

## Governors' Annual Report to Parents 2024–25

### Introduction

This report provides an overview of Mundeford Community Infants School's progress and priorities for the academic year 2024–25. It reflects the school's commitment to continuous improvement, informed by the latest Ofsted inspection and our strategic development plan.

### Ofsted Inspection Summary – June 2024

Late in last academic year, we were visited by Ofsted. The school continues to be rated as 'Good'. Inspectors highlighted the inclusive ethos, strong community values, and effective teaching in core subjects. Pupils feel safe and behave well, and parents are highly supportive. The curriculum in English and mathematics is well-established, and pupils achieve highly in these areas by the end of Year 2.

Areas identified for improvement included refining teaching to better address misconceptions and ensuring deeper knowledge acquisition in wider curriculum subjects. This has fed directly into this year's School Development Plan, and informed our priorities for this year. Governors were encouraged to strengthen their oversight and knowledge to support our strategic role – which again we have spent the last year working on.

### School Development Plan Priorities 2024–25

The school's leaders and governors identified four strategic priorities for the year back in September:

- 1. Teaching & Learning** – Emphasis on ensuring consistent language of learning, modelling, and understanding across the curriculum for children and teachers.
- 2. Behaviour & Relationships** – Focus on supporting the children to move calmly and sensibly between different parts of the day to best support a positive learning environment for everyone.
- 3. Curriculum** – Development of subject-specific content which allows children's learning to evolve and build on prior learning
- 4. Professional Development** – Continued investment in staff expertise through tailored Continuous Professional Development and leadership opportunities.

Governors are pleased with how well the school leadership has progressed delivery against the SDP, and have had termly meetings with the school's leaders to discuss progress and next steps. Our attention will now turn to plans for the 25/26 year and how the senior leaders plan to evolve our plans to continue to maximise our happy confident children's ability to learn.

A summary of the full SDP can be found on the school's website here: [School Development Plan](#).

### **Governance and Oversight**

The governing body remains committed to supporting the school's strategic direction. Governors conduct regular visits and engage with staff and pupils to ensure the quality of education remains high. Moving forward, the board will enhance its oversight of operational systems and ensure all members complete required training.

If this sounds like something you can support the school with, please get in touch. We have a number of governor vacancies, which we'll be recruiting for next term, so we'd love to hear from you – please contact us at [governors@mundefordinf.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:governors@mundefordinf.dorset.sch.uk) to find out more.

### **Pupil Experience and Community Engagement**

It has been excellent to see pupils benefit from a broad range of experiences, including educational visits, community projects, and opportunities to showcase their learning over the course of the year. This includes trips to Longdown Farm, Beaulieu, Mundeford Woods, Stanpit Marsh, Hengistbury Head and Monkey World. Children have received water safety from the RNLI, road safety from the BP Road safety team, coastguard visit, Mini First Aid course for Year 2 pupils. Parents have tasted pancakes, been invited to a restaurant, artwork has been exhibited at Stewarts Garden centre as well as leaflets about Christchurch in the local library. Every Friday children have the opportunity to be in the Learning Garden thanks to volunteers from the community and parents. The school continues to promote physical and mental well-being, citizenship, and inclusion – it is important to the Governors that the school reflects its nature as a community school and that children are valued and valuable members of our Mundeford community.

### **Safeguarding and Attendance**

Safeguarding arrangements are effective. Staff are vigilant and responsive to pupil needs. Attendance remains strong, with very few pupils persistently absent, and overall rates amongst the very best in BCP and across the country. The school promotes a safe and supportive environment for all learners.

### **Closing Remarks**

The end of the year is always bittersweet as we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 2s, as they make the journey from Infants to Juniors. This year, we are also saying farewell and good luck to two excellent colleagues, Suzie Allkins our pastoral lead, and Lucy Sevier, one of our two reception teachers. We also say good luck and see you soon to India Dale, who is going on maternity leave. We welcome Maddie Cook as our new Dormice teacher and Liz Rippon as our Otters class teacher.

We thank all parents and carers for their continued support. The school remains focused on delivering high-quality education and fostering a nurturing environment for every child. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

Last but definitely not least, we hope all our parents, carers, children and school staff have a lovely and well-deserved break this Summer. We look forward to welcoming children back for their new academic year on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, but hope you have a long and restful summer first.

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Chair of Governors

For and on behalf of the Governing Body of Mundeford Community Infants School

#### Useful links

1. How to provide feedback to Governors:
  - Ofsted <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>
  - Email Governors directly [Governors@mundefordinf.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:Governors@mundefordinf.dorset.sch.uk)
2. Interested in becoming a Governor? We currently have two Parent Governor vacancies. To find out more, please contact the Governors by email on [Governors@mundefordinf.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:Governors@mundefordinf.dorset.sch.uk).