

2026-27 Governor profiles



Alex Rennie-Lis

Chair of the Local Governing Board, Site Security & Monitoring

Alex is parent to Sophia (currently in Year 3) and has lived in Steventon with his wife Claire and son Joseph (a prior St. Michael's student) since 2016. He went to university in Edinburgh and has worked in Technology leadership roles for nearly 30 years, most recently in a complex care and rehabilitation startup.



Amy Barry

Vice-chair, Curriculum, Teaching & Standards

Amy is a parent of Josephine (currently in Year 3) and Rafferty (currently in Year 1). She lives almost opposite the school on the Causeway - she and her wife Romilly moved to Steventon in 2021 from London, three weeks before Rafferty was born. She grew up and went to school and university in Oxfordshire. She runs a coaching and facilitation consultancy and rides horses in her spare time.



Emma Williamson

Attendance, behaviour and student experience

Emma has had careers in publishing and the civil service before going on to retrain as a secondary school English teacher. She is currently the acting Head of English at Abingdon School having previously taught at Wellington College and Reading Blue Coat. She lives in the village and is mother to Henry in Year 3.



Phil Sutton

Ethos & Values

Phil has been a Foundation Governor at St Michael's School since 2019. He welcomes any contact from children, parents or staff with worries relating to living costs, personal issues or accessing assistance from government or charitable services.

Phil worked for 38 years in the NHS, mainly in trauma and children's services and holds professional qualifications in counselling, bereavement and post trauma care. He can often be seen walking around the village with different dogs as he is a volunteer dog trainer for Hearing

Dogs for Deaf people: please stop him and say 'hello'.



Robin Conway

Safeguarding

When not a governor, I am Deputy Headteacher at John Mason School as well as teaching philosophy and politics. I came to know St Michael's through leading some staff training on educational research and curriculum development. I became further involved as a governor because I believe that primary education is so fundamentally important to children's development and future progress. I believe it is incredibly important that we work to protect and support small, local schools because they provide such a formative experience for children. From 2021-2024 I was Chair of Governors and currently take responsibility for the Safeguarding portfolio. What I love about St Michael's is the vibrant atmosphere and the sense of children really enjoying their time at school. The values of the school align with my own and I believe in individual schools preserving their unique identities and cultures, which is one of the things that makes St Michael's such a special place.



Sian Loveless

SEND and Disadvantaged Children

Sian lives in Steventon and joined the governing body in January 2026. With two children at the school, she is deeply invested in St Michael's and in ensuring that every child within the community receives the support and opportunities they need to flourish.



Susan Ryan

Early Years and Engagement

Susan is a Trust appointed Governor who has a daughter at St Michael's. Susan's work background is supporting senior leaders including boards. She is interested in community development and delighted to support the school as a Governor.