



Belper Long Row Primary & Nursery School

Governor Bulletin – 13th July 2026



This was our AGM meeting.

We agreed dates and committee structures for the 2026/2027 school year, and governors discussed and agreed specific roles and responsibilities for monitoring and evaluating progress over the next school year.

We thanked Mrs Pickering for being our clerk over the previous years, and especially for her support in preparing documents for our meetings and providing minutes for our records.

At the resources committee governors -

- *Agreed the financial regulations and procedures.*
- *Received a positive Budget update.*
- *Agreed the staffing structure for the 2026-27 school year welcoming Mrs Faye Lodge as a new teacher.*
- *Received the property and premises update for the 2026 Summer Term 2026.*

The full governing body ratified the resource committee's recommendations and in addition-

- Agreed the safeguarding annual audit completed by vice chair and understood by all, safeguarding is a key priority at all meetings.
- Considered Pupil questionnaire responses and received a detailed pupil voice report, completed by the Learning Mentor.
- Agreed the instrument and code of conduct for governance; nominated and appointed chair and vice chair for 2026-27
Our governing board chair is Andy Fairhurst; vice chair is Councillor Emma Monkman.
- Agreed policies for first aid, positive behaviour support and private fostering.
- Agreed Governor Roles and responsibilities for visits to school.
- Mrs Jones, co-headteacher, presented a report showing that SES and School Improvement Plan targets. Governors were pleased to hear about the English reading audit completed by the regional English Hub, a result of this being a £6,000 donation to school for further extending our reading resources.
- Approved the staffing structure for 2026-27, recognising the flexible working policy arrangements increased the need for excellent communication between job shares. Changes in leadership strengthen the school consistency and provide a strong basis to help with school improvement over the coming years.
- Governors were pleased with the pupil progress data that was presented by senior leaders, showing an improvement in Y1 phonics which had been a focus for the year.
- EYFS data - 72% of pupils achieving Good Level of Development for the end of the Reception year. Nationally 68%. Year 6 SATS haven't yet been received back into school - there is a national issue. When received, the school data performance document will be updated on the school website.
- Our annual governance statement will be updated on the governor area of the website by the end of the school year.

Andy Fairhurst (Chair) on behalf of the Governing Body