

Gospel Oak Weekly Newsletter

w.e. 17th July 2026



UPCOMING DATES

Monday 20th July - Staff Training Day

Thursday 13th August - A Level and BTEC
Results Day

Thursday 20th August - GCSE Results Day

Thursday 20th August - Sixth Form Enrolment
Day

Tuesday 1st September - Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 2nd September - Teacher Training
Day

Thursday 3rd September - Year 7, 11 and 12
Start Date

Monday 7th September - Year 8, 9, 10 and 13
Start Date

ASSEMBLY THEMES

Assembly focus this week was Highlights.

Please take the time to talk to your
daughter and/or son about what they
have learnt in Assembly.

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

SIXTH FORM

LETTERS

COMMUNITY

MESSAGE FROM MISS LANE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We reached the final Friday of the academic year this week, and everyone at Gospel Oak wanted to say how incredibly proud we were of our students. They worked exceptionally hard throughout the year, demonstrated resilience and determination, and made this another successful year for our school community. It was a pleasure to see so many students grow in confidence, achieve their goals and embrace every opportunity that came their way.

Yesterday, we enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day, and our students were brilliant throughout. They competed with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship, cheering one another on and making the day a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many students getting involved and enjoying the event together.

As the school year came to a close, we would like to thank all of our parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year. Your partnership has played an important role in helping our students achieve so much.

We wished all of our students and families a happy, safe and restful six-week summer holiday. We looked forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting and successful year at Gospel Oak.



YEAR TEAM UPDATES

As we come to the end of a fantastic first year at secondary school, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Year 7 parents and carers for your incredible support throughout the year.

Starting secondary school is a huge milestone, and our students have risen brilliantly to the challenge. They have embraced new opportunities, developed their independence, and made us incredibly proud with their achievements both in and out of the classroom. None of this would have been possible without the strong partnership between home and school, and we are truly grateful for the encouragement and support you have given your children every step of the way.

We would also like to remind families of the importance of excellent attendance. Being in school every day gives students the very best chance to succeed academically, build friendships, and fully participate in all the opportunities available to them. Thank you for working with us to promote strong attendance habits throughout the year, and we look forward to continuing this partnership in Year 8.

We are incredibly excited about what lies ahead. Year 8 promises to be full of exciting opportunities, memorable experiences, and new challenges that will help our students continue to grow and thrive. We already have lots of exciting things planned, and we cannot wait to welcome the students back to begin the next stage of their journey.

In the meantime, we wish all of our Year 7 families a wonderful summer break. Take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy making special memories together.

Have a restful summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 7th September, bright and early at 8:25am!

Enjoy your summer and thank you once again for a fantastic Year 7.

Mr White and the Year 7 Team



As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud we are of all our Year 8 student

This year has been filled with achievements, challenges overcome, memorable experiences, and tremendous personal growth. Our students have shown resilience, determination, kindness, and maturity throughout the year, and they should all be very proud of what they have accomplished.

As we head into the summer break, I would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support. Your encouragement, guidance, and partnership throughout the year have played a huge role in helping our students succeed. Together, we have supported our young people to develop academically, socially, and personally, and we are grateful for everything you do.

Enjoy a Well-Deserved Summer

The summer holidays provide an important opportunity for everyone to rest, recharge, and enjoy some well-earned time away from the classroom.

We encourage all students to make the most of this special time by:

- Spending quality time with family and friends.
- Creating happy memories that will last a lifetime.
- Enjoying new experiences and hobbies.
- Taking time to relax and look after their wellbeing.
- Getting outdoors and making the most of the summer sunshine.

Stay Safe and Be Responsible

Whilst enjoying the break, please remember the importance of staying safe and making responsible choices. Whether spending time at home, travelling, or meeting up with friends, we encourage all students to always consider their safety and the safety of others.

Be kind, respectful, and represent yourselves and our school community in a positive way.

Looking Ahead – Year 9

Although the summer holidays are finally here, we are already excited about what lies ahead. September marks the beginning of an important new chapter as our students move into Year 9.

Year 8 has provided the foundations; now it's time for the next step. We look forward to welcoming our students back refreshed, motivated, and ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that Year 9 will bring.

Celebrating Success

A huge **well done to every Year 8 student** for everything you have achieved this year. Whether through your hard work in lessons, excellent attendance, involvement in school events, personal growth, or simply giving your best effort each day, you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to all the students who received awards during our **Year 8 Celebration Assembly**. These awards recognised outstanding achievement, commitment, resilience, kindness, and contribution to our school community. It was wonderful to celebrate the success of so many students and showcase the fantastic talent and character within Year 8.

Whilst award winners were rightly recognised, we are proud of every single student in the year group. Each of you has played a part in making Year 8 such a successful and memorable year.

As you enjoy your well-deserved summer break, take time to reflect on everything you have achieved, celebrate your successes, and look forward to the exciting opportunities that await you in **Year 9**.

Next Stop... Year 9! 🎉🌟

Have a fantastic summer and thank you for making Year 8 such a brilliant year. We can't wait to see what you accomplish next.

Mr Greatrex and the Year 8 Team



As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Year 9 students, parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. It has been fantastic to see the progress our students have made, and they should all be incredibly proud of their achievements.

We hope all of our students enjoy a **well-deserved summer break**. The holidays are an important opportunity to relax, recharge and spend time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for an exciting new chapter. As students enjoy their well-earned summer break, we would like to remind everyone to stay safe and make sensible choices. If visiting lakes, canals, rivers or reservoirs, please remember that open water can be extremely dangerous. Always swim in designated supervised areas and never enter water to cool off. During the warmer weather, students should also remember to stay hydrated, wear sun cream, seek shade where possible and protect themselves from the sun by wearing a hat and appropriate clothing. We hope everyone has a fun, relaxing and, most importantly, safe summer holiday.

Welcome to Year 10!

When students return after the summer holidays, they will officially begin **Year 10** and the start of their **GCSE courses**. This is a significant milestone in their education, and we encourage all students to return with a positive attitude, excellent attendance and a determination to work hard from day one. Establishing good habits early will put them in the best possible position for success over the next two years.

Uniform Expectations

As students prepare for September, please ensure that all uniform meets the school's expectations. This includes:

- A Gospel Oak blazer with school badge.
- School tie worn correctly.
- White shirt tucked in at all times.
- Plain black tailored trousers or an approved school skirt worn no shorter than three fingers above the knee, with black tights if wearing a skirt.
- Plain black school shoes (trainers, canvas shoes or boots are not permitted).
- No false nails or nail extensions.
- Jewellery should be kept to a minimum, with only one small plain stud earring permitted in each ear. Hooped earrings, bracelets, necklaces and facial piercings are not allowed.
- Hairstyles should be appropriate for school, with no extreme styles or colours.

We appreciate your support in ensuring students return in full school uniform and ready to learn from the very first day.

Summer Homework

There will be **no homework set over the six-week summer holiday**. We encourage students to take this opportunity to relax and recharge. However, reading regularly, practising key skills and staying curious will always benefit them as they prepare for their GCSE studies.

Junior Football Leaders Programme

This week, a group of our Year 9 students took part in the **Junior Football Leaders Programme**, delivered in partnership with **Wolverhampton University**. Students had the opportunity to referee matches, coach younger pupils and demonstrate their football knowledge throughout the course. They represented the school exceptionally well and received excellent feedback from the course leaders. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, leadership and professionalism.

Celebration Assembly

We also held our Year 9 Celebration Assembly this week, recognising the fantastic achievements of students throughout the year. A huge congratulations to all of our award winners for their hard work, commitment and success.

A special congratulations goes to **Penny B**, who was deservedly awarded **Year 9 Student of the Year**, and to **Jordyn W**, who achieved the incredible milestone of completing the **whole of Key Stage 3 with 100% attendance**, not missing a single day of school. These are outstanding achievements and ones that should be celebrated.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our Year 9 students and their families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September as our newest **Year 10 students**, ready to begin the next stage of their journey at Gospel Oak School.

Mr Johnson and the Year 9 Team



Celebrating a Fantastic Term!

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, we would like to congratulate all our Year 10 students on their hard work, determination and achievements.

This term has been filled with learning, new experiences and plenty of memorable moments. Year 10 is an important stage in every student's school journey, and we have been impressed by the commitment shown both inside and outside the classroom.

Academic Progress

Students have continued to develop their knowledge and skills across all subjects. As GCSE courses progress, it is important to maintain good study habits, complete homework on time and ask for support whenever it is needed.

We encourage everyone to reflect on what has gone well this term and identify one or two areas they would like to improve when they return.

Celebrating Success

A huge well done to all students who have received awards, positive points and recognition for their effort, progress, attendance and contributions to school life.

We are proud of every student who has challenged themselves, supported others or made positive progress this term. Every achievement counts!

Looking Ahead

Next term will bring new opportunities and challenges as students continue their GCSE studies. Staying organised and keeping on top of coursework and revision will help everyone feel prepared and confident.

Over the break, students should take time to rest and recharge while also completing any work or revision set by their teachers.

Thank You

We would like to thank our Year 10 students, parents, carers and staff for their continued hard work and support throughout the term.

We hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable and well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming you back for another successful term!

Have a wonderful holiday!

Miss Dunn and the Year 10 Team



Last week year 12 took part in work experience this was a great opportunity for students to get a real hands-on experience in different working environments. We have had some fantastic feedback from employers, and some have left with part-time jobs – well done to all the students in year 12.

As this academic year ends – we would like to wish everyone a happy summer break and a well done to all students in 6th form for their hard work. We look forward to celebrating year 12 successes in their assembly this Friday.

We are still taking sixth form applications from Year 11 to join us in September 2026.

Your sincerely,

Mr Bala
Director of Post 16



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13th July 2026

Our Ref: SBO.KH.3638

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Benedict's Law

I am writing to inform you about the introduction of Benedict's Law, which aims to improve the safety and protection of children and young people with severe allergies by ensuring schools are well prepared to respond to an allergic emergency.

At Gospel Oak School, the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our highest priority. In response to this new legislation, we have taken a number of important steps to ensure we are fully prepared.

All staff at Gospel Oak School, including teaching staff, support staff, catering staff and external professionals who work with your son or daughter, are receiving training in recognising the signs of anaphylaxis and the correct use of adrenaline auto-injectors (EpiPens).

In addition, we have increased the number of emergency EpiPens available across the school site. These are strategically located so that one is only a few minutes away from any area of the school, enabling staff to respond quickly should an emergency arise.

For parents and carers of children with a prescribed adrenaline auto-injector, we kindly ask that you continue to ensure your son or daughter carries their prescribed EpiPen with them at all times while at school. We also ask that you ensure:

- A spare prescribed EpiPen is available in our First Aid department.
- Your son's/daughter's Individual Healthcare Plan is up to date and reflects their current medical needs.
- Any prescribed medication is in date and replaced before it expires.

We hope these measures provide reassurance that Gospel Oak School is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all students and that we are well prepared to respond should an allergic emergency occur.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your son/daughter's allergy management, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss S Bott
Head of School



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Great British Summer Savings

We know that the summer holidays can be an expensive time for families, so we wanted to share information about the Government's Great British Summer Savings scheme, which aims to help families enjoy affordable days out over the school holidays.

What is Great British Summer Savings?

From 25th June to 1st September 2026, the Government has temporarily reduced VAT from 20% to 5% on a range of family-friendly activities, helping to lower the cost of making memories together this summer.

The scheme includes reduced prices on:

- Children's meals in participating restaurants.
- Children's and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions.
- Admission to a wide range of participating attractions across the UK.

In addition, throughout August, children aged 5 to 15 in England can travel free on participating local bus services, making it even easier to enjoy days out together.

To help you find participating venues, the Government has launched an easy-to-use attraction finder. Simply enter your postcode to discover discounted attractions and experiences near you.

Visit: [Great British Summer Savings Attraction Finder](#)

We hope this information helps you make the most of the summer holidays while keeping costs down. There are lots of exciting opportunities to explore, learn and have fun together for less.

We wish you and your family a happy, safe and enjoyable summer.

Kind regards,

Miss S Bott
Head of School



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14th July 2026

Our Ref: AHi.KH.3643

Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Prohibition of Electric Scooters and Electric Bikes from September 2026

I am writing to inform you that, from September 2026, students will not be permitted to bring electric scooters or electric bikes onto the Gospel Oak School site.

This decision has been made to protect the safety of our students, staff and visitors. Electric scooters and electric bikes can travel at significant speeds, often with very little noise, making them difficult for pedestrians and other road users to anticipate. We are particularly concerned about the risk of collisions, serious injury, unsafe riding, carrying passengers and the use of these vehicles without appropriate safety equipment.

Privately owned electric scooters cannot legally be ridden on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes, parks or other public spaces. They may only be used on private land with the landowner's permission. Anyone using an electric scooter illegally could receive a fine or penalty points, and the scooter may be seized by the police.

Although some electric bikes are legal when they meet the required standards, we have seen an increase in modified and high-powered electric bikes that may not comply with the law. Due to the difficulties involved in checking the legality, power and safety of individual vehicles, all electric bikes will be prohibited from the school site.

From September, students must not:

- Ride an electric scooter or electric bike to school.
- Leave one at the school gates or elsewhere on the school site.
- Ride one on the school site at any time.

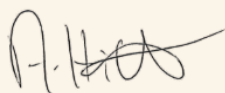
Please be aware that the school will not accept responsibility for any electric scooter or electric bike brought onto or left near the school premises. Any incidents of illegal or dangerous use may be reported to parents/carers, the police or other appropriate agencies.

Normal pedal-powered push bikes will continue to be permitted. Students travelling to school by bicycle should ride responsibly, wear a suitable helmet and secure their bicycle in the designated cycle-storage area.

We ask parents and carers to support this decision by ensuring that their son/daughter makes alternative arrangements for travelling to and from school before the beginning of the new academic year.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep the Gospel Oak community safe.

Yours faithfully,



Mr A Hickinbottom
Assistant Principal-Designated Safeguarding Lead



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17th July 2026

Our Ref: HN.KH.3649

Your Ref:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Crisis and Resilience Fund

We want to let you know about an important change to the way Sandwell Council provides financial help with food during the school holidays.

The Household Support Fund has now ended. Because of this, Sandwell Council has introduced a new Crisis and Resilience Fund to help families who are finding it hard to pay for everyday essentials, such as food and energy bills.

What is changing?

From now on, schools will no longer automatically send food vouchers to families whose son/daughter receive benefit-related Free School Meals during the school holidays. Instead, families who need help can apply to the new Crisis and Resilience Fund.

Who can apply?

The fund is open to anyone who is struggling to pay for food, including families who do not qualify for Free School Meals but still need support.

If your family is finding it difficult to afford food, you can apply for help up to three times each year.

The fund also offers advice and support to help families:

- manage their money
- access benefits and other support
- improve job opportunities
- avoid future financial problems

How to apply

Applications open on Monday 20th July 2026.

To apply or find out more, please visit:

www.sandwell.gov.uk/crf

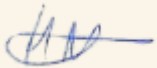
More help for families

There are also free activities and other support available, including:

- Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) – free holiday activities and meals for eligible children.
- Go Play Sandwell – free play sessions for families.
- Sandwell Valley Festival – a free family event on Saturday 1 August 2026 at Sandwell Valley Country Park.
- Visit Sandwell – ideas for free and low-cost family days out.
- Welfare Rights – advice about benefits, debt and financial support.
- Help with Food – support if you are struggling to afford food.
- Supporting Sandwell – information about help with the cost of living.

If you think your family may need support during the school holidays or at any other time of the year, we encourage you to apply.

Yours sincerely,



Hayley Nutting
Vice Principal



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6th July 2026

Our Ref: SBO.KH.3625

Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Could you help shape the future of our school?

We are looking for a parent/carer to join our governing board as a Parent Governor. This is an important opportunity to play a part in important decisions that shape the school's future and help ensure all pupils receive the best possible education and support.

The role involves:

- Attending a small number of meetings each year (usually, often in the evening)
- Working with school leaders to help guide the school's priorities; and
- Focusing on the big picture, rather than day-to-day running.

Further information can be found in the attached 'Parent Governor Role' file.

The term of office is 4 years and all governors are required to:

- Complete an Enhanced DBS check;
- Follow the Nolan Principles of Public Life-see [The Seven Principles of Public Life - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-seven-principles-of-public-life); and
- Act in the best interests of the school at all times.

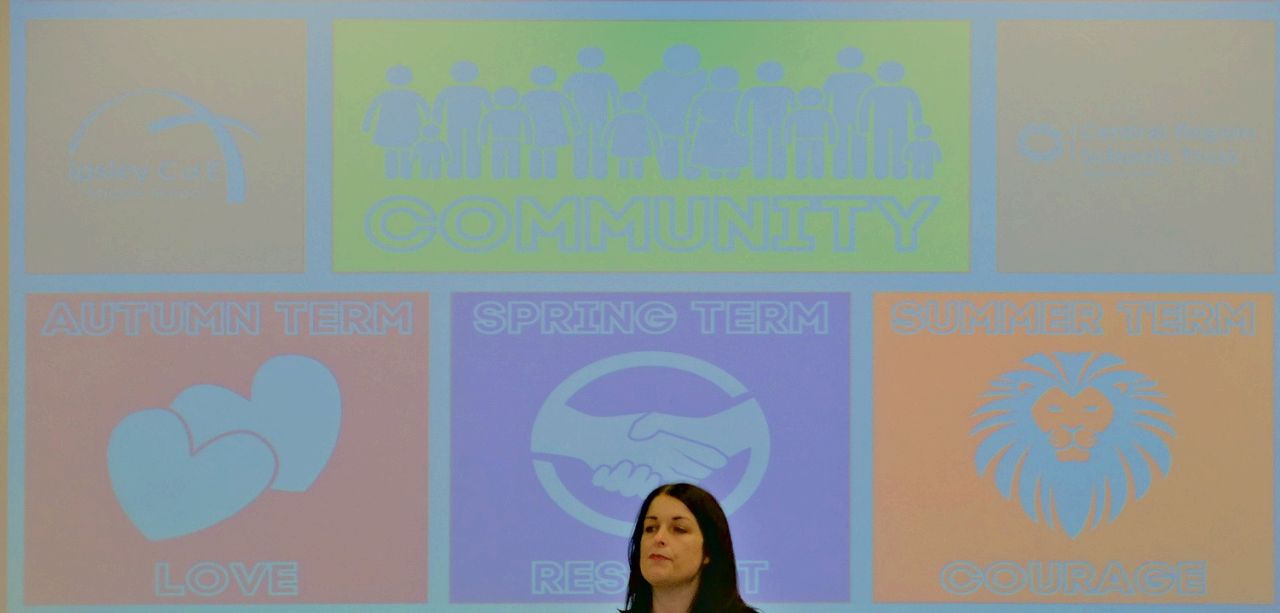
If you are interested, please complete the attached application form and return it to school (via email to info@gospeloak.crst.org.uk, post or dropping it off at reception) by Friday 4th September 2026. If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held.

We hope you will consider putting yourself forward and helping to make a positive difference to our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Bott
Head of School

Mrs J Tedstone
Chair of Governors



PARENT GOVERNOR ROLE



Central Region
Schools Trust

Founded by the RSA

INTRODUCTION

Are you passionate about education and committed to making a difference in the lives of children? We are seeking a dedicated Parent Governor to join the Local Academy Governing Board (LAGB) at Central Region Schools Trust (CRST).

At CRST, our vision is clear: Children First – High Achievement for All. As a Parent Governor, you will help shape the strategic direction of the school, ensuring our values and vision are embedded in everything we do.

Parent Governors bring a valuable parent/carer perspective, helping the governing board understand how policies and decisions are experienced by families. The role also offers opportunities to develop skills in strategic thinking, communication and governance, while contributing to the school's continuous improvement.



PARENT GOVERNOR ROLE

As a Parent Governor, you will:

- Champion the CRST vision by ensuring decisions reflect our commitment to putting children first.
- Act as a critical friend to school leaders, offering support and constructive challenge.
- Contribute to strategic planning, including reviewing the school development plan and monitoring progress.
- Monitor key areas such as pupil outcomes, safeguarding, curriculum delivery, staff wellbeing, and inclusion.
- Engage with training and development, including governance induction and Trust-wide learning opportunities.
- Uphold governance standards, including attending meetings and contributing to a culture of transparency.
- Champion the community - bringing a parental viewpoint while respecting confidentiality.

Parent governors cannot:

- Act as a Representative for All Parents. They bring a parental perspective but must not speak on behalf of the parent body.
- Engage in Day-to-Day Management. Parent governors cannot engage in operational matters, such as teaching methods, staff deployment, or classroom issues. Their role is strategic, not managerial.
- Raise Individual Complaints or Issues About Their Own Child. They must avoid using their position to resolve personal concerns. Complaints should follow the school's formal process, not board meetings.
- Make Decisions Alone. All decisions are made collectively by the governing board. Parent governors have no individual authority outside meetings.
- Breach Confidentiality. They cannot share sensitive information from meetings with other parents or the community.
- Focus Solely on Their Child's Needs. Their duty is to act in the best interests of all pupils, not just their own child.

Managing Conflicts of Interest:

- All governors must declare business or personal interests via the Declaration of Interest form.
- Parent governors must recuse themselves from discussions where a conflict arises, for example if the discussion involves your child or family.

Confidentiality:

- All governors must maintain confidentiality. Parent governors must not share board discussions with other members of the school community unless agreed by the LAGB.

Effective Governors:

- Help other governors understand the workings of the school.
- Take responsibility for their own learning and attend training with the support of the Governance team and the school
- Act impartially and make decisions in the best interests of pupils.
- Term of Office: 4 years (you may resign during your tenure)

Interested?

- Contact the school office for further information
- Join us in shaping the future of our school – because at CRST, children come first.

MISSION, VISION VALUES.

MISSION – SUPPORTING SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOLS

To promote opportunity and social justice for every child through exceptional schools.

VISION – WHAT CRST HOPES TO ACHIEVE:

As a Trust founded by The Royal Society of Arts, our exceptional schools work together to create learning that is inspirational for all: igniting imagination and enabling creativity and curiosity which results in the highest achievement.

People are valued and happy, developing their knowledge, attributes, skills and networks for success and fulfilment. In our empowered communities, everything is possible and aspirations are high. Outcomes are highly impressive.

VALUES – THE ETHICS AND DRIVERS OF CRST:



Integrity - Integrity in everything we do, in our leadership and practice, in our approach and in the ways we build the character of our children.



Creativity - Creativity is fostered to encourage powerful thinking into practical action.



Community - Building empowered communities and networks where everything is possible and aspirations are high.



Excellence - Excellence in leadership, teaching and learning, resulting in excellent outcomes for every child.



Respect - Respect for others is intrinsic in all our behaviours and ensures we embrace all strands of inclusion.

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Need more advice?

Please see our website
(Central Region Schools Trust
– Founded by the RSA)

Governor Application Form

Safeguarding and Recruitment Statement

Central Region Schools Trust follows Department for Education expectations for safe recruitment of governors and trustees. Governors have statutory safeguarding responsibilities, including the requirement to understand and monitor safeguarding as part of board duties (per Keeping Children Safe in Education).

Governance recruitment must also ensure an appropriate balance of skills, diversity, and experience, as set out in DfE governor recruitment guidance (updated November 2025).

Shortlisted applicants will undergo:

- Enhanced DBS check (including Children's Barred List where appropriate)
- Identity checks
- Reference checks
- Online/social media screening in line with safer recruitment expectations

Personal Details	
Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss etc)	
First Name	
Surname	
Any previous names (please include dates of change if applicable)	
Date of Birth	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone numbers	
Home	
Work	
Mobile	
Email address	

Governor Role being applied for

Name of School	
Local Academy Governor	
Community Governor (CofE Schools only)	
Parent Governor	
Staff Governor	
Please confirm you understand the role involves: • Attending scheduled LAGB meetings • Completing mandatory safeguarding and governance induction • Undertaking school monitoring as required • Upholding the Trust's values and governance code of conduct	Yes/ No

Eligibility to Serve as a Governor

<i>(Governors must meet statutory eligibility requirements; disqualification checks are essential.)</i>		
Please tick YES or NO to each statement:	Yes	No
I am aged 18 or over		
I am not disqualified from acting as a charity trustee.		
I am not disqualified under company director disqualification rules.		
I am not barred from regulated activity with children.		
I am not subject to a Section 128 prohibition.		
I am not disqualified due to conduct, insolvency, or criminal restrictions related to governance (as per statutory regulations)		
Do you have any unspent or relevant spent convictions, cautions, reprimands or warnings?		
If yes, provide details: _____		

Safeguarding and Training Requirements

<i>(DfE governor safeguarding expectations include compulsory safeguarding training and understanding statutory duties)</i>		
Please tick YES or NO to each statement:	Yes	No
I understand that safeguarding is a core function of governance.		
If appointed, I will complete safeguarding and child protection training (including online safety) and any other mandatory training as requested by CRST		
I agree to read Keeping Children Safe in Education (Part 1 / Annex A as directed).		

Governance Experience and Skills

Please outline your experience or skills in the following areas (if applicable): • Strategic leadership • Education or SEND • Safeguarding • Community engagement
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Summary of relevant skills and experience:

Please summarise your understanding of the role of a school governor within an academy trust:

Why do you want to become a governor for Central Region Schools Trust?

Conflicts of Interest

Please tick YES or NO to each statement:	Yes	No
Are you related to, or closely connected with, any CRST staff, members, governors, trustees, or pupils? If yes, provide details: _____		
Do you hold governance roles in other schools or organisations? If yes, provide details: _____		
Do you have any business or financial interests that might conflict with CRST governance? If yes, details: _____		

Current Employment Details

Please provide details of any current employment.

Are you currently employed?

YES ☐

NO ☐

If **yes**, please provide details

Job Title	
Company Name	
Company Address	
Company Tel No	
How long have you worked there?	
If you are currently employed in more than 1 role, please provide same details for any employer below:	

References

*Please supply the name, address and occupation of two persons for references, one of which should be your current employer (if currently employed). This should **not** be a member of your family and must have known you for a minimum of 2 years.*

Reference 1	
Name	
Address	
Tel No	
Email address	
Relationship	
Occupation	

Reference 2	
Name	
Address	
Tel No	
Email address	
Relationship	
Occupation	

Data Protection (UK GDPR 2018)

The Trust will process your personal data for recruitment, safeguarding and governance administration in accordance with the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.

Applicant Declaration

I confirm that:

- The information provided in this application is accurate and complete.
- I understand that any false information may lead to withdrawal from the recruitment process or removal from office.
- I agree to the required safeguarding and suitability checks.
- I will adhere to the Trust's governance code of conduct if appointed.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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12th June 2026

Our Ref: HN.KH.3602

Your Ref:

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Free School Meals - Could Your Family Be Eligible?

We want to make sure that every student gets the best education and support possible. Eating a healthy meal during the school day can help young people stay focused, learn better and build healthy habits for life. The criteria for eligibility for free school meals is changing so that anyone receiving universal credit can claim. Your son, daughter or young person may be able to get free school meals if you receive certain benefits or support. By applying, you could also help the school receive extra funding through the Pupil Premium. This money can be used to provide additional support for students, such as extra teaching, tutoring, resources and after-school activities.

If you think your family may now qualify for free school meals, please contact the school. We will be happy to help you with the application process. You only need to complete the application form once. The local authority will then check your eligibility each year to make sure you still qualify.

We take your privacy seriously. Any personal information you provide will be kept safe and secure. We will pass it on to the local authority who will only use it to check whether your family is entitled to free school meals. In some cases, the information may be shared with other Council services to help identify other support and benefits that may be available to your family.

If you would like to check whether your son/daughter can receive free school meals, please complete the form attached (also available in paper form at school) and return it to the school office either in person or by email. If you would like us to help you with this, please contact us. Please note that there will be the opportunity to apply using an online form but not until *after* 1st September 2026 where claims may take longer to process.

The local authority is currently checking the eligibility of all students who are currently receiving free school meals. If you no longer qualify, they will write to you before 1st September 2026. If you have any concerns regarding this, please get in touch.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Hayley Nutting
Vice Principal

Section 1: Children whose parent/legal guardian receive any of the following are entitled to free school meals

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Yes		No	
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[illegible]

First name of Child 4										Surname of Child 4									
Date of birth (Child 4)					School Child 4 Attending														

Please complete an additional form if your application is for more than four children.

NOW COMPLETE YOUR CONSENT AND SIGN THE DECLARATION BELOW PLEASE

Section 4: Your Consent

✓ Pleasetick

☐ I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for free school meals to verify my initial, and ongoing, entitlement; and that you may contact other sources, such as the Department for Education (DfE) as allowed to confirm this.

Please note that where successful, your details will be passed to the applicable school.

If you do not consent to the above we cannot proceed with your application, so please ensure that you have read and ticked the box before submitting this application form.

The following is optional and does not have to be completed for this form to be processed.

☐ I agree that should my initial application be refused; further checks can be automatically made so I can be asked to complete an application form if I later become entitled.

The Data Controller for the information held about you for this purpose is Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury B69 3DB. Phone 0121 569 2200. The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at the above address and through email at DP_Officer@sandwell.gov.uk

The information on this form, where you have given us consent to use, will ONLY be used for that purpose and for no other. Where you have not provided us with consent, the information will not be used by the council.

The information provided under consent will only be used and shared for the purposes outlined on this form. However, when a legal duty is placed upon the council then the council will consider the sharing of your information in accordance with that duty (e.g. police etc.).

At any point, you have the right to withdraw your consent by contacting the office below. For further information in relation to how the council will use your personal information, including how long it will be retained for, please see the council's full privacy notice at www.sandwell.gov.uk/privacynotices

Section 5: Your Declaration

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority purposes. I agree to the local authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the local authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

In accordance with our service standards, eligible claims will be processed within five working days from receipt of completed application forms. However, if you require further information or assistance, please contact the Free School Meals Team on 0121 569 8186 or 8189.

Please return your completed form to your child's school or alternatively, post it to;
Education Benefits, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury B69 3DB

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Your School Meals Caterer.

Mellors is a proud, family-run education caterer with a passion for serving up seriously tasty, wholesome meals in schools and further education settings. With over 350 sites across the North, Midlands, and beyond, we're all about bold flavours, exciting menus, and memorable foodie experiences – right down to the very last crumb!

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Unity Brew Community Cafe

ONE YEAR Celebration

We're celebrating an incredible first year of Unity Brew being open, powered by Groundwork West Midlands, and we'd love you to join us in marking the occasion!

**23RD JULY
10AM-1PM
15 UNITY WALK DY4 8QL**

ENJOY A FREE SLICE OF CAKE

WHAT'S ON

- Children's play and creative activities
- Planting activities for all ages
- Free wildflower seeds to take home
- Free energy efficiency advice for your home
- Nature-inspired crafts

Groundwork West Midlands

Sandwell Libraries & Archives

SANDWELL Summer Festival

INCLUDING NATIONAL PLAYDAY

FREE!

Stage performances, Sports Field, National Playday Zone, Blind Dave's Colour Run, Theatre Shows, Food Village, Meet Sandwell Hub, Youth Zone

**SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026 | 11AM TO 5PM
SANDWELL VALLEY COUNTRY PARK, B71 4BG**

Scan the QR code for more info and to book your place

VisitSandwell.com/sandwellssummerfest

**WHAT'S ON JULY 2026
TIPTON LIBRARY**

Telephone: 0121 569 4944
email: tipton_library@sandwell.gov.uk
Address Victoria Road, Tipton, DY4 8SR

Sandwell Libraries & Archives

Monday

Art Group
12pm - 3pm
Paint, draw or sketch at our relaxing Art Group
All welcome



Tuesday

Needles and Pins
10.30am - 12 noon
Sewing group including Tapestry, embroidery and needlepoint
All welcome



Wednesday

Knit and Natter
12pm - 2pm
Join our popular group, knit, crochet or simply natter over a cuppa and a biscuit
All welcome



Friday

Chatty Café
First Friday every month
11am - 12.30pm
Have fun & meet new friends at Tipton Library's Chatty Café. Free tea and coffee and fun activities including chair Yoga. All welcome



Friday

Scrabble Group
1pm - 4pm
Test your skills at our friendly scrabble group. All welcome



Children's Activities

Tuesday

Play, Talk, Read
10.30am - 11.30am
Join us in the library for fun interactive story sessions and craft activities



Saturday

Sandy Bear story time
Stories for children under 5
10.15am - 10.45am



Take part in Sandy Bear's challenges and collect a stamp for each one you Complete

OPENING TIMES

Mon	9.30am - 6pm
Tue	9.30am - 1pm
Wed	9.30am - 5pm
Thu	CLOSED
Fri	9.30am - 5pm
Sat	10am - 1pm
Sun	CLOSED

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Activities & Events

Monday 6

10.30am - 12pm

Safer 6 event -

Scam Awareness Session
West Bromwich Building Society will be here for a fraud and scam awareness presentation designed to help the public identify financial crimes, protect their money, and stay safe online and offline.



Wednesday 8

11am - 2pm

Safer 6 event - Tipton Safe and Well Fair

A range of community partners and organisations are coming together to improve awareness of local health services including

- Physical health and wellbeing
- Mental health support
- Cancer awareness and screening
- Healthy lifestyles and weight management
- Smoking cessation
- Family and children's services
- Cost of living and welfare advice
- Social prescribing and community activities
- Welfare advice



Monday 13

11.30am - 1pm

Police Surgery

Tipton Police hold regular local "drop-in" surgeries where you can meet your local PCSOs, discuss neighbourhood concerns, and get crime prevention advice.



Saturday 11, 18 & 25

10.30am-12pm

Councillor Surgery

A chance to raise any issues or concerns with your local Councillor Richard Jeffcoat

Friday 31

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Sandwell Stanzas

Open mic poetry night. If you love poetry, these nights are for you! Open to all
Free entry
Refreshments available



Summer fun at Tipton Library
Our full programme of events and activities available soon

ACTIVITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

ACTIVITIES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES

Holiday Activities and Food for Children and Young People in Sandwell
 FREE activities available during the Easter, Summer and Winter School Holidays for eligible children.
www.holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES in OLDBURY

African French Speaking Community Support

at Langley Lodge

Keyboard & Guitar Summer Camp for children aged 5-16. Learn basic keyboard and guitar skills, rhythm, teamwork, creativity, and confidence through enjoyable music sessions, group activities, and a beginner-friendly tuition.

Steppingstones in the Community

at St John's Community Centre

Join us for a Summer of fun. Activities include games, arts and crafts, sports, outdoor games, park visits, nature walks. **Our weekly trips include** bowling, Laser Tag, Sea Life Centre and Dudley Zoo.

NEW!

Fantastic Journeys

at The Oak Tree

Creative Arts activities for children with SEND. There will be opportunities for music, singing, dance, drama and multisensory exploration.

SEND **Specialist Camp**

Earls Gymnastics

at Earls Gymnastic Club

Join Earls Gymnastics & Activity Camp for action-packed holiday fun including gymnastics, ninja challenges, parkour, sports, games, themed activities, arts and crafts, and healthy meals. A safe, active, and engaging holiday experience for children.

Youth Service – HAF Parks Programme

at Lion Farm

A summer of **free outdoor activities** awaits 11-19 year olds including multi sports, creative sessions, gaming, graffiti art, the Youth Bus, competitions, and mobile climbing wall.

Lion farm Action Centre

at St James Church

Fun Summer activities for **Children age 8-12 years**. Includes, sports, recycled crafts, cooking and free play. Make friends, get creative and learn something new.

Wild Earth Movement: ROBLOX TRAIL

at Barnford Park

Back by popular demand, Wild Earth Movement's ROBLOX trail is back, this time within the grounds of Barnford Park. Search high and low for Robux coins along the trail and jot down what you find! Along the way you may find paper body parts to build your very own Roblox character. Bring together a hairstyle, face, top, trousers and accessory to create your character and join us back at the starting hub to show us your creations! Play a game of spin the wheel to determine your start point on the trail, and join us back at the starting point to receive your plastic free treat bag once you have found all 15 Robux coins and built your character.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES in TIPTON

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Awesome Dance & Performing Arts

at Dudley Zoo trip and Dudley Canal & Tunnel Trust

Join us for a fantastic day out at where children and their parents can come together and enjoy this fun day out to gether.

Sandwell Youth Service

at The Coneygre Centre

Coneygre Arts Centre presents The Masked Singer. Become the star behind the mask in this creative four-session holiday experience, designing characters, building confidence and performing in a fun Masked Singer-style show for ages 11-19.

SEND **Specialist Camp**

The Elite Church

at Owen Street

Join us for Afrobeat dance, outdoor adventures, creative workshops, games and healthy meals. A fun, active and supportive space for children to make friends, build confidence and enjoy an exciting summer experience.

NEW!

Kids

at Brook Street Community Centre

We run specialist family activities for families with children with any kind of disability and their siblings. We ensure each activity is safe and suitable whilst being fun and exciting.

SEND **Specialist Camp**

Life in Community

at Brook Street Community Centre

Were back! Doing what we do best. Bringing you fun, friendship, food and adventure to create another Epic Summer. Bringing you all your favourite sessions along with some new adventures to try.

Life in Community

at Brook Street Community Centre

Just for Teens! Your space to socialise, try something new, even learn new skills whilst having fun with your mates this Summer. In the words of Olivia Dean, 'Already gave you the time and the place so, don't be shy...' **SEND Camp for 11-16 year olds.**

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Warrens Hall Riding School

at Warrens Hall Riding School

Join us this Summer at Warrens Hall Riding School and learn the basics of horse and pony care! Activities include Stable Management, Pony Grooming and Lead Rein Riding, as well as lunch and craft activities.

Specialist SEND Camp also available

Oldbury United

at Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy

Enjoy a action-packed days full of football, multi-sports, team challenges, healthy meals and confidence-boosting fun and good food.

Ideal for All

at Solop Drive Market Garden

Fun 'hands-on' seed-to-plate growing, cooking, outdoor play for children & young people, including SEND, where **whole families welcomed**. Dig, plant, harvest, cook & eat together. Learn where food comes from & build confidence at our community gardens.

Genius Tuition

at Lightwoods Primary Academy

Give your child a summer to remember! Our holiday club features **"Crazy Science"** experiments that spark curiosity. Trips to trampoline parks and petting zoos.

4 Community Trust

at Burnt Tree Primary School

One World, One Summer, One Team - 4CT holiday club offers sports, STEM, cooking, culture, creative activities and healthy meals. Children can make friends, build confidence, stay active and enjoy summer with 4CT.

The Albion Foundation

at Portway Lifestyle Centre

A fun, inclusive environment where every child can thrive. **Our SEND HAF camps** focus on tailored, multi-sports activities delivered by experienced disability coaches, encouraging confidence, social interaction, fun and enjoyment.

Sports Plus Scheme

at Trivildale Hall Primary School

A camp where children can experience physical and enrichment activities such as dodgeball, football, dance, tennis, archery, scooter hockey, tri-golf, ultimate frisbee any many more. A fun and engaging camp where children can also make new friends.

KIDS

at Langley Park Lodge

Kids will run specialist family activities for families with children with any kind of disability and their siblings. We ensure each activity is safe and suitable whilst being fun and exciting.

SEND **Specialist Camp**

Premier Education

at St Huberts

Experience the thrill of **Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball**, Fencing, and Archery! Led by school based experts, offering inclusive sports and crafts for a fun-filled, high-energy holiday.

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ELP Sports at Joseph Turner Primary School A fun-filled holiday! An exciting opportunity to stay active, build confidence, and make new friends through a variety of fun sports, activities and trips.	Kore Sandwell at Tipton Sports Academy A fun, engaging holiday provision that delivers a variety of sports specific activities, arts and crafts, health and nutrition and team based games (indoors & outdoors).	Sandwell Youth Service at Malthouse Activity Days and Overnight Residential experiences are on offer for 11-19 year olds. Enjoy the spirit of Adventure and Outdoor Learning through Canoeing / Kayaking / Climbing / Abseiling / Archery / Mountain Biking and lots of FUN!
Youth Service – HAF Parks Programme at Victoria Park This summer brings free adventures across Sandwell's parks for 11-19 year olds, with creative fun, friendly competitions, exciting challenges, the Youth Bus on tour, plus skatepark coaching!	Time Step Dance at The Coneygre Centre Fun arts activities and get yourself a national award from Trinity College London. We have cheerleading, street dance, graffiti workshops, Bollywood dance, beading workshops and tie dye workshops and lots more!	The Elite Church at Victoria Park Enjoy sports, new paddle courts, crafts, and nutrition workshops. Expert-led, high-energy fun for every child.



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES in WEDNESBURY

Friar Park Millennium Centre at Friar Park Millennium Centre We are offering enriching and creative activities for young people aged 5-16. These include sports coaching, exciting trips, cooking and use of all the facilities at the newly refurbished organisation.	Kids at Chestnut Tree Kids will run specialist family activities for families with children with any kind of disability and their siblings. We ensure each activity is safe and suitable whilst being fun and exciting.	Centre Spot at Leisure United Activities for children aged 6-13 years. Come and take part in sports, craft, as well as fun competitions. Children will be provided with a hot nutritious meal each day.
Ideal for All at Barlow Road Community Garden Fun 'hands-on' seed-to-plate growing, cooking, outdoor play for children & young people, including SEND, where whole families welcomed. Dig, plant, harvest, cook & eat together. Learn where food comes from & build confidence at our community gardens.	Pilot IMS at Wednesbury Leisure Centre A fun, safe holiday camp with sports, swimming, arts, crafts, cooking, cinema trips, and adventurous activity outings for children aged 5-16.	Sandwell Deaf Community Association at Wednesbury Leisure Centre Open to Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deafblind children and young people, Cochlear Implant and hearing aid users, those with hearing loss and CODAs aged 8-17.
4 Community Trust at Elm Tree Primary Academy One World, One Summer, One Team – ACT SEND HAF is a fun, inclusive club with adapted sports, STEM, cooking, culture, sensory play and healthy meals. Children can make friends, build confidence and enjoy summer with 4CT.	The Albion Foundation at Leisure United Active, fun-filled days designed for every child to enjoy. Our camps offer engaging multi-sports activities led by enthusiastic coaches, promoting teamwork, friendship, and a love for staying active in an inclusive environment.	Aspire Active Camps at Tameside Primary Academy Our provision blends swimming, sport, wellbeing and healthy lifestyles to build resilience and character. Through daily sports, games, team challenges, children develop skills, confidence, teamwork.



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES in WEDNESBURY

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Pilot IMS at Wednesborough Ormiston Academy A fun, safe holiday camp with sports, swimming, arts, crafts, cooking, cinema trips, and adventurous activity outings for children aged 5-16.	Kids at Wednesbury Leisure Centre Kids will run specialist family activities for families with children with any kind of disability and their siblings. We ensure each activity is safe and suitable whilst being fun and exciting.	Youth Service – HAF Parks Programme at Brunswick Park This summer brings free adventures across Sandwell's parks for 11-19 year olds, with creative fun, friendly competitions, exciting challenges, the Youth Bus on tour, plus skatepark coaching!
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