

Howbridge Infant School

Governor Newsletter

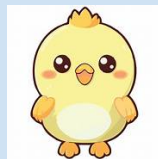
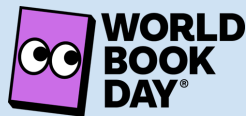
Spring Term 2026

Welcome

We hope you have enjoyed the Spring term as much as the students, staff and Governors. Spring term is always busy; your child might have spoken about the chicks we have looked after, their enjoyment of the reading breakfast on World Book day or a classmate's crazy hair on Comic Relief Day. The school also participated in Safer Internet Day and classes loved the experiments during British Science week especially the whole school assembly.

We now have a clothing donation point by the bike rack. This partnership with Kids Just Recycle provides the school opportunity to earn money with each donation and reduce clothing waste.

You might have noticed the additional security measures we have across the school now. This further protects our staff and students and helps us comply with Martyn's Law; a new piece of UK legislation that enhances safety measures in public spaces.



Governor Updates

Membership

A big thank you to Mrs Coyne who has been a brilliant supportive staff governor and has now stepped down from the Governing Body.

We welcomed Mrs K. Love onto the Governing Body on 19 March 2026 as a new parent Governor and Mrs Love will introduce herself in the next newsletter. In this newsletter Ms Patience Kayesu, one of our co-opted Governors wanted to introduce herself.

Patience is a Compliance and Operations Manager and has worked in the private and public sectors bringing experience of working with heavily regulated Business sectors, risk management and implementing compliance frameworks. Patience lives locally and wanted to use her skills to help the local community.

Governor Training

Governors have attended the regular safeguarding briefing from Essex County Council, our Chair Mrs L. Cobb attended a Stakeholder Engagement briefing and Mr B. Joslin attended Cyber Security by LGfL.

Governor Visits

This term Dr Lisa Parrott has completed two subject reviews for RSHE and Computing.

Governor subject reviews gives Governors an opportunity to spend more time in the school, work with the subject leads to provide a different perspective and see learning in action. It was amazing to see Mrs Smith's Year 2 class learn to code using the Busy Bees, correcting and refining the code as the lesson progressed. Reading through the class floor books for RSHE demonstrated how the school uses real life events to anchor learning and the passion the subject leads show in developing new content for lessons was evident in both visits. Finally Lisa commented on the happy atmosphere across the school and enjoyment of learning from the students.

Governor vacancies

One Co-opted Governor

One Parent Governor

Staff Governor

If you, or someone you know from the local community, is interested in joining our Good Governing Body we'd love to hear from you.

"Governors know the school well and carry out their responsibilities effectively." Ofsted 2023.

We wish you all a lovely Easter break



Kind regards, Howbridge Infant School Governing Body.

Mrs L Cobb - Chair of Governors

Mr B Joslin - Co-opted governor

Mrs R Millar - Parent governor

Miss T Buck - Vice chair

Ms P. Kayesu - Co-opted governor

Dr L. Parrott - Parent governor

Ms A Conley - Headteacher

Mrs K. Love - Parent Governor

Mrs V Marshall - Parent governor

Mrs H Appleton - Deputy Headteacher

Mrs P Hoskins - Partnership Governor

Mrs J. Johnson - Clerk to Governors