

Governor profiles 2026-27

	Hello! My name is Sophie Zak and I am proud to be the Staff Governor at Clitheroe Pendle. Our school has always been a very special place to me... from being a pupil, to volunteering and now as a Class Teacher since 2020. Because of this, I have a strong desire to ensure life at Pendle is as memorable, enjoyable and special for our pupils and families today as I found it years ago. My role as governor involves supporting staff well-being. By being an approachable, honest and fair colleague, I aim to work with the staff in school as well as the governing body to ensure all staff at Pendle feel supported, happy and able to be their best.
	Hi, my name is Adam Morris and I am a co-opted Governor. I have worked in primary education for the past 14 years. My roles have varied during this time, I have worked as a Teaching Assistant, Teacher, member of the Senior Leadership team and as a Deputy Headteacher. I look forward to assisting the staff to provide the best education possible for all the pupils within the school. My role on the governors includes reporting on Special Educational Needs (SEN), Pupil Premium and the Early Years Foundation stage (EYFS). I work closely with the nominated link governors for EYFS, Pupil Premium and SEN so that they are up to date and understand the provision and priorities within these departments.
	Hello. My Name is Ash Jeffries, and I am thrilled to be joining the team of Governors at Pendle Primary School. I look forward to assisting the staff to provide the best education possible for all the pupils within the school. I work as a teacher and member of the Senior Leadership Team at Accrington Academy, working specifically with key stage 3 pupils. I have two children, one in reception and one who will hopefully be joining the school in the near future. I have been immensely impressed by the dedication and commitment of the Pendle staff that I have seen during my short time as a parent and look forward to working closely with the school.



I am proud to join the school governors' committee in 2023. I have a son at Pendle who is currently in year 1. I have many great memories of my time at primary school.

I have spent over twenty years working in Aerospace, in both Rolls-Royce and BAE Systems, largely in technical leadership roles. I've worked in sites across the UK, as well as spending time productionising new facilities in Singapore and Malaysia. I am keen to contribute and am hoping that my experiences in leadership, people development, strategy, recruitment, HSE etc will somehow benefit the school. I am also on a number of advisory boards for the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining.



Hello. My name is David Walton and I am very pleased to have joined the Governing Board. I am looking forward to working with the school to help make sure the provision at Clitheroe Pendle Primary School continues to thrive and respond to the new and emerging challenges that face all schools and academies.

I have first-hand experience of school leadership and good knowledge of the local educational landscape. I have worked as a School Business Manager for over 10 years and am currently a School Business Manager at a High School in Preston. Prior to that I worked as a School Finance Officer for 12 years, helping up to 23 schools at any one time, with budgeting and financial forecasts. I have worked with Governing Boards for 20 plus years. I hope to bring my experience in the education sector; particularly the business functions of school, such as School Funding & Financial Processes, HR, Health & Safety, GDPR, IT and Admissions.



Hi, my name is Vicki Rush. I am a parent governor with two children that attend the school. I work as Head of Business at a local secondary school and have over 10 years working in education with responsibilities in finance, business development, HR, facilities, compliance as well as health and safety. Prior to working in education, I worked in the aerospace industry with positions of project and contract management. I am looking forward to working with Mrs Nunns, all the staff and the Governing Body to continue to provide the best education to the students at Pendle Primary School.



I am delighted to be joining Pendle Primary School as a Parent Governor. Education is close to my heart, having spent 17 years working in further education and more recently in both primary and secondary settings. I am passionate about empowering children and young people with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours they need to achieve their full potential.

As Assistant Head of Apprenticeships, I was responsible for areas such as curriculum development, staffing, quality and employer relationships. I also have experience of providing strong pastoral support, helping children with their social, emotional and mental well-being.

I have two children at Pendle Primary, and I am looking forward to being involved in the life of the school and community.

I admire the levels of dedication and commitment of the staff at Pendle Primary School, and it is a privilege to give something back in my capacity as Parent Governor. I am looking forward to supporting Mrs Nunns and the governing body with the vision and strategic direction of the school.



I am thrilled to be a new member of the governing body at Pendle. As a retired performing arts teacher, I have a broad range of experience across primary and secondary education. I have always been passionate about contributing to the school community to help ensure that every child receives the best possible education. Children must be at the centre of every decision that is made. As a parent of an ex-pupil of Pendle, and with time available now, I want to continue to support this fantastic school.

In my spare time, I am the Front of House Manager at CPCAODS here in Clitheroe. It is a role which I thoroughly enjoy. I also love spending time with family and friends.



I am pleased to have recently joined the governing body at Pendle Primary School and look forward to supporting the staff in continuing to give the best education for its pupils.

I am semi-retired working as a part-time teacher at Stonyhurst College having had extensive experience as a Head of Department in a secondary school.

I have a grandchild in Year 1 at Pendle and one who will be hopefully joining the school soon.



Hello! My name is Jamie McIlvenny, and I am very pleased to join the team as a Parent Governor at Clitheroe Pendle Primary School. I have a son currently in Year 4, and I am eager to get more involved in the school community to help ensure every child receives the best possible education.

Professionally, I am the Operations Director at Primary Engineer. My role involves managing the day-to-day processes of the organisation, supporting our team in delivering programmes to schools that inspire young children to engage with engineering. I firmly believe that all children should have the opportunity to engage with education in a meaningful and creative way suited to the individual, allowing them to achieve their full potential. I am looking forward to bringing my experience in operational leadership, team management and educational partnerships to the governing body to support the strategic direction of the school. In my spare time, I am an avid runner and charity race organiser, supporting the local running community.

I look forward to working closely with the staff, parents, and my fellow governors to continue making life at Pendle Primary special for all our pupils.

Being a school governor means so much to me not just professionally, but personally as well. Through my work in Organisational Development, I'm passionate about helping people grow, thrive and feel confident in their abilities, and I bring that same commitment to supporting the school's journey.

As a mother to a child in Reception, this role feels especially close to my heart. I see first-hand how important those early experiences are in shaping a child's confidence, curiosity and love of learning. I care about creating an environment where every child can flourish, and I'm proud to contribute both my professional insight and my perspective as a parent to help ensure the best possible start for all children.