



## Happy Christmas from the Governors!

With the end of term upon us, the school Governors would like to wish children, parents, carers and staff a very happy Christmas. We hope you have a peaceful break and send our very best wishes for 2026.

### Thank you!

This is a good moment for the Governors to thank Cartmel's outstanding team: our headteacher, teachers, teaching assistants and all the other staff and volunteers who work so hard to make the school special. Thank you as well to our children, who should be very proud of everything they have achieved this term. Our final thanks go to the parents and carers who have supported both their children's learning and the life of the school in 2025.

### What we've been doing

The school Governors have been working hard to ensure that the school gives our pupils the best possible start in life. It's been great to observe all that children have enjoyed this term, including 'forest school' days for outdoor learning, sporting events with other local schools, and arts activities that help to earn us the prestigious 'Artsmark' status—including some very enjoyable craft afternoons with the local community. This term we have also:

- Met regularly as a full Governor team and with Mrs Battersby to discuss the school's work
- Helped set the school's budget and make the best use of our funding
- Talked to teachers and other staff about how subjects are taught
- Taken part in training and meetings to improve our knowledge
- Joined in events including the Christmas Craft Fair and Nativity
- Welcomed two new Governors: Craig Anderson and Mandy Bailey.

### Playground project

The Governors have been very active in the ongoing project to transform the school grounds, and it was thrilling to start the Autumn Term with new outdoor areas for the children to enjoy! We are very grateful to our brilliant project leaders, Claire Welburn and Katie Wood, for all they have done so far. Heartfelt thanks also go to everyone in the school and the wider community who have supported the project in any way. We're looking forward to making more progress!

## The Friends

As you probably know, the Friends are a huge help to our school. Their fundraising efforts—including the amazing Christmas Raffle—support various school activities including the playground project, and our thanks go to everyone involved. The Friends always welcome new supporters, and we encourage all parents and carers to help out if you can. Contact the school office for more information.

## More about the Governors

The school currently has 11 Governors: **Mrs Battersby** (Headteacher), **Craig Anderson** (Parent Governor), **Mandy Bailey** (Parent Governor), **Mrs Beston** (Staff Governor), **David Coward** (Co-opted Governor), **Sue Dean** (Associate Governor), **Rev Nick Devenish** (Foundation Governor), **Tom Holman** (Local Authority Governor), **Dorothy Milner** (Foundation Governor and Chair), **Fiona Whalley** (Associate Governor) and **Lisa Wilson** (Co-opted Governor). All of us are volunteers.

## Find out more

Governors are always pleased to hear from parents, carers or anyone else with an interest in the school. You can read more about us and our work in the 'Our School' section of the website at [www.cartmel.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.cartmel.cumbria.sch.uk). Please feel free to get in touch with us anytime by leaving a message at the school office or emailing our brilliant Clerk Gemma Brown at [clerk@cartmel.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@cartmel.cumbria.sch.uk).



# Merry Christmas!

