

SONNING CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Governor Details 2026-27



Meet the Governors 2026-27

Name	Category	Additional Responsibilities	Term of office start	Term of office end
Gemma Walton	Parent	Chair of Governors & Safeguarding	24/11/2024	23/11/2028
Laura Ashton	Foundation	Inclusion, SIAMS	29/11/2023	28/11/2027
Sanam Ali	Trust	Inclusion	01/01/2024	31/12/2027
Ben Biddulph	Foundation	Early Years	01/12/2022	30/11/2026
Karen Dax	Parent	Safeguarding & Attendance/Behaviour	14/12/2025	13/12/2029
Gill Kelsall	Staff	Deputy Headteacher	01/09/2026	31/08/2030
Barry Luther	Trust	Attendance/Behaviour	01/12/2022	30/11/2026
Ian McCann	Foundation	Personal development & wellbeing	01/06/2026	31/05/2026
Jonathan Roberts	Foundation	SIAMS	29/11/2023	28/11/2027
Catherine Shimmin	Foundation	Early Years	02/12/2024	01/12/2028
Matthew Williamson	Foundation	Personal development and wellbeing	02/12/2024	01/12/2028
Vacancy	Foundation	Health & Safety	n/a	n/a
Phil Sherwood	Ex-Officio	Executive Headteacher	01/07/2023	n/a
Susan Watkins	Governance Professional	n/a	n/a	n/a

Governors from last 12 months		
Name	Category	End Date
Nick Sawyer	Foundation	05/01/2026
Kate Voss	Parent	13/12/2025



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Attendance at Meetings in 2025-26

Name	Category	Term length	Term starts	Term ends	LGB Attendance
Gemma Walton	Parent	4 years	24/11/2024	23/11/2028	83%
Laura Ashton	Foundation	4 years	29/11/2023	28/11/2027	83%
Sanam Ali	Trust	4 years	01/01/2024	31/12/2027	50%
Ben Biddulph	Foundation	4 years	01/12/2022	30/11/2026	83%
Karen Dax	Parent	4 years	14/12/2025	13/12/2029	100%
Gill Kelsall	Staff	4 years	01/09/2026	31/08/2030	100%
Barry Luther	Trust	4 years	01/12/2022	30/11/2026	66%
Ian McCann	Foundation	4 years	01/06/2026	31/05/2026	83%
Jonathan Roberts	Foundation	4 years	29/11/2023	28/11/2027	66%
Catherine Shimmin	Foundation	4 years	02/12/2024	01/12/2028	100%
Matthew Williamson	Foundation	4 years	02/12/2024	01/12/2028	100%
Phil Sherwood	Ex-Officio	n/a	01/07/2023	n/a	100%
Susan Watkins	Governance Professional	n/a	n/a	n/a	100%
Kate Voss*	Parent		01/09/2019	13/12/2025	50% (1 out of 2)
Nick Sawyer*	Foundation		01/09/2023	05/01/2026	0%

*only in post for 2 meetings in 2025-26

Register of Interests 2026-27 – Updated September 2026

Name	Other Interests
Gemma Walton	Parent; Governor at Piggott School
Laura Ashton	Parent; PT teacher at Blue Coat School
Sanam Ali	Parent; No other interests declared
Ben Biddulph	Parent; No other interests declared



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Karen Dax	Parent; No other interests declared
Gill Kelsall	Nothing to declare
Barry Luther	Nothing to declare
Ian McCann	Nothing to declare
Jonathan Roberts	Parent; Acting chair of Sonning Conservatives
Catherine Shimmin	Parent; Sonning Twinning Committee member
Matthew Williamson	Parent; No other interests declared
Phil Sherwood	Sonning & District Welfare Trust – Trustee; Executive Headteacher at Polehampton Infant & Junior School
Susan Watkins	Parent

