Present RW (Chair), GA, HP, JC, NA, ST, KW
Apologies RE
Absent KB

1 Notification of Any Other Business

No items of any other business were declared.

2 Declarations of Interests / Loyalty *(in relation to items on this agenda)*

None declared.

3 Minutes of the meeting held 13th May 2026

Governors approved the minutes from the meeting held on 13 May 2026. There were no matters arising.

4 Safeguarding

No issues from Safeguarding Governor. HP had been asked to lead Safeguarding in GA's absence. HP had been in contact with another school regarding a new starter.

5 Strategic Management

5.1 Leadership report,

- SATS test data not available until next week. GA will circulate these results and any other relevant data to Governors.
- The Headteacher reported 62% of pupils had achieved a GLD in EYFS. All areas are strong apart from writing, especially for non-homegrown pupils. This is to be monitored during next academic year.
- Y1 Phonics – 93%
- Y2 Phonics 100%
- Y6 writing 100% expected, 20% greater depth.
- The whole team was thanked and congratulated on these results.
- The SENCo has tendered her resignation. GA has interviewed 2 candidates and awaits reference. It was agreed that this post should be for two days per week. Further discussion was deemed to be confidential. See confidential minutes.
- EYFS intake for September is 14 including 1 EHCP pupil. 15 pupils are leaving Y6 and there is still some pupil movement. The current numbers of pupils on roll is 100. Governors were reminded that no Infant class can exceed 30 pupils per class except in exceptional circumstances.
- 30% of pupils have an SEN support plan and 10% will have an EHCP from September with the potential for 1 more.
- Overall attendance is 95%. It was noted that during the heatwave some pupils from KS1 and KS2 were removed from school when their siblings were taken home from YR/Preschool after lunch. This was contrary to the instruction given

by Governors and those pupils should have been marked as unauthorised absence for any afternoon sessions they missed.

- There have been no exclusions since the last FGB meeting.

5.2 School Budget – 2026/7

- The Chair of Finance gave an update on the current status of school finances.
- Some lines are running ahead of predictions and need to be carefully monitored. Highlighted were Learning Resources, ICT and Catering Supplies. It was suggested that some of last year's expenditure has rolled over to the current year.
- Sports Premium funding would be withdrawn by the DfE from 31 December 2026 which will impact income.
- Some Preschool staff are still being paid out of the school budget. The LA are unable to reallocated these payments correctly. It was suggested that a new reallocation line is added to the Preschool budget so that these transfers can be enacted. The only permanent solution may be reissuing of contracts to the staff concerned. Preschool equipment expenditure is over the allocated budget. Business manager will be asked to investigate.
- Governor visibility of school trip income and expenditure is vital. A residential is being planned for 2027 and parental payments should be completed this financial year.

5.3 SIAMS

- The school will have a SIAMS inspection next academic year. The Headteacher and RW had attended some overview training. Chair shared some of the slides presented at that training the full set being available on GovernorHub. There are 6 key question areas the school has to answer additionally as a VA school will be assessed on quality and outcomes of RE teaching. The inspection process is similar to the process used by OFSTED and Governors will be interviewed and questioned on their knowledge and support of the school especially on how the Christian ethos and vision is embraced across the whole school community.

5.4 Governance matters / subscriptions

- It was agreed to keep our current subscription levels for GovernorHub, the NGA and Diocese for the coming year.
- Rev David Kaboleh (Team Rector) has agreed to take up the position of Ex Officio Governor.
- RE has completed his term as Parent Governor and there will be a vacancy for a Parent Governor which will be administered by the school.

6 Delegated reports – Committees

None.

7 Delegated reports – Governors:

7.1 Chair's Actions

The Chair reported the following actions

- He had completed an investigation of a Parental Complaint at Stage 3.
- Actions taken during the absence of Headteacher:-
    - Letter to Parents /staff informing them of GA absence.
    - Conversation with all teaching staff to set expectations during the absence.
    - Following consultation with relevant staff agreed a partial school closure during heatwave.
    - Following consultation with staff and Governors circulated a letter to parents, carers and staff concerning expectations of how they should behave.
    - HP granted temporary access to EVOLVE to approve school trips
    - Approval of invoices for payment
    - Conversations with LA/Diocese/HR/SIA to seek advice on options should the Headteacher not return to school until next academic year. Also to confirm the actions which the Chair could take in the absence of Headteacher.

8 OTHER MATTERS / NEW BUSINESS

See confidential minutes

9 RECURRING ITEMS

9.1 Policies

None presented

10 Dates and times of next meeting.

All meetings to commence at 7pm

16 September 2026
2 December 2026
3 February 2027
17 March 2027
12 May 2027
7 or 14 July 2027