

Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School



Governor newsletter to parents/carers - January 2026

Members of the Governing Board would like to wish parents and carers a Very Happy New Year!
We hope you had a lovely Christmas.

We are sending this newsletter to update you on some of our activities so far this academic year and to remind you of the shared responsibility that we all have in ensuring that your children have an excellent educational experience at our school.

Ensuring Positive Relationships with Parents and Carers

We know that the great majority of our parents and carers value the strong partnership between school and home and enjoy a positive relationship with members of staff. Our Parent/Carer Code of Conduct makes clear that, if concerns arise, parents and carers are expected to approach school staff respectfully and proactively, via appropriate channels, to seek a swift resolution. Governors wish to remind the small number of parents who do not follow this code that it is an important foundation for our relationship and must be adhered to. Where parental behaviour impacts upon staff health and well-being, we will take action accordingly.

One specific issue that is causing concern for many parents and community members is the danger posed by unsafe parking when dropping off and picking up children. Governors wish to remind those who are not safety conscious that we must all take personal responsibility for the safety of our own and others children.

We have attached the Parent/Carer Code of Conduct for your attention. An important letter was sent to all parents in September 2025, regarding expectations for communication, to ensure appropriate and respectful partnerships. We have attached this again for your attention.

Learning Walks

Each term, members of the Governing Board come into school to gain an insight into the excellent teaching & learning that takes place on a daily basis. **Here is some of our feedback from the Autumn Term learning walk:**

- All children were actively engaged and able to articulate what they were learning
- The standard of teaching was notably high, with strong pupil engagement throughout
- The learning environment was inclusive and focused
- The integration of technology and tailored support contributed to an inclusive and engaging learning experience for all children
- Behaviour was exceptional

Link governor meetings

Each term, individual members of the Governing Board come into school/review an area to gain an insight into a particular area or aspect of our work.

Here is some of our feedback:

Foundation subjects link work – We know that as a school we are always looking to improve our curriculum offer and have worked to increase pupil engagement in learning for foundation subjects including by planning creative, open-ended tasks. The foundation subject offer has been extended and the diversity of the curriculum has been developed through 'The Greats' initiative, which makes sure a wide variety of role models and achievements are

reflected. An increased number of religious/cultural celebrations have been added to the school calendar to broaden knowledge of the wider world. Newsround has been incorporated into Years 3-6 to increase knowledge and to give an opportunity to debate themes raised. Individual subjects have been given focus at different times, with training delivered, meaning we have upskilled all subject leads and class teachers across the curriculum.

Attendance link work - The Attendance Policy is comprehensive and effective, with clear procedures that support strong implementation across all year groups. Current attendance levels exceed the target percentage, which is a positive indicator of the policy's impact and reflects the commitment of staff, pupils, and parents/carers. Recent Government reporting has identified Endon Hall as a high performer within our group of similar schools. This means our attendance outcomes are amongst the strongest compared to our group of similar schools in overall attendance or persistent absence. Having consistently high attendance ultimately benefits pupils by giving continuity of learning, allowing them to achieve their full potential.

Pupil & Curriculum sub-committee

The Pupil & Curriculum sub-committee monitor how the curriculum is planned, taught, evaluated and resourced, and the impact this has on teaching and learning. We also have oversight of systems and targets for pupils' attainment and progress. Our meetings include updates regarding monitoring undertaken.

This term, we approved several important policies that guide curriculum delivery, heard feedback from senior leaders regarding book scans and lesson observations and discussed headline data for our school, showing the impact of school improvement in all areas.

The feedback from the recent parent/carer survey was shared and discussed. We were overwhelmed by the range of fantastic feedback received and thank you for your participation. We also heard how any suggestions could be taken on board.

Finance & Premises sub-committee

The Finance & Premises committee monitor the school budget, ensuring value for money and sound financial control, maximising spend on children and the resources to deliver the ambitious personal and academic curriculum we have in place.

At our Autumn Term meeting, we reviewed **works carried out in the Autumn Term (Deep clean of school kitchen extract, new cabling for gate Intercom, electricity meter replacement) and required spend (Windows 11 compatible laptops).** We also discussed **works to be carried out going forward (field and top playground drainage, replacement of Year 1 flooring and blocking up of external door, replenishment of EYFS outdoor play area and main playground quiet area flooring).**

A summary of Health & Safety was also discussed, focusing on the school's extensive work in all related areas and the involvement of staff across the school in this important part of our work.

As a Governing Board, our challenge and support continually enables Endon Hall Primary and Nursery School to further hone its extensive offer as a school. We share with the staff the unfaltering commitment to providing the absolute best for all children and stakeholders.