

Governor Pen Portraits

Raj Barard

I joined the teaching staff at Bosley in September 2005 and thoroughly enjoyed teaching KS2 for a number of years before being appointed Head Teacher in Sep 2014 having served a year as acting Head Teacher from September 2013. I only ever wanted to take on the role of Head Teacher once my two children had grown up as I understood the level of commitment involved in running a school.

I have worked in several schools throughout my career, starting out as chemistry and mathematics teacher in a large three site High School in Stoke-on-Trent. I have been involved in senior management in schools for over ten years serving as Deputy Head Teacher at Whitegate CE Primary School and Associate Principal at Amisfield Full Primary School in New Zealand.

Leading this school is both challenging and very rewarding. I have been staff governor at Bosley since September 2011 and also served as staff governor at Whitegate and at Amisfield.

Martin Ellison

I first became involved in the school as a volunteer, helping Year 6 children with mathematical problem-solving skills. I am a co-opted governor, being appointed in Nov 2016 and chair the Leadership and Management committee.

I worked for most of my career in information technology, including being Britannia Building Society's Head of IT, based in Leek.

I retired from full-time work in 2012, since when I have undertaken several voluntary roles, one of which is being treasurer for Wilmslow LifeChurch.

I used to be a keen long-distance runner, but my days of being a competitive runner are long gone. I still try to keep fit, but mainly now via cycling. I also enjoy playing bridge.

John Harries aka Vicar John

I became a foundation governor in June 2015 following my appointment as vicar for the benefice of Bosley, Sutton, Wincle and Wildboarclough. Prior to this I was a minister in Warrington and Chaplain to a Church of England Secondary School. Prior to becoming ordained in 1996 I was a scientist working at the SERC Daresbury Laboratory in Warrington.

I feel really privileged to be part of such a wonderful school and a governing body and staff who are so committed to the welfare and education of the children.

Penny Hughes

I have had the privilege of being a governor at Bosley St Mary's for over 15 years, first as a Parent Governor and then as LA governor. I can honestly say it has been a most enjoyable and rewarding experience, and also a pleasure to watch the successful development of both the school and its involvement with the wider community.

To watch our pupils, grow, not only academically but socially, emotionally, and spiritually during their time at Bosley is a wonderful thing.

I suppose I could say that I have been involved in education all my life, from my own school days, to working in schools and now my current job within Cheshire East. My role is to advise, inform and support parents, carers and young people regarding all aspects of the law relating to Special Educational Needs and Disability and this includes education, health and social care. I receive a great deal of legal training at a national level which can be very useful in my governance role as quite a lot of the knowledge and skills I've gained are transferable.

Bosley St. Mary's gave my five children a great start and I am committed to supporting the school to continue to offer its pupils everything they, and their families, need to achieve the best possible outcomes both educationally and otherwise.

Outside of my work, I love exploring the countryside with my family and friends and our dogs, particularly mountains, lakes, and beaches. I also enjoy comedy shows, music, swimming and growing our own fruit and vegetables - not necessarily all at the same time!

Martin James

I am an associate governor, as part of the Teaching and Learning Committee. I am the deputy headteacher at Eaton Bank Academy.

Sylvia Jenkinson

I am an ex pupil and have lived in Bosley all of my life. I attended the school, as have my children attended and I have been involved with the school as long as I can remember.

I am very community spirited and run the Youth Club, which is hosted in the school, volunteer at the school as well as being on the Parish Council and Parochial Parish Council.

I co-ordinate the appointment of the Rose Queen and Rose King and invitations to other local schools.

I joined the governing board in September 2014 as a co-opted governor.

Alec Needham

I attended Bosley school and our grandchildren are the fifth generation to attend the school, I was a local dairy farmer on Cloudside until I semi-retired to Congleton in 2008

I'm a member of Bosley Methodist Church and a Lay Preacher, and was for many years a Youth Leader in different groups within the Methodist Church.

I joined the governing board in 2012 as a Church appointed foundation governor, so the Christian ethos of the school is important to me. And I have a keen interest in the long-term viability of the School.

Lynsey Needham

I qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon in 2001 and have worked in a local practice since 2005. I have lived in Bosley since 2009 when my husband and I moved into the family farm on Cloudside. Our two boys are following in their ancestors' footsteps by attending Bosley School.

I enjoy volunteering at the school hearing the children read to encourage and nurture their passion for reading.

I joined the governing board in October 2016 as a parent governor.

Rachel Mortishire-Smith

I joined the governing board in September 2016 as a staff governor. I first taught at Bosley St Mary's as KS2 class teacher from Easter 2013, after seven years living in Belgium with my family. There, I worked part-time as a journal editor and a voice-over for educational textbooks teaching English in the Flemish school system.

Turning the clock further back, I have taught in Essex, Cambridge and Hertfordshire, living in California in between. While my boys were young, I worked as a music specialist in two primary schools.

Being part of the Bosley school team and community is an absolute joy – I have never worked harder nor been happier!

Helen Rawlinson

I have been a governor at Bosley since my son started at the school in 2008 and the Chair of Governors since November 2014. As I have a daughter in Key Stage 2, I am likely to continue to be heavily involved in the school for a few more years.

I am currently undertaking the National Governance Association's Chairs' Training Programme.

I have worked in financial services, retail and utilities with roles ranging from customer services to strategic planning, operational risk and project management. In 2014, I took a complete change of direction and joined Cheshire East Council as a Clerk to Governors and I am in a fortunate position to be able to see what works well in other schools and apply it at Bosley St Mary's for the benefit of our children.

I am a co-opted governor.

Darren Williams

I am a proud advocate of Bosley and have two children who attend the school.

I have 16 years experience in retail banking, being a Bank Manager for the last 10 years. My role was to ensure the branch ran smoothly, looking after a portfolio of Private Customers and dealing with small businesses.

My main attributes are, problem solving, leadership, outstanding customer service, ability to manage change and performance management.

I volunteered to support 1st Hurdsfield Scout three years ago and remain as treasurer of the group. I am proud to have initiated a scheme to support families on low income, a first for our district. I also deal with grant applications, seeing a success in providing valuable funds for the upkeep of the group.

I joined the governing board in June 2017 as a co-opted governor

Leyla Woodward

I have two children who attend Bosley St Mary's Primary School.

I worked in financial services for 12 years as a Mortgage Advisor and manager. And for the past 8 years as manager for a large utilities company. In both of these industries I have managed large teams of people, developing new departments, processes and procedures. Creating and conducting training packages for new systems and processes.

I also support our family business and have played in a local netball team since 1995.

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