Meet North Petherwin & Werrington Governors



Bill Willis (Co-opted Governor & Chair of Governors)

I am the Chair of Governors at Werrington and North Petherwin Schools and I have specific responsibilities for data and curriculum development. I chair governing body meetings and regularly meet with the senior leaders at both schools to ensure they are able to deliver a high-quality learning environment for all pupils. Now retired from fulltime work, I am active within the local community, volunteering across different sector from young to older people, including Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, Bell Ringing, Nordic Walking and working with Age UK.



Jonny Philipotts (Head of School)

Sue Willis (Co-opted Governor)

After a rewarding career working for both the UK Civil Service and US Government and latterly in a Kent local school for children with individual and complex needs. My family and I moved to Cornwall nearly 7 years ago. As soon as we moved my son joined North Petherwin Primary School. The school teachers, staff and parents were so welcoming and supportive, I decided to volunteer to be a school governor having volunteered as Secretary of a PTFA previously in Kent. I lead on safeguarding at both North Petherwin and Werrington schools and ensure that processes and policies are in place and followed to keep the children and staff safe. I am a Parish Clerk in Devon and in my spare time,I am often found on the country lanes walking my dog, gardening and enjoying our beautiful village.



Phil Marriott (Co-opted Governor)

I've lived in North Petherwin for over 10 years having moved here after our daughters grew up & left home. I've been a governor since 2021 & was previously a school governor at my daughters' primary school (many years ago!), & have taken on the role again to become more active in the local community since retiring & no longer working away from home.

I have broad business experience having worked in retail, travel & most recently in the health insurance sector. During my career I've worked in a variety of businesses from global multi-national companies to small start-ups, managing projects & the delivery of business strategy.



Mary Hairs (Parent Governor)

My three children currently attend North Petherwin School and pre-school. It is also the school I went to myself from age 6 until 11! I grew up in the local area and after moving away for a few years to study Nursing at the University of Hertfordshire followed by 2 years working in a large hospital in Brighton, I returned to Cornwall in 2010. I love bringing up my own family here, with a good support network of wider family and friends nearby. After the birth of my third child I resigned from my position of local health visitor so that I could focus on my young children and get involved in the local community more. I am looking forward to getting stuck in with my governor role across both schools and will be taking the lead on monitoring provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities.



Jo Keenan (Co-opted Governor)

I've worked as a primary school teacher in New Zealand and the UK, an environmental educator and a museum and gallery educator in different parts of the UK for over a decade.

Currently I work in Human Resources for my husband's green technology company. Despite my New Zealand accent, my grandfather was Cornish, and I've lived in North Petherwin for over three years and in the UK for over twenty!

In my spare time I enjoy getting out on my bike, travelling, reading, listening to music, gardening and spending time with friends and our cat who is a real character! I wanted to become a Governor as I feel just as passionately about education now as I did when studying to be a teacher!

Charlotte Prout (Parent Governor)

I live in the lovely village of Yeolmbridge with my husband, 2 kids (who both attend Werrington school/preschool), and 2 dogs.

As of last year, I had worked in retail management for the last 13 years but with the kids growing up fast and my youngest being poorly when she was born, it made me realise I wanted to spend more time home with the family. I am now a stay-at-home mum and office administrator for my husband's building business.

Being a governor was never something I thought about until I was approached. It is something I am now excited about and hope I will be an asset to the board.

Jodie Trevorah (Staff Governor)