

# Wroxall Primary School

## **Wroxall Primary School Governors 2025/26**

### **Chair of Governors**

Mrs Jenny Johnston

### **Vice- Chair of Governors**

Mr Richard May

### **Headteacher Governor**

Miss Tara Hopkinson

### **Parent Governors**

Mrs Gemma Evans

Mrs Amy Buffone

### **Staff Governor**

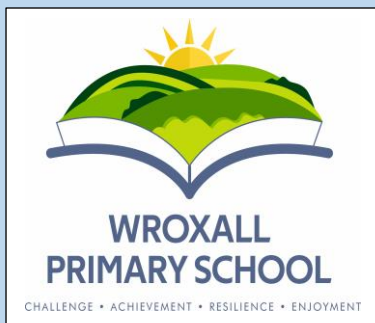
Mrs Angela Collins

### **Co-Opted Governors -Current**

Mrs Maxine Leppard

Mr Alan Whetherly

Mrs Lynsey Greenfield



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Jenny Johnston	
<b>Category of governor</b>	Co-opted Chair of Governors
<b>Term of office</b>	May 2021 – May 2029
<b>Work</b>	Retired Service Delivery Volunteer for Victim Support Team Leader & Search Technician for Isle of Wight Lowland Search & Rescue (WightSAR)
<b>Governance experience</b>	This is my first Governor experience
<b>Hobbies and interests</b>	Retirement has been as busy as working but I enjoy walking, gardening, photography & Pilates.
<b>Links to the school/area</b>	I have a long involvement with the school with my great nephew's and niece attending from Reception until leaving for High School.  I have attended many school plays, school fetes and Christmas Fairs and continue to actively support the school PTA.
<b>Why did you become a governor?</b>	After 38 years working in the NHS as a Registered Nurse, Midwife, Health Visitor & Clinical Manager, I wanted to still be actively involved in services for children & their families. I hope my transferable skills, gained outside of education, will complement the current Governing Body and the school as a whole.  As a previous Senior Nurse for Safeguarding Children & Young People, I am enthusiastic to bring this knowledge to the Governing Body & to support the school staff in this important area of challenging work. My wish is to help deliver better outcomes for the children.  I am passionate about being actively involved in the improvement journey for Wroxall Primary School and being a part of the school's dedicated and enthusiastic team.





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## Richard May

<b>Category of governor</b>	Local Authority governor – Vice-Chair
<b>Term of office</b>	April 2024 – March 2028
<b>Work</b>	Visual Artist Town Councillor (Ryde)
<b>Governance experience</b>	I have been a governor for the Stenbury Federation since September 2019. Before that, I've been a governor at three Island schools for a period of 25 years.
<b>Hobbies and interests</b>	I find myself in the happy position where my hobbies and interests have become my career – painting, writing/illustrating books, playing percussion/learning other instruments and digging holes on an allotment. As an ex-head teacher, I still have a huge interest in education and children's development – I don't think that will ever leave me.
<b>Links to the school/area</b>	Until joining the Stenbury governors, my links to Wroxall had been professional, working with leaders over many years to develop education provision across the Island. This included a period – some time ago – working with leaders at Wroxall to strengthen outcomes.
<b>Why did you become a governor?</b>	Having left headship, I feel that I still have the enthusiasm and energy to give to improving children's experience and outcomes – one of the best ways to do this is as a school governor. There are certainly challenges, but working with such a committed, positive school community to overcome them and to enable Wroxall to improve and thrive is a joy.





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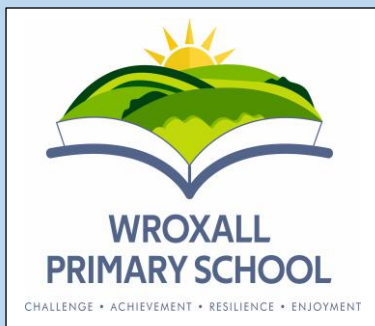
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## Angela Collins

<b>Category of governor</b>	Staff Governor
<b>Term of office</b>	September 2025 to September 2029
<b>Work</b>	I currently work as the Year 1 and 2 Class Teacher at Wroxall Primary School. I have been a primary school teacher on the Isle of Wight for over 30 years.
<b>Governance experience</b>	I have been a Staff Governor at a previous primary school I worked at and served for 4 years. As a former Headteacher of 2 primary schools on the island, I worked closely with those Governing Bodies.
<b>Hobbies and interests</b>	I enjoy reading, travelling and theatre. I spend a lot of time with my family at the weekends. Even though my children are now grown up, they are still on the Isle of Wight and we get together frequently.
<b>Links to the school/area</b>	I joined Wroxall Primary three years ago, initially as a supply teacher. I thoroughly enjoyed it and when a permanent post became available, I applied. I have been here ever since.
<b>Why did you become a governor?</b>	I enjoy teaching at Wroxall Primary. It is a very special school with the best interests of the children at its core. We are a very close team. It has been an eventful year for the school, and together we have overcome the threat of closure and have achieved a very successful OFSTED outcome. Being a Governor will give me further insight into the school and will give me additional experience and I can provide a staff voice. My extensive experience of schools will hopefully be of benefit.

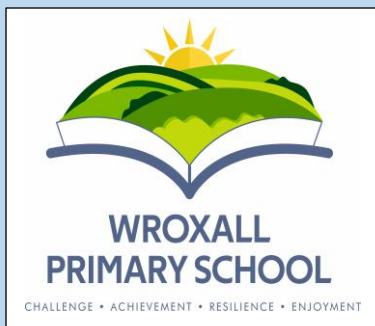




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Gemma Evans	
<b>Category of governor</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Term of office</b>	April 2024 – March 2028
<b>Work</b>	I used to manage the recruitment of trainee doctors on behalf of the NHS and I am currently employed in the accounts department at The Island Free School.
<b>Governance experience</b>	I had no experience of governance before joining the governing body at Wroxall Primary School.
<b>Hobbies and interests</b>	I like cups of tea and going to the beach with my family and friends. I am interested in psychology and, pre-covid, volunteered with a charity that helps ex-offenders in their rehabilitation.
<b>Links to the school/area</b>	I live in Ventnor and have 1 son attending the school, currently in Y5. I have also been part of the Wroxall Primary PTFA since 2017.
<b>Why did you become a governor?</b>	Wroxall Primary School had a difficult period after the substantive headteacher left, back in 2017/2018. I wanted to see this lovely village school flourish and felt that becoming a governor was something I could do to help achieve that. I'm so glad I joined. It has been humbling to see how much work has gone in to the leaps and bounds the school is already making, and I look forward to being part of its promising future.





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## Amy Buffone

<b>Category of governor</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Term of office</b>	October 2025 – October 2029
<b>Work</b>	I have worked as an administrator in a nursing home in Shanklin for the past decade. Prior to moving back to the Island to raise my family, I spent 10 years working for Hampshire Constabulary and Surrey Police.
<b>Governance experience</b>	This is my first governing role.
<b>Hobbies and interests</b>	<p>I love reading crime thrillers, particularly books by Peter James. I am also a true crime fan, regularly listening to podcasts and watching documentaries.</p> <p>I am often found walking on the beaches and hills of the Island with my family - keeping fit is another passion of mine.</p>
<b>Links to the school/area</b>	<p>My eldest son left year 6 at Wroxall after 9 years attending Wroxall School and Wroxall Robins. My youngest son started reception in 2021, and is currently in year 4.</p> <p>Having grown up in the village, I also attended Wroxall Primary myself in the late 80s/early 90s!</p>
<b>Why did you become a governor?</b>	I realised my passion for the safety and future of Wroxall during the school place planning process, throughout which I was an active participant in a group of parents who campaigned against Wroxall's closure. With the school saved from closure, and the subsequent 'Good' Ofsted result, I feel now is an exciting time to join the governing board to assist in any way I can to ensure Wroxall keeps going from strength to strength.





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## Maxine Leppard

<b>Category of governor</b>	Co-opted Governor
<b>Term of office</b>	December 2022 – December 2027
<b>Work</b>	Retired Head Teacher
<b>Governance experience</b>	I first became a governor in 1998 and since then have been on the Governing body of 3 middle schools, a primary and a secondary academy trust - all Island schools.
<b>Hobbies and interests</b>	Since retiring from Headship in 2015 I have been able to pursue many of my passions ... primarily being witness to the growing development of my grandchildren, but also to pursue my passion for playing music, organic gardening and learning about environmental protection and healthy lifestyles.
<b>Links to the school/area</b>	I have lived on the Island since I was a young girl, attending and teaching in Island schools. I live locally in Alverstone and other family members live in Wroxall and Godshell. Two of my grandchildren have attended Wroxall primary.
<b>Why did you become a governor?</b>	As a retired headteacher I am acutely aware of the value of a good education and a secure and happy learning environment. I wanted to continue to be involved in helping to ensure wonderful outcomes for local children. I feel privileged to be able to support Wroxall Primary achieve this.





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## Alan Whetherly

<b>Category of governor</b>	Co-opted Governor
<b>Term of office</b>	July 2023 to July 2028
<b>Work</b>	<p>I am retired now. After graduating from Leeds University. I spent 30 years developing a number of sporting and leisure opportunities for children and young people with sight loss and additional needs. These included establishing athletics, cricket, football and outward-bound pursuits. I also worked with mainstream sports and leisure providers to promote inclusive activities within club programmes.</p> <p>My final job was working as a Senior Community Sight Loss Adviser for Wiltshire Sight, a county sight loss charity.</p>
<b>Governance experience</b>	Although this is my first position as a school governor, I have been involved in chairing committees relating to sport and leisure. I have also been a clerk to school governors in Camden and Westminster.
<b>Hobbies and interests</b>	<p>I like sport and am proud to say that I represented Great Britain in blind athletics and won two National titles in adapted tennis for the visually impaired.</p> <p>Since moving to the Island, I take my guide dog Judy running along the railway trail, enjoy gardening and going to the theatre.</p>
<b>Links to the school/area</b>	My favorite activity is being a volunteer reader at Wroxall School. We listen to Reception class read; it gives us a great amount of pleasure to see them flourish with their reading skills. It is an honor and a privilege to be a co-opted school governor.
<b>Why did you become a governor?</b>	I want to put something back into the community and in particular support the school in any way I can.





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## Lynsey Greenfield

<b>Category of governor</b>	Co-opted Governor
<b>Term of office</b>	September 2024 to September 2028
<b>Work</b>	I currently teach science at an Island secondary school and have done since the whole island school reorganisation. Before that I taught science at a middle school after qualifying as a teacher at Brighton university in 2008.
<b>Governance experience</b>	This is my first role as a Governor.
<b>Hobbies and interests</b>	In my spare time I enjoy camping trips with my family and exploring on our bikes. I also love baking cakes, sewing and spending time in the garden. I have also held a volunteering role supporting a local Brownies group, helping with trips and residential visits. My other favourite things include BBQs and roller coasters.
<b>Links to the school/area</b>	I have lived on the Isle of Wight all my life, apart from my time spent attending university in Brighton. I now live in Ventnor and have 2 children attending Wroxall Primary. I have also helped with the PTFA since 2023.
<b>Why did you become a governor?</b>	Ever since my daughter started at Wroxall Robins preschool I felt that the whole school was a welcoming family. As my children grew up and moved through the school I felt that they had gained so much that I wanted to give back what I could. I am grateful to now be a part of the team and hope that my experience in education can help Wroxall to continue to improve

