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Staffing changes

I am delighted to share that we have appointed Claire Wilson as Etchells' new Deputy Headteacher from September. Miss Wilson has been off work for an extended period following the birth of her third child and an operation but she is well on the way to full recovery now and will be back in school before the summer break, ready to take up her new role after the summer holiday. She won through against a pool of applicants that was both high in number and quality. The governors and I are confident that she will greatly contribute to school improvement efforts in the coming years.

In other news, Mrs Heathcote has informed me of her intention to leave Etchells in the summer. We have an advert out for a new Key Stage 1 teacher. We will be interviewing before the Whit break and I will keep you informed. I'd like to thank Mrs Heathcote for all her hard work this year and wish her all the best in her future career.

ETCHELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!

Friday 15th May 2026

5pm - 7pm

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

PRIZES • GAMES • REFRESHMENTS

COME JOIN THE FUN!

PLEASE REFER TO SCHOOL SPIDER FOR PRE BOOKING

Busy Bees Staff

If you would like to join our great team here and work in our before and after school provision, we are recruiting for a club supervisor 3 mornings and afternoons a week. See the school website [vacancies](#) page if you might be interested in applying.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a **parent governor** or nominate another parent to do so. Our school has 2 parent governor roles and there is currently **1 vacancy**. The term of office is four years.

The governing board in a maintained school, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing boards have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

To be able to volunteer you need to be a parent, carer (or someone who has parental responsibility) for a child at the school. No special qualifications are needed; the most important thing is that you have a keen interest in the school and are prepared to play an active part in the work of the governing board. However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parents with knowledge of accounting, marketing, public relations or education. Training is available for all governors and there is an expectation that those new to governance attend free induction training.

If you'd like more information, please have a look at the links below;

[The role of school governors and trustees - YouTube](#)

[The-role-of-a-school-governor.pdf \(governorsforschools.org.uk\)](#)

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close. All new governors are required to have a DBS check which must start within 21 days of appointment.

To fulfil the role, you will need to:

- Attend regular meetings (around 6 each year) which usually start at 4pm and are finished before 6pm.
- Visit the school occasionally within school time.
- Do some background reading.
- Take part in induction training and ongoing development (which will be provided for you).

If you would like to stand for election please complete the nomination form (sent separately by email) and return it to the school no later than **Friday 1st May 2026 at 12:00pm**. You may also include a short personal statement to support your nomination, which should be no longer than 250 words. Self-nominations will be accepted, but if you are nominating another parent, please seek their consent first.

Please be aware that, in the event of a ballot being held, your personal statement will be shared with all the parents in school. For that reason, please do not include any sensitive information.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by confidential ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Kelly, Headteacher (Returning Officer)

Attendance

Here are the top three classes this week for attendance. Well done to 6C for having the highest attendance this week.

Class	Attendance
6C	98.4%
N	98.3%
2J	98.1%

Please ensure your children are in school every day on time.

Every day counts.

Stockport County Women

This Sunday at 2pm, County Ladies take on Leeds United Women in what will be their last game as SCFC Ladies before a name change to Stockport County Women. The afternoon will be a tribute to and celebration of 30 years of women's football in Stockport ([match info here](#)). Ticket prices: Adults £5, 65+ £1, Under 16s: FREE. Use this link to [book tickets](#).

Playground equipment

Reminder: Please do not let your children play on the playground equipment before and after school. Use of this equipment is only insured during the school day when supervised by school staff.

Kind regards,

Stuart Kelly and the Etchells staff

