




## Meet the Governors

<b>Robin Conway, Chair of Governors</b>	
Co-opted governor	
Term of office ends:	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2027
Roles:	Chair of governors. Committees: headteacher performance management, pay panel, appraisal panel. Lead governor for: learning and teaching.
	When not a governor, I am Deputy Headteacher at John Mason School as well as teaching philosophy and history. I came to know St Michael's through leading some staff training on educational research and curriculum development. I have become 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. 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.

<b>Tui Solomon, vice-Chair of Governors</b>	
Co-opted governor	
Term of office ends:	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
Roles:	Vice-Chair of Governors Lead governor for: inclusion.

<b>Nigel Goode</b>	
Local Authority governor	
Term of office ends:	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2028
Roles:	Committees: headteacher performance management, pay panel, appraisal panel. Lead governor for: finance, premises and health & safety


	<p>I moved to Steventon over ten years ago and I became a governor at St. Michael's in early 2016. I had previously been involved for over fifteen years as a governor at the village school that our children attended in Northumberland. I believe that it is essential that we provide children with the best possible start in life through the positive experiences and quality of education that they receive at primary school. Engagement with learning at these early stages will be critical to their later development and we, as governors, have a key role in supporting the delivery of these objectives. I graduated with a degree and doctorate in organic chemistry and spent my working life in the pharmaceutical industry - with over thirty years in senior leadership roles, most recently heading up a business on Milton Park. I retired almost eight years ago but have retained a keen interest in education as a lifelong process that begins with the seeds sown at primary school.</p>
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Phil Sutton	
Foundation governor, ex-officio	
Appointed:	29 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Roles:	Committees: pay panel Lead governor for: ethos and values (including SIAMS)
	<p>Phil originally trained as a medical engineer and worked for twenty years in children's and new-born intensive care units developing a range of implantable heart monitors and life support systems. Following ordination, he returned to the NHS to serve as a lead for hospital chaplaincy and bereavement services in Bath, Bristol and Oxford. Phil retains a close involvement in medical ethics and specialist bereavement support for parents who have lost a child. Phil and his wife Jane work with the Dogs for Good charity training assistance dogs for adults and children. Phil is currently also a governor at St Blaise C.E Primary School.</p>


Kathryn Mendus	
Foundation	
Term of office ends:	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2027
Roles:	Lead governor for: safeguarding and child protection




Kathryn moved to Steventon almost 30 years ago. She qualified as a solicitor in 1983 and retrained as a counsellor from 2009. Kathryn continued to work at her first placement at Oxford University Counselling Service after qualifying. At OUSCS she was able to develop her thinking around the links between education and life experience, and physical and mental health and well-being. She developed a continuing interest in the uses of creativity and reflection in education and welfare. She has trained additionally with a number of more specialist organisations, such as OXPIP (where she studied parent/carer and child relationships) and MEET in Oxford (where she studied ways of working with trauma), to further develop her experience and practice. She now practices as a psychotherapeutic counsellor working in Steventon, and Oxford where she continues to work with students

<b>Ann Parham</b>	
Co-opted governor	
Term of office ends:	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
Roles:	Lead governor for: Whistleblowing
	Ann is passionate about young children and education. She was a primary school teacher and Headteacher before working for Oxfordshire Local Authority as a Headteacher consultant and so has spent her working life in education. Ann is Local Leader in Governance so can support other schools and their Governing board. Ann is a member of Oxfordshire Governor's Association. She has lived in Upton for 26 years and before that lived in Blewbury. Ann attends St Mary's Church and is a member of the PCC. She has two grown up sons and two young grandsons.

<b>Ruth Gardiner</b>	
Staff Governor	
Term of office ends:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026
Roles:	

	<p>I joined St Michael's in March 2020 and I am really enjoying getting to know the school and getting involved in the school community. I love being part of the team in Acorn class and prior to my appointment I had worked in the early years for 4 years. I moved to Oxford in 2017 and before this I was a Children's and Families worker for my church in Nottingham. I also have experience in finance administration and site management, which has given me a diverse range of skills and knowledge that I am looking forward to using to benefit the school and the wider community. In my spare time I enjoy gardening and cooking.</p>
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<b>Adele Frankum</b>	
Parent governor	
Term of office ends:	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Roles:	
	<p>I was appointed as a parent governor in October 2020. My son still has 5 years at St Michaels. He absolutely loves the school so I have a big interest in ST Michaels and want to be a part of making the children's years in primary school and enjoyable happy safe place to be.</p>

<b>Alex Rennie-Lis</b>	
Parent governor	
Term of office ends:	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Roles:	<p>Committees: headteacher performance management, pay panel</p> <p>Lead governor for: Monitoring and Filtering</p>
	<p>I was appointed a parent governor in March 2022. I have lived in Steventon since 2016 and am passionate about our school, having helped with the SSA for the past four years. I have two foster-adopted children - one already at St. Michael's and the other due to start in 2022 - so have a natural desire to ensure the best possible environment and opportunities for pupils. I am Chief Technology Officer at Cornwall Insight, a leading consultancy in the energy sector, and have worked at senior executive levels for at least the past decade in various technology, retail and consulting roles.</p>

<b>Steve Green</b>	
Parent governor	
Term of office ends:	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
Roles:	Lead governor for: Governor induction and training

<b>Sarah Hudson</b>	
Co-opted governor	
Term of office ends:	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2027
Roles:	Lead governor for: Community engagement