



## St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs. P.M. Best B.Ed M.A. NPQH

### Governors' Update

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of another busy and successful year comes rushing towards us, it's a good time to take stock of what has been going on at our outstanding school.

The excitement of sports days and the Summer Fair may be over, but there is still plenty left to enjoy, including events to mark the end of year 6's St Polycarp's journey.

Attending the year 6 presentations about what they want to do in the future is always one of the highlights of the year for governors – but also tinged with sadness, as we prepare to say goodbye and wave them off to their new and exciting lives as secondary school pupils.

This term's big news was the opening of the new hall by Bishop Richard Moth, in a wonderful celebration morning that included a whole school mass, the hall being blessed and some spectacular cake courtesy of the talented Sabina.

Now the hall extension is complete, we are very lucky to have an expanded space that offers more teaching and collaboration opportunities, as well as having a kitchenette and toilet that means we are able to rent it out. There will be a further opportunity to Buy a Brick for the new hall to join those already on the wall, so do look out for that.

The end of this term also marks the end of an era as Mrs Best steps down as head. Naturally, there are events taking place to mark this momentous occasion, and there will be plenty of opportunities for our school community to give her a great send off! I'm sure many lovely words will be said about an exceptionally special, dedicated and valued leader who we are all going to miss a great deal. On behalf of the governors, I simply want to say a huge thank you for everything you have done and good luck in your new role – and we're very pleased you aren't going too far and will still be around the school regularly!

We also look forward to Mr Peebles assuming the reins in September, and the beginning of another brilliant era for our school. We are excited to see what the new term and year brings, and it goes without saying that we are all ready to support that transition in any way we can.

Until that time, I hope you and your families have a wonderful and relaxing summer. Fingers crossed this wonderful sunshine continues!

Best wishes,



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