

Theresa Worrall – Chair of Governors

I am a mum of 3, all of whom are quite grown up now. I have worked in Children's Ministry for the last 17 years and am currently a schools' worker for Hope Community Church in Runcorn. As such, I have been involved in a variety of primary schools, taking assemblies and assisting with RE in both state and C of E schools.

I feel very honoured to have been asked to be a part of the Governing Body at St. Mary's as I feel a Christian based education is a good foundation for future success spiritually, emotionally, and academically.

I hope that I can continue to serve the families and children at St. Mary's for many years to come.

Matthew Finch - Foundation Governor

I am a parent of 2 children who attend St. Mary's Primary School and so I have first-hand experience of the caring and supportive approach the school has. In witnessing the dedication of staff to the students, I know I am privileged to be supporting their work as a governor. I am currently Deputy Head Teacher at Hope Corner SEN School and an active member of Hope Corner Church in Runcorn, leading in children and youth ministry. This has given me many years of experience working with children from different backgrounds, with varying needs and abilities.

St. Mary's has given my children the opportunity to be open and confident in their faith. I believe a Christian based education and values will support our students to become positive citizens, with determination to succeed in all they do. I always enjoy being involved in our amazing primary school.

Julie Curtis – Foundation Governor

Having had the privilege of being the last Nursery Teacher for St Mary's School and retiring early in July 2022 I will relish the opportunity to continue serving the school, that I care for very deeply, as a Foundation Governor, being part of a Governing Body that seeks to promote and encourage a strong Christian based education for children.

I am married to Lionel and I have a daughter, son and daughter-in-law who bring great joy into my life. We all enjoy being outdoors and travelling. I also enjoy being an active member in my home church, Emmanuel Leftwich, assisting whenever and however I can.

Anna Hurst – Parent Governor

I am a parent of 2 children who attend St Marys primary school. I have been a governor at St Marys for the last 3 years and enjoy being a part of the St Marys family. I attended St Marys as a child many years ago, so feel that I have been a part of the school for a very long time. I enjoy coming into the school and taking part in lessons and always feel welcome by the children and staff. As a parent governor I am more than happy to help where I can and encourage parents and children to come and speak with me.

Rev Simon Skidmore - Foundation Governor.

I am the vicar of Halton Parish, responsible for St Mary's Church Halton Village and Christ Church Castlefields since April 2024. I am married to Kim and we have 3 children, 2 of whom attend the school. I have several years of experience serving as a governor of a Church School and as a Community Governor in a Special School. I have experience in key link visit roles, charring committees and have served as a Vice Chair in my previous schools.

My role as a foundation governor of St Mary's is to strengthen the school's Christian Distinctiveness, its values, ethos and vision. I will be helping the school to enhance its worshipping culture through regular visits, conducting Collective Acts of Worship and encouraging pupils to be involved. I will also be encouraging regular visits to St Mary's Church to help support the pupil's spiritual development and learning. I'm also available to offer pastoral support for staff and parents when needed. I have experience in Christian youth work and working with children at both primary and secondary schools.

I'm originally from Wolverhampton in the West Midlands but have also lived in North Wales and Bristol. Along with my committed faith in Jesus and my family, I love playing the guitar and piano, watching/playing sport especially Hockey and Cricket and not forgetting my love of Coffee! I look forward to serving the governing body and the school.

Antoinette Woodhead – Foundation Governor

I have been a governor here for a few years. I have two adult children and two grandchildren. I am a retired secondary school teacher and have found working in the primary school to be very interesting and rewarding. I have enjoyed getting to know the staff and pupils and how well this school works. I love watching and taking part in lessons and listening to the children read.

Natalie Whittall – Staff Governor

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I have lived over the bridge in Widnes for my whole life. I live with my husband and 2 children aged 17 and 21 and recently, my lovely dad came to live with us too.

I have been a part of the St Mary's family since 2017. Prior to that, I had a successful career as a Financial Fraud Investigator for 20 years. I completed my final teacher training placement at St Mary's and as soon as I walked around the school and met the staff and children, I knew that it was a very special place. I was lucky enough to secure a teaching post straight after I finished my degree and have been here ever since. I love to come to work every day and enjoy working with our youngest children in reception.

I have completed my first year as staff governor and am enjoying my time on the governing body. I feel that it has helped me to better understand what goes on at St Mary's, outside of the classroom.