

GOVERNORS

NEWSLETTER



LENT TERM 2026

MEET THE GOVERNORS



FOLA AKINSOWON FOUNDATION GOVERNOR & VICE CHAIR

I was appointed as a Foundation Governor at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School and now serve as Vice Chair of the Governing Board. In this role, I support the strategic direction of the school, working closely with fellow governors and senior leaders.

I have a strong personal connection to the school as a proud grandmother of two pupils. This gives me valuable insight into the care, dedication and strong Catholic ethos that underpin school life and strengthens my commitment to its continued success. Professionally, I am Head of Homelessness and Rough Sleeping for a local authority, leading services that support vulnerable individuals and families. My role involves partnership working, governance, safeguarding and accountability, all of which I bring to my work as a governor. As a practising Catholic, I am committed to supporting the school in ensuring that faith remains central to its mission and values.

Despite a busy professional and family life, I remain fully committed to supporting the school and its community.

GOVERNOR ENGAGEMENT

The Governing Board has been very active at the start of the Lent Term. Alongside our committee and Full Governing Board meetings, governors have undertaken safeguarding training to ensure we remain aligned with the range of new legislation being introduced over the course of the year.

In January, we also held our annual Governor Training Day. The day covered several key areas of governance for the year ahead, including updates to the RE curriculum, school finance and data analysis. It provided a valuable opportunity for governors to further strengthen their understanding of the school's priorities and responsibilities.

Governors are very fortunate to be able to attend many of the wonderful events hosted by the school. It was particularly special to be present for the blessing of the stone cross to commemorate the school's 40th anniversary. A number of governors were also fortunate to attend the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. We would like to thank the staff who generously gave up their time to support the event, and the children who represented the school so beautifully with their exemplary behaviour and of course with their amazing voices.

GOVERNOR NEWS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new governors, Andrea Cardenas (Parent Governor) and Paul Mutangili (Foundation Governor). We look forward to the insight and experience they will bring to the governing board.

Due to the natural turnover of governors' terms of office, we anticipate the need to recruit additional Foundation Governors from September 2026.

REFLECTION

We are in the month of March and our reflection is dedicated to St Joseph. St Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, of carpenters and social justice.

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