



Governor's End of Term letter Christmas 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will all be sorry to lose Mr Davda this Christmas and, as I said in my letter announcing that he was leaving, we wish him every success in his future career and thank him for the work he has done at Corvedale. The school remains in a very strong position largely due to the dedication, professionalism and hard work of the staff. The Governing Body recognises this and would like to thank the staff publicly for their unstinting dedication and work. Your appreciation of this and your confidence in the school was yet again reflected in the strong positive responses you recorded in replies to the annual Parental Questionnaire at Parents Evening. There is still an overwhelming number of parents (95-100%) who view what the school offers overall as either excellent or good. 100% of our parents would still recommend our school to other parents and feel that it is a safe and happy place to learn, endorsing that their children are making good progress, with 97.5% believing that good behaviour is promoted in the school. The full results will be posted on the school website after Christmas.

As a Governing Body we are happy to announce that Mrs Rook has been re-elected as the Staff Governor. The Governor Impact Statement for the period from November 2024 until November 2025 will also be posted on the school website. This gives you a detailed breakdown of the work done by the Governing Body during this period. Our budget figures are on track, despite us investing heavily in improving the flood defences around the nursery and across the school in general. We have also increased the fencing around the nursery and created direct access from Mrs Rook's classroom to the nursery area. A new sink allowing staff to clean children's potties more efficiently is being installed. We have a nursery provision and staffing that we can be proud of.

A survey of Pupil Voices carried out by Governors was very positive, with the children strongly advocating their views and reflecting the progress made regarding SIAMs responses. A staff survey will be carried out shortly.

Next term Mrs Rook will be the lead teacher in the school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with Mr Morris as acting headteacher on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We plan to interview on January 26th for a new Headteacher with a starting date set for April 13th 2026, the beginning of the summer term. We will keep you abreast of developments regarding this.

I hope everyone enjoyed the children's Christmas celebrations which were yet again really impressive. Well done to everyone involved in the hard work creating them.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Governors for the unstinting work they've put in over the last year, to thank Corvedale School Association (CSA) for their continued work and to thank the Millichope Foundation for providing much-needed extra financial support. The work and dedication of all the school staff, especially this term, is really appreciated and is reflected in Parents' Questionnaire responses.

Have a good Christmas and Happy New Year and keep safe and well.

David Hedgley

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body.