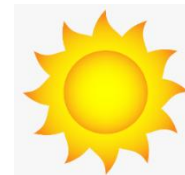


Governors' Newsletter

Summer Term 2025



Happiness at the heart of learning



Dear Parents and Carers,

Writing this final newsletter of the year to share some of our work as Governors, it always seems surprising how quickly the academic year has flown by. But within that time, how proud we are of all the learning and experience that has been gained by our pupils who continue to thrive and enjoy their time at Whitehall Junior School.

We would like to thank all members of the school community as pupils, parents, staff, Governors and members of the wider community for their contributions to the success of this year.

We also send our good wishes to the pupils, families, staff members and others who are moving on from the school.

Wishing you all a safe and restful summer break.

Angela Doherty, Chair of Governing Board

Welcome to our new governors



My name is Karen Rouse and I am honoured to serve as a School Governor at Whitehall Junior School—a school that holds deep personal significance for me, as my child has been part of the Whitehall community since Nursery and is now nearing the end of Year 5. I have lived in Uxbridge for the past 11 years and studied locally at Brunel University London, where I have also worked for over 18 years as a dedicated and experienced administrator. I am passionate about supporting Whitehall Junior School in delivering high-quality education and enriching opportunities for all pupils. I look forward to working in partnership with staff, parents and fellow Governors to help the school continue to grow and succeed.



We are delighted to welcome back Matthew Ralph to Whitehall Junior School as a Co-opted Governor. After taking a short break from governance, Matthew is excited to rejoin us in the Resources' Committee. Matthew brings with him a wealth of experience from the education sector from nearly 20 years at Brunel University, working in Departmental Operations Management, and as a father to two daughters, who attend another local Hillingdon primary school. He is deeply committed to supporting Whitehall Junior School. From the dedicated teachers and support staff to the enthusiastic pupils, he finds it a real privilege to be part of such a vibrant and welcoming school community.

Parents, have you considered becoming a School Governor?

We currently have one vacancy on the Governing Board. As parents, you already have first-hand experience of Whitehall and this would enable you to share your skills and experience to support the wider leadership of the school. Please email: governors@whitehalljunior.org or speak to Mrs Mloi or any of the Governors to find out more. Also see: [Whitehall Junior School - Our Governors](#)

Thank you to a Governor who is leaving the Board



On behalf of the Governors, I would like to say a huge ‘thank you’ to Ashish Seksaria who has been with us for a couple of years as a member of the Resources’ Committee and will be leaving this summer due to changing family commitments. Ashish brought a wide range of experience and strategic thinking to the board from his roles in banking and finance and took a keen interest in the projects to improve the infrastructure of the school. Throughout his time on the Board, Ashish has commented on how impressed he has been by the strong leadership and professional approach at Whitehall Junior School.

Governing Board members 2025- 26

Kieran Bassan (parent) Chair of Resources’ Committee, Aakeel Osman (parent), Jennifer Bull (LA), Sally Davies (Co-opted), Angela Doherty, (Co-opted), Chair, Jane Guest (Co-opted), Vice-Chair & Chair of Pupils’ Committee, Sam Jones (staff), Manish Lath (Co-opted), Anneline Moloi (Headteacher), Matthew Ralph (Co-opted), Karen Rouse (Co-opted), **one vacancy**

Keeping our buildings and facilities in good order



Every term in the school, a Health and Safety audit takes place, supported by an external consultant. In the Spring Term, as members of the Resources’ Committee, we took part in the visit accompanied by facility management staff and a member of the teaching team. The school is very well maintained, with no safety concerns identified during the walkthrough. Notably, the school has recently installed two brand new boilers, ensuring consistent and uninterrupted heating throughout the building. Additionally, several front-facing windows have been upgraded to standard double-glazed units, which significantly improve insulation and help maintain warmth during the colder winter months, contributing to a more comfortable learning environment for the students.



Ashish Seksaria (Co-opted Governor) and Manish Lath (Co-opted Governor)

Well done Year 6!

Huge congratulations to all of Y6 as they finish their time at Whitehall Junior School and move on to secondary school. The hard work of the pupils and all of the Y6 team is evident in the excellent SATS results achieved this year. As Governors, we are very proud of their achievements and wish them all well in their new secondary schools in September.

Year 6 Leavers’ Production ‘The School-O-Vision Song Contest’



This year’s brand-new production, ‘The School -O-Vision Song Contest’ was a fun-packed medley of songs with great comperes and sketches to introduce each act. Y6 had worked incredibly hard to learn such a wide range of songs and choreography. The catering team’s ‘Chips and Beans’ song was very funny and there was a definite fan favourite from the pupils that won the contest and gained an encore! Another wonderful memorable experience for our pupils leaving the school and their families.



Angela Doherty, Chair of Governing Board

Supporting the new catering contract tender



As part of the recent tender process to appoint a new catering provider for both Whitehall Infant and Junior Schools, four companies were shortlisted and invited to present their proposals. Two of our Governors took part in the final day.



The four shortlisted companies were Accent, Pabulum, Taylor Shaw and Orchard. These organisations represent a diverse range of providers, allowing the panel to compare not just the services offered, but also the ethos and scalability of each candidate.

Each company was allocated approximately an hour to present their offering. Presentations were typically led by a team comprising senior management, divisional leads, nutritionists and chefs. Their content covered several key areas, including:

- Financial planning and value for money
- Health and safety protocols
- Risk minimisation strategies
- Marketing and community outreach
- Promotional events and ideas



Following the formal presentations, the panel—which included Governors, staff and pupil representatives—had the opportunity to ask questions. Companies also provided sample produce, allowing for assessment of food quality, layout, signage and overall presentation.

The day's proceedings were professionally managed by **The Invictus Partnership**, a specialist consultancy in tender management. Their role was instrumental in ensuring the day ran smoothly and to schedule. They also prepared detailed summary packs for panel members and brought a level of expertise not held within the internal panel team. Their support contributed significantly to the fairness, efficiency and clarity of the process.

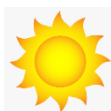


As the day progressed, it became evident that each company had different strengths, with some standing out for their ethos, nutritional focus, or alignment with the Whitehall Schools' values and mission. After careful consideration, two companies have been shortlisted as final contenders. At the time of writing, the school is reaching out to local institutions already using these providers to gather additional feedback and first-hand insights.

We are confident that the school has conducted a comprehensive and diligent evaluation of all available options. Once a final decision is made, a robust monitoring process will be implemented to ensure the successful provider adheres to the agreed standards and continues to meet the expectations of the school community.

In the current economic climate, the provision of a healthy, balanced and affordable catering service is more vital than ever. With continued oversight and open communication, we believe the selected provider will deliver a high-quality, value-for-money service that meets the nutritional and cultural needs of all pupils at Whitehall Schools.

Matthew Ralph, Co-opted Governor, Aakeel Osman, Parent Governor



Wishing you and your families a safe and a wonderful summer holiday!