



News and updates from the Local Governing Board

It's been a busy and positive term at Bicton CE Primary. Staff have been working hard to improve learning across the school, with great progress in reading, writing and phonics. Children are enjoying a wide range of activities—from Bookfest and sports events to choir and community visits—and their enthusiasm really shines through. While attendance and SEND support remain key priorities, the school is tackling these with care and commitment. Thank you to all families for your continued support—it makes a real difference.

Ian Simons (Vice-Chair of Governors)



There's been much to encourage governors this term! Many of us have been in to do link visits, talk to the children and join in with their learning. In particular, we've been focusing on Worship time, and it's been really heartening to notice how well children are engaging with this reflective space- and to see how the new murals are helping everyone to remember our vision and values- they look amazing!

Hannah Lins (Chair of Governors)

Farewell to Janet...

Janet Leake has been our Foundation Governor for the past six years. During that time she's done a great job of being our English link Governor- having been a teacher herself, her wisdom and insight has been invaluable. She is going to be missed! We wish her well as she continues to settle into her new home in Church Stretton. Thank you Janet, for all that you've done for Bicton School!



Janet writes...

There have been many changes since I was appointed as Foundation Governor in 2019, both within the school and across the wider world. The disruption caused by Covid19, with its lockdowns and constantly changing rules, led to a completely different way of managing access to teaching and learning. The repercussions were long lasting, and are still being felt today. Various government leaders have come and gone, leaving in their wake new educational directives and financial constraints. Over the past couple of years, school staff and governors have taken on board the process of joining the newly established Shropshire Church of England Academies Trust. However, despite the challenges and changes, it seems to me that the school has managed to retain its unique identity, as a welcoming and nurturing place, upheld by its core Christian values. I am grateful to have been a part of the Bicton School community over the past six years, and wish it happiness and success in the future.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all who completed the Parent Survey. Please be assured that we take your feedback seriously. Here are a few responses that were particularly encouraging:

100% of parents agree or strongly agree that:

Their child is happy at our school
Their child feels safe at our school
Makes sure its pupils are well behaved
If their child has SEND, the school gives them the support they need to succeed

97% of parents say:

There is a good range of subjects, club and activities available to their child at our school
They would recommend our school to other parents

A recent visit from our SEND link governor...



I had the pleasure of joining the children for worship during this autumn term. The atmosphere created was welcoming, with room for all to participate. It was good to see the children reflecting on the value of perseverance with some sharing examples of times they had demonstrated perseverance.

Moreso, my last visit into school as the SEND link governor featured pupil voices, and it was heartwarming to hear the pleasant experience that pupil relayed about their SEN support experience at Bicton School. The pupils demonstrated a strong sense of ownership over their learning environment and spoke positively about their friendships with a pupil stating, 'I will miss Bicton'. It was encouraging to see that the children felt included within the school community.

Marian Owoniyi (SEND link governor)

Merry Christmas

May we also take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you all so much for all that you do to support the school, and a particular thank-you to Julie Ball- our Executive Headteacher- who is leaving us at the end of term. Julie, your company, guidance and leadership over the past fifteen months has been such a blessing, and we are so, so grateful.

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Janet Leake
Marian Owoniyi
Ian Simons

Sian Tiplady
Hannah Lins
Eleanor Mavin
Julie Ball