
	Name:	Mrs Mary Clothier
	Designation:	Co-opted Governor - Chair
	<p>I am privileged to have taken on the role of Chair of Governors in 2024, following a period of four years as a Co-opted Governor, and to be working with such a professional and dedicated team of staff and governors.</p> <p>For the last 15 years I have lived on the outskirts of Bridgwater with my mum, husband and two boys. I currently work from home as an Executive Assistant for my husband's IT company. This allows me to spend more time with my family, volunteering and enjoying my favourite hobbies; travelling, gardening and running. Previously to my current job, I was a Somerset Headteacher working at various Church Primary Schools. Therefore, I have a vast amount of experience in education and have been fortunate during my teaching career to have taught from Year 1 to Year 6, before becoming a Headteacher.</p> <p>As the Chair of Governors, alongside the other skilled and experienced governors, I have the pleasure to work with the Headteacher and the committed staff to support the strategic direction and ethos, shaping the lives of St. Mary's pupils in a safe, happy and stimulating environment.</p>	


	Name:	Rev Suse Osmond
	Designation:	Ex-Officio Governor – Vice Chair
	<p>I joined the governors of St Mary's in the Autumn Term 2018, whilst working in the parish as Curate at St Mary's Church. In October 2021 I was delighted to be licensed as Vicar of St Mary's and continue my journey with the school. I feel privileged to regularly lead Collective worship and have a particular interest in supporting the ethos and values of the school investing into a nurturing and thriving community where both staff and children feel valued and enabled to reach their full potential. It is a real joy to be a part of the school's governing body.</p>	

	Name:	Mrs Morwenna Dunstan
	Designation:	Headteacher – Staff Governor
	<p>I am the Headteacher here at St Mary's School and I think that I probably have one of the best jobs in the world. I have been a teacher for over 20 years, and I still love coming to work every day. It is a joy to work with the children at our school; they make me smile every day, and working in a school there is always something new to learn. I was a governor at my last school, where I was also Headteacher, and I fully appreciate the commitment and hard work that governors put into their role. Governors from different backgrounds and different experiences enrich the leadership of our school. When I am not at work, my husband and 2 boys keep me busy with all their sporting interests, and I have recently taken up running and ran the Bath Half Marathon, to raise money for Parkinson's UK.</p>	

	Name:	Mrs Caroline Layton
	Designation:	Staff Governor
	<p>St Mary's School is a very special place for me; I love the family feel and nurturing environment, which is so important for children and adults to thrive. I have been working here for more than 30 years, and it is always so lovely to see parents, who I once taught, bringing their own children to St Mary's. For the past 6 years I have been Deputy Head. I still, however, teach one day a week, which I enjoy, as spending time with the children and seeing them flourish is why I chose to become a teacher.</p> <p>My family is very important to me and when I am not working, I love spending time with them and my three cats. In my spare time, I also enjoy going to the theatre and I love to relax with a good book.</p>	
	Name:	Miss Hannah Read
	Designation:	Parent Governor
	<p>I have lived in Bridgwater all of my life and attended St Mary's myself from 1990-1997. I now have two children at the school in year 6 and Year 4. I am a qualified Solicitor and the Head of Family Law at Lyons Bowe Solicitors where I deal in most aspects of family law. I am very dedicated to what I do, approachable, friendly and organised and I hope those will be skills I can transfer into my role as Parent Governor. I am keen to assist in the smooth running of the school through the governing body with the aim of ensuring the school is the best it can be for all pupils</p>	

	Name:	Mr David Ballentine
	Designation:	Parent Governor
	<p>I have grown up in Bridgwater and have two children that attend St Mary's and little oaks. I am a qualified Financial Adviser with over 13 years of industry experience. I am a director of two local family businesses in Financial Advice and Estate Planning. I'm passionate about my local community and am an active member of the Bridgwater Chamber of Commerce. I am looking forward to supporting an already fantastic school. I'm interested in efficiency and sustainability within the school. In my spare time that I'm not with my family, you will find me on the golf course.</p>	

	Name:	Mr Steve Hellard
	Designation:	Co-opted Governor
	<p>I have lived and worked in Bridgwater for almost twenty years and am a proud father of three daughters, each of whom has attended St Mary's. I have been a Governor at St Mary's since 2010 (returning to the governing body following a short sabbatical) supporting three different head teachers and have previously served as both Chair and Vice Chair of Governors. During my time on the governing body I have seen the school expand with the building of additional classrooms and the addition of Little Oaks Nursery. I am the link Governor for mathematics.</p>	

	Name:	Mrs Caroline Dibble
	Designation:	Co-opted Governor
	<p>I have worked at St. Mary's for 20 years. Having successfully gained an excellent pass for a diploma in School Business management, I have been a School Business Manager since 2012. I have a lot of experience of school finance and regularly advise the headteacher and governors regarding both income and expenditure at the school. I enjoy playing an active role in the life of the school and strive to give all children who attend St. Mary's the opportunity to achieve and aspire to fulfil their full potential. In my spare time, I enjoy reading; I will literally read anything!</p>	

	Name:	Mr Steve Cross
	Designation:	Foundation Governor
	<p>I am Bridgwater born, bred & educated, but do not hold that against me! I am now retired after a stint in the Merchant Navy direct from school & then a long career in customer service/sales & export shipping. My passions are music, the sixties mainly, especially the Beach Boys, oh how I miss live concerts! Supporting the best football team, (they play in all red.) Foreign travel, something else I miss. My link to the school is that my son attended back in the day. I still live just a short walk away and I now have the time and would like to give something back.</p>	

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