

Meet the Governors of CSPA

John Edwards

Originally from East London, John later moved to Shenfield, Essex, with his wife Valerie and their three young children. In 2007, with their children now flown the nest, they relocated to Gozo, Malta and later Valencia, Spain. In October 2023, they returned to the UK and moved here to CSP. They have a granddaughter in her last year at our school. During the time John lived in Brentwood, John was trustee and chair of the Citizens Advice Bureau, trustee of the Chamber of Commerce and a volunteer at Home Start. John also spent many years managing and helping to run the local boys under 12 football club. In Malta, he joined the Red Cross, achieving First Responder qualification. John was also trustee and chair of Gozo Home Start, as well as running the village boys and girls soccer teams. John says "I very much look forward to making a positive contribution to the welfare and success of our school and to ensure that our teachers are provided with the best tools and support to make this happen".

Kellam Greenwood

I really enjoy serving the school and it's leadership team as a governor. I have lived in the area for over 25 years and our son attended the school. My professional background is varied. After a short time in catering I joined an international food retailing organisation working for many years on the operational side of the business. Following this I took a head office role with responsibility for selection, assessment and career development. I then ran my own consultancy business for 12 years coaching senior executives and advising organisations on individual and team performance. I am very supportive of the underpinning Christian ethos of the school and am involved in one of the local village churches.

Revd. James King CBE

Following graduation from Kings' College, London in English and Theology I taught for seven years in secondary modern, grammar and comprehensive schools serving as Head of English, Head of Year and staff governor. Thereafter I joined the UK public service as a home civil servant and UK diplomat for 24 years working domestically and internationally in North America, Europe and the Middle East on conflict resolution and peacemaking. I was particularly engaged in the Irish Peace Process for which I was awarded a CBE. I subsequently worked for a global investment bank leading work on managing international risk. My wife and I moved to Chalfont St Peter in 1977 and both of our children attended Chalfont St Peter Middle School (now CSPA) where I served on the PTA. We now have a grandchild at the school. I was ordained as an Anglican clergyman in 2001 and have served in various churches since 2008 periodically as an Associate Priest in Chalfont St Peter. I am delighted at the close relationship between the parish church and CSPA. I have served previously on our academy governing body and was delighted to return for a further term commencing October 2021. I am Chair of Governors at Chalfont St Peter Infant School.

Tom Kitching

Tom Kitching is a Professor of Astrophysics at UCL. He lectures in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Systems Engineering and Astrophysics, and has over 18 years of data science experience. He is one of the leads of a European Space Agency and NASA astrophysics space telescope called Euclid. He is one of the Member appointed governors; he is a member of St James Church Gerrards Cross, and sits on their PCC.

Jeremy Owen

Jeremy was appointed as a parent Governor in 2022 when his son Albert joined the school. He is keen to take an active interest in the school and ensure the already high standards are upheld and the staff and pupils are given the best we can offer them. Originally from Worcester he attended the prestigious Kings School Worcester after which he decided he wanted to pursue his career in London. Jeremy moved to Wexham with his wife Emma in 2018 and they have been married for 10 years. He works in London and runs an office for a well-known and one of London's oldest firms. In his spare time he likes to spend time with his family, walk Oreo their cockapoo, watch sport and build Lego with Albert. Jeremy is keen to get involved in every aspect of the school he can.

Jessica Redman

After my A Levels, I was successful in getting onto a scholarship programme in which I got to spend a wonderful year at a high school in Connecticut. On my return, I chose to learn some secretarial skills and got a job with a PR consultancy in London. I then switched to in-house press office work, firstly with a trade association which gave me opportunities to travel and get involved with trade exhibitions, and then with the Royal Institute of British Architects where I was Assistant Press Officer. Having taken a career break to have my two children, I decided to take a position as a teaching assistant at a local primary school and two years into that, the Head Teacher suggested I should apply for a course run by Oxford Brookes University in which I could study for a degree as a teacher and continue working in school. This was a major turning point in my life; I loved returning to study as a mature student but I also got to train alongside fellow teaching assistants, share experiences with them and work with a great variety of teachers and I knew without a doubt that education was where I needed to be. Four years later, I was qualified and I took up full-time teaching with St Mary's in Gerrards Cross and then Thorpe House School. Although I am now retired, education and children's welfare continue to be a huge passion and I am delighted to have joined the governing body so that I can continue to play a role in school life and contribute to our local community. I am a member of the parish church and also love music and theatre, both as a spectator and a performer.

Jas Sahota

My family have lived in Chalfont St Peter since 2016. The village was our ideal place to bring up our children. I joined the school governing committee as parent governor in March 2022. I am keen to support it in maintaining or, where possible, improving its excellent standards of education and care for its pupils. Since living in the village, I have previously served as parent governor at Chalfont St Giles Village School. I currently serve as a trustee at a sheltered housing organisation in the village. In my professional career I currently work at a university which is ranked in the world's top 10. My current role focuses on leadership, business partnering, strategy, service operations, service design and continual service improvement.

James Simmons

James moved to Chalfont St Peter in 1978 and grew up in the village. He moved to Woodley near Reading in 1996 and trained as a youth worker. He enjoyed over twelve years working in the local Church and community. James was given the opportunity to move back to Chalfont St Peter to work at Gold Hill Baptist Church and has served in many areas of church life. He is currently Community Pastor and Chair of Trustees for CSP Youth Centre. James says "Chalfont St Peter and the surrounding area is a great place to live and work. My hope and dream is to see all those in our community flourish" He is married to Helen and has two children – Sophie and Joshua. He enjoys supporting Watford FC, eating out and catching up with friends and family.