



Welcome

Hello and welcome to the first edition of The Boardcast — a newsletter from The Endowed's Board of Governors. This circular will be used to share our insights and observations with staff, parents, and carers throughout the academic year, keeping our school community informed and connected.

A Message from the Chair

Following the retirement of the much loved and very experienced Chair of the Governing Board, I am delighted to take on the role of Chair.

I attended the Endowed myself and loved my junior school days. I have much to thank the Endowed for – the experience and grounding the school gave me inspired me to become a primary school teacher.

Having taught in Hertfordshire and then back in Kent, I spent 35 years as a teacher then SENCo and spent the last 19 years as a Headteacher in two schools and so I am very aware of the pressures on school leaders and governing boards in the ever-changing education landscape.

Away from school, I am a volunteer leader with Girl Guiding UK (having joined Brownies at 7 yrs old I am yet to leave!) and so am known to some of the girls who attend the Endowed already. I look forward to meeting parents and family members at school events in the coming months.

Angela Maxted

Who's Who



Angela Maxted	Vacancy	Ellen Taylor	Rev Rachel Webbley
Chair of the Governing Body	Vice Chair of the Governing Body	Headteacher	Principal Officiating Minister



Allan Barrows	John Legg	Vacancy	Janine Hewitt
Foundation Governor	Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education	Local Authority	Staff Governor



Mary Soutar	Vacancy	Andrew Gore	Charlotte Pearson
Foundation Governor	Canterbury Diocesan Board of Education	Foundation Governor	Clerk to the Governors



Gabrielle Grant	Isabelle Defaut-Juneja
Parent Governor	Parent Governor

What We Do

All schools are required to have a governing body made up of volunteers with different skills, experiences and perspectives. We offer strategic guidance, rather than getting involved in the operational aspects. The Board must operate and

make decisions in the best interests of the children in the school, and it is vital that the board understands, reflects and engages with the community the school serves.

Visit The Endowed's website to find out more

Farewell to Our Long-Serving Chair of Governors

As Diane Clements steps down as Chair of Governors after an extraordinary 34-year journey (34 years as governor and 31 years as Chair), we reflect on her leadership and connection to our school.

Diane has worked through changing educational landscapes, shifting policies, and countless challenges. Her links to The Endowed go back many decades when she was a child at the school. She remembers doing a music and movement lesson in the school hall and then having to change into her uniform and return to class to hear the announcement of the King's death. Her son also attended The Endowed and her grandfather, a bricklayer, helped build the office area.

She has guided the school through major developments, supported four headteachers and ensured that our school provided a safe and positive learning environment.

Beyond the formal meetings, Diane is a devoted grandmother and a member of St Peter's Church.

We cannot thank Diane enough for her service.

With gratitude and warm wishes,
The Endowed Governing Board and School Community



Our Reflections

OPEN DAY MORNING & TOURS

Thanks to all the staff and children who contributed their time and energy at the recent school open morning and individual tours. You represented our school so brilliantly and in doing so helped potential new families see the very best of our educational environment. Seeing past and current pupils sing in the school choir, and the walls filled with the children's work, really brought the school to life.

GOVERNOR MONITORING VISITS

Throughout the academic year, governors conduct monitoring visits that provide insights into many aspects of the school. Our visits cover a wide range of areas, such as safeguarding, wellbeing, and curriculum development. We've joined children for church worship, met our dedicated school cooks, and engaged with children about their learning and break times. These visits are more than routine checks; they are our opportunity to gain a comprehensive understanding of the learning environment and ensure the school's vision and values are met.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS

Since September, we have had two Full Governing Board meetings, one Curriculum Committee, one Premises Committee and two Finance & Resources Committee meetings. Discussions have included a breadth of topics, such as SIAMs, SEN, health & safety, finance, curriculum, wellbeing, safeguarding and governor visit feedback!

A Cheer for the Children

Arguably the best part of our role, is seeing the children around the school. From the youngest year three children to our eldest in year six, they make our school such a wonderful, vibrant place.

We enjoy watching them playing together at break times and concentrating during lessons. They always impress us with their curiosity and endless energy!

We see all their individual strengths, no matter how big or small, whether that's through acts of kindness, academic achievements, creativity, or showing determination and effort.

Guided by the passion and commitment of our dedicated staff, we are so excited to see what things they'll do next year.

Here's a big Christmas cheer for them all 🙌🎄👨🎨

A Message from Rev. Rachel Webbley

At this time of year, where the days are short and we can have gloomy and dull days, we all enjoy the extra lights that are put up as we prepare for Christmas. Light in the darkness is a common metaphor for doubling down on hope. Sometimes it takes courage to hope rather than to dwell in cynicism or despair. The Christmas story has a good way of helping us manage that in our busy lives. Re-reading our school's [Vision and Values](#) narrative, I am

reminded that we recognise and celebrate the inner light in every one of our children, with all their unique ways and sometimes surprising perspectives!

*Whatever this season means for your family, I trust that you will tend to the light that is in each one of us – that pull towards kindness and healthy life and an openness towards joy and laughter. So as we say in our school worship,
may you go in peace and let your light shine.*