



GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inspiring Curious Minds



Headteacher: Mrs Kayleigh Anstee

Date: 23rd October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

The Full Governing Board met on 6th October 2025 for the first meeting of the school year. At the meeting the minutes of our 30th June 2025 meeting were approved and are now available on the [Governor Page of the school website](#) along with lots of other useful information about governance.

We are pleased to share the following highlights from the discussion:

Strong academic outcomes and a positive start to the year

- The 2025 Key Stage 2 results were excellent and above national averages in all areas – Reading 81%, Writing 84%, and Maths 77%. Governors congratulated the whole school community for this achievement.
- Pupils have settled quickly into the new term, with good behaviour across the school.
- Staffing remains consistent, and three new teaching assistants and two lunchtime supervisors have joined the team.

Curriculum and teaching

- The school is introducing new Oak Academy maths materials and continuing its focus on high-quality oracy (speaking and listening) across all subjects.
- Staff training this term has focused on safeguarding, oracy, and understanding the new Ofsted framework.
- *The Hangar* has been repurposed as a specialist base for additional SEND support.

School improvement priorities for 2025–26

The 2025-26 School Improvement Plan (Objectives for school leadership) focuses on four priorities:

1. Further improving progress in mathematics.
2. Strengthening reading and writing across the school.
3. Embedding oracy as a key part of learning.
4. Ensuring pupils with complex needs receive the support they require.

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Finance and resources

- The school's budget remains balanced which, supported by strong pupil numbers. Our **number on roll continues to increase and is now at 304**, which helps to ensure financial stability.
- Additional SEN funding and fundraising have helped offset rising costs and governors gave thanks to the GSA (Gateway School Association) for all their efforts and support.
- Governors noted that financial benchmarking shows the budget is being managed well

Inclusion and safeguarding

- Governors approved the updated **SEND Governors Report to Parents** and **SEND Information Report**, both reflecting the school's inclusive practice – these reports are available on the [SEND page](#) of the school website.
- Governors discussed safeguarding and are confident that the school has robust safeguarding policies, procedures and processes in place all under a culture of safeguarding which exists in the school.
- Governors reviewed the LA health and safety audit inspection report to track actions and were pleased that all actions (which were minor) have been implemented.

Community, enrichment, and sustainability

- Pupils have enjoyed a wide range of enrichment activities including the Year 6 residential to Yenworthy, visits to Warwick Castle and the RAF Falcons, and Viking Day for Lower Key Stage 2.
- The school continues to play an active part in the Carterton community, with assemblies from the local church and participation in community sports events.
- The GSA is planning events for the year ahead and is welcoming new members – please contact the school office if you would like to know more or to join.
- Governors are working closely with school leaders to continue developing our environmental sustainability work and to create a clear, school-wide action plan for the year ahead.

Governance Objectives

- The Governing Board has agreed its [objectives for 2025–26](#), including developing a long-term vision and celebrating community activity.

Governor Vacancies

- We have two co-opted Governor vacancies and one parent governor vacancy which we urgently need to fill. It is really important that our community is represented on the Governing Board and that we have a diverse range of life experiences – if you would like to know more or apply (parent governor vacancy closes on 31st October 2025) then please review the information [here](#) or email me for a chat.
- If it is not something you are interested in, please do help us to flag with your networks.

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Governors emphasised the importance of working together to support every child's development. With your ongoing involvement and encouragement, we can help every pupil thrive and reach their full potential. Together, we are working toward a shared mission: **to inspire curious minds by creating a welcoming, inclusive learning environment where every student is encouraged to explore, question, and grow.** We remain dedicated to promoting academic excellence, creativity, and strong values, while nurturing a lifelong love of learning that prepares all students for the next stage of their education. As a school community, each of us contributes to **living our values**, setting a positive example for our pupils through our daily actions and behaviours.

As always if you have any questions about governance at your school then please do reach out to me on kmoyes@gateway.oxon.sch.uk.

Best wishes,



Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors

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