

Meet the Governors

2025-2026

Name	Role	Responsibility	Background and link to school
Dr. Robert Galvani	Chair of Governors (Co-opted)	Finance Committee (Chair), Curriculum Committee, Pay and Personnel Committee (Chair)	Robert has been a Governor at Oakwood Infant and Nursery School since December 2018. He is married with two children, and four grandchildren. He has lived in Clacton since 2013 after moving from London. He had extensive careers firstly in the telecommunications industry and then in the construction industry. He moved into teaching in 1999, initially in Further Education, and then as a Teacher Trainer in Higher Education. Over the years he achieved a Master of Arts degree in Teaching in the Post-Compulsory Sector and became a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in 2017. Hobbies include gardening, long distance walking, photography and following Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.
Mr Ray Titmarsh	Vice Chairman (Co-opted)	Finance, Personnel and Pay, Health and Safety	Ray worked at BT plc for more than thirty years, in a variety of engineering and management roles. He sits on the executive committee of the Tendring District Scout Association and has been a Scout Leader in St. Osyth for twenty-five years. He enjoys sailing, Formula One, Steely Dan, Led Zeppelin and teaching his family to swim.
Mrs Kathy Maguire-Egan	Head Teacher (Ex-Officio)	Finance and Premises Committee Personnel and Pay Committee Governor for Mathematics	Kathy joined the school as Head teacher in September 2014 and was previously Head Teacher at St Francis Primary school. She is married with two daughters, both of which make her very proud. When she has spare time, Kathy likes going to the gym, long walks and socialising with friends and family.
Miss Maria Gray	Deputy Head Teacher - Governor	Curriculum Committee (Chair)	Maria began teaching in 2008 after completing her Primary PGCE and has taught in schools in Leeds, London and Essex. Whilst teaching in London, she also completed her Masters Degree in Education and Professional Studies, and most recently in 2022, Maria obtained her National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership. Her interests include reading, history, music and musical theatre. She also enjoys singing and spending time with her dog.
Mr Baris Yearly	Governor (Local Government)	Finance and Premises Committee and Curriculum Committee	Baris moved to Clacton-On-Sea in 2021 from London. He has a keen interest in youth work, having been a volunteer with The Army Cadet Force as an adult volunteer since 2008. He currently works for a local enforcement agency in London. In his spare time, Baris enjoys all-year-round sea swimming, cycling and reading about history.
Mr Paul Siddall	Governor (Co-opted)	Personnel Committee	Paul was born in North East Derbyshire in Staveley, near Chesterfield; famous for its crooked spire. He spent his entire working life in computers, starting with mainframes and ending with the ubiquitous 'servers'. He started at "Coalite Smokeless Fuels" and when he moved to

			<p>Clacton he worked at "Town & Country Building Society" as they used the same servers.</p> <p>When they were taken over he was made redundant and then spent 32 years at Essex University until he retired last year.</p> <p>He had always had an interest in music and joined Staveley choir in Jan 1967; and he has never really left. He has been an organist since 1970 and has attended St. James's since November 1985 where he is now a Church Warden and the Organist.</p>
Mrs Pam Straw	Governor (Co-opted)	Personnel Committee	<p>Pam was in the Territorial Army for six years prior to her marriage. She worked in Administration for an International Electronics Company for 25 years, and then worked for 11 years in the NHS.</p> <p>Pam was a Hospital Lay-Chaplain visiting hospitals for 6 years.</p> <p>Pam's faith is very important to her and she has been a member of St James Church in Clacton for 40 years, where she is now a Church Warden.</p> <p>She likes reading Murder Mystery Novels, walking and listening to Classical Music and Music from Taize.</p> <p>She enjoys visiting her family who live in Lancashire and Staffordshire, and she says that her family are very important to her. She has 20 nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews who keep her young at heart.</p>