

Royal Cross Governors Newsletter

End of Year Edition – July 2026

Welcome to our Newsletter at the end of yet another busy year in which we have had a number of upgrades to the School including a revamped Kitchen, reworked Classrooms and Specialist Teaching areas.

Dear Reader,

There has been a lot of upgrades to the School this year, led by the Headteacher and the School Business Manager; thanks to Sofia and Vicky. All the upgrades have resulted in improvements to the School's infrastructure. I know that, in particular, Pupils have enthusiastically welcomed the food produced in the upgraded kitchen.

Recently we have had a very successful Sports Day. I know the Pupils all had a very good time enjoying the wide range of sports on offer.

I would like to thank all the staff for their contribution and professionalism this year, the parents for their involvement in the School and of course the Pupils for their hard work.

Finally, I wish you all well for the holidays.

Thanks,

Clive Gregory, Chair of Governors

Membership of the Governing Body

At Royal Cross we currently have 14 Governors ranging from those who have recently joined to some with up to 20 years' experience of being on a Governing Body. Our Governors come from a range of industrial, educational and professional backgrounds and bring a diverse range of skills and experience. Indeed 3 of our Governors are Deaf which offers a valuable insight into the needs of our Pupils.

Over the last year Alison Hughes, who was also very active in the PTFA, left the Governing Body due to other commitments. I would like to thank her the work she put into the Governing Body and the PTFA. We wish her well for the future.

We welcomed Luke Walton and Lisa Hughes to the Governing Body. Both bring considerable experience in educational world. We look forward to working with them in their role as a Governor(s).

Governor Activities

As you may be aware School Governors are required to set, in conjunction with the Headteacher, the overall Strategy Direction for the School, to ensure that Public Money is well spent and to hold the School's Strategic Leadership to Account for Performance.

In order to discharge these responsibilities, Governors meet formally 6 times a year. In addition, various Governors visit the School to discuss a range of topics with Staff and Pupils. They also undertake Training Courses and engage with various outside organisations.

Furthermore, Governors also work to promote the School and support a range of activities which benefit the School.

Going Forward

Our focus going forward is on ensuring that Pupils are provided with as a wide as possible curriculum. This will allow them to be as prepared as they can be for the modern world.

Funding for the School is based on the number of Pupils on Role (PoR) as such it is vital that, if the School is to have a long-term future, the School is publicised to a wide as possible audience. This will ensure that there is a constant flow of new pupils.

The School will also continue to run activities for Parents including those on Internet Safety focusing on what is changing in the world of "apps" including of course "Social Media".

Finally

The support of the Parents is one of the reasons that the School is such a success. Your engagement with the School, and you feedback, is vital to ensure that we continue to develop as an organization for the benefit of all stakeholders.

As the Staff and Pupils head off on their Summer Break we wish them well and hope everyone returns refreshed and ready for next Academic Year.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Governing Body then please either visit the new Royal Cross website or contact the School.

Thank you for your interest and support.