to be seen with a beagle, Buddy, in tow. I am an enthusiastic member of the congregation at St Mary Magdalene Crowmarsh and generally involved fully in the affairs of the local community.

I feel that it is very important to support the church school in the community. I have been a governor for 3 years and volunteer as a teaching assistant at the school and enjoy both roles.



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Charlotte Shepherd

Parent Governor

Commenced 01st September 2019

I have lived in Crowmarsh all my life and attended Crowmarsh School as a child. I have been a governor at Crowmarsh for over 4 years. I have two boys; one has now moved up to secondary school and the other is in Year 5. They both attended Crowmarsh PreSchool and have enjoyed being part of the school community clubs.

In my profession, I have worked in education for 20 years – both as a teacher and now specialising in Educational Needs. I fully believe that children will flourish in a learning environment that inspires and nurtures the whole child, and one where every child gets the support they need to achieve their individual potential.



Mark Churchill

Co-Opted Governor

Commenced 12th May 2022

Having slowly moved across Oxfordshire over a number of years, from north to south, I settled in Wallingford 12 years ago and now have two children at the school. Every day my family see the benefits of the school ethos and I am strongly committed to supporting the school in continuing to help children become the best that they can be.

My professional experience is in technical and commercial finance roles in which I help to improve business performance while working within the kind of constraints with which we are all familiar as parents: time, cost, and constantly changing requirements.

There are few things I enjoy more than being able to walk the mile to school with my children in the morning and then heading straight off for a run before starting work. Please do stop me or indeed join me any time so that we can discuss ideas to deliver the school experience we want for our children in their formative years.



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Revd. Kevin Beer

Diocesan Foundation Governor

Commenced 07th July 2020

I came to Crowmarsh as Team Vicar for the Wallingford Benefice in 2016, joining the governing body soon afterwards. As I share with the children, I love the fact that Crowmarsh Primary is a Church School and that St Mary Magdalene's is the school's church where they can feel at home. I visit the school each week to lead our Collective Worship and make myself available for any pastoral discussions with pupils or staff.

As a former IT Consultant and Company Director, who finally gave in to my calling to become a priest, it feels like I'm now some kind of holy general manager. My ministry covers Brightwell-cum-Sotwell as well as Crowmarsh, so I chair two PCCs, am a trustee of two village charities and serve as the Chaplain for our local ATC Squadron.

Having practiced my parenting skills on my two children, now grown up, it is my Springer Spaniel (Ralph) who takes up most of my free time, often joining me in a canoe on the river or in my MG Midget.



Nigel Hannigan

Co-Opted Governor

Commenced 14th October 2018

I have lived in the village for most of my life. My son attended the school in the late 90s early 2000s. Since joining the governing body I have been actively involved in the many structural enhancement that the school have undertaken. These have enabled the school to become single year entry and to bring the pre-school on to site.

During my time as a Governor, I have been proud to support the staff and Headteacher to provide a safe and convivial work and learning environment.

I am now enjoying a happy retirement from a varied number of occupations