



Britannia

Primary School and Nursery

Developing responsible citizens, confident individuals and independent learners

Part of OXLIP Learning Partnership

Achieving success together

Governor Gallery

September 2025

Chair of Governors– Katie Smith (Trust appointed)



Katie joined the Governing board in December 2022. She focuses on Health and Safety and the school website. Katie's son is at the school. She has been a pharmacist for 27 years working in medicine information and more recently in quality control. As a governor, Katie wants to challenge and support the school to continually improve, allowing each child to develop to their full potential.

Katie has taken on the chair of Governor' from Sept 2025.

Vice Chair of Governors – Emma Baldry (Trust appointed)



Emma joined the governing board in late 2023 and has previously supported the school extensively as a member of the BFF, ABC nurse and other local children related charities. With her two children now at Copleston High School, she has offered to become a school Governor for Britannia.

As a senior nursing sister at Ipswich Hospital, Emma has experience managing large teams ensuring the best standard of care is delivered. Emma is keen to challenge Britannia ensuring that there is a high level of teaching, care, and support to all pupils, families and the wider community.

Vice Chair of Governors – David Richardson (Co-opted)



David joined the governing board in late 2023. David has one daughter who attends Britannia and he felt the time was right to become more involved in supporting the school.

David has over 30 years experience in the insurance and audit sector and brings in a wealth of transferrable skills including governance, risk management and people management.

Trust Governor – Clare Gleave



Clare teaches Maths at Copleston High School where her youngest son is also a student. Prior to this Clare was a senior leader at secondary schools in Suffolk and Essex where she led on whole school areas including curriculum, student progress, staff development and recruitment, student support and safeguarding.

Clare is passionate about the difference schools can make to children and young people’s lives and future prospects. Clare is a former Chair of Governors at another primary school.

Co-opted Governor – Jacqueline Cuthbertson



Jac joined the governing board in late 2023. She has one daughter who attends Britannia and wanted to become more involved in supporting the school.

Jac is a Civil Servant and has a background in taxation, accounting and management. She has previously worked for a disability charity and is passionate about reducing disabling barriers that people of all ages can encounter.

Co-opted Governor – Luca Liberti



Luca has a son at the school and wanted to use his professional skills to support the school community.

Luca is qualified solicitor; he specialises in employment tribunal litigation and has a strong background in equality law. He previously worked in HGV and haulage insurance management, developing expertise in compliance, risk, and regulation.

He is particularly passionate about ensuring that everyone has equal opportunities and is committed to supporting the school in maintaining an inclusive and fair environment for all pupils and staff.

Luca joined the BPS Governors in November 2024.

Parent Governor – Hannah Cooper



Hannah is a primary school teacher in Ipswich and her oldest daughter is a pupil at Britannia.

Hannah has recently joined the Governing board with a focus on reading.

In her own setting, Hannah is a phase leader and reading lead and she hopes her experience in schools will support her new role at Britannia.

Hannah applied for parent governor role so that she could contribute to the continued success at Britannia.

Hannah joined the BPS Governors in November 2024.

Trust Governor– Jean Rogers



Jean first joined the BPS Local Governing Body (LGB) in April 2019 and became the Vice Chair in September 2019 and Chair in August 2020 until August 2025.

As a volunteer, Jean believes that being a Governor gives you an opportunity to be a “critical friend” to the school as well as an opportunity to influence and challenge the school’s strategy and school improvement plan.

With over 30 years working in BT, Jean has developed a number of transferrable skills to ensure your children get the best possible learning opportunities.

Parent Governor - Vacancy

This could be your opportunity to help shape and guide the school.

Please contact the Chair of Governors via the school office if you are interested in finding out more about this role.

Head Teacher – Keith Hart

Staff Governor – Greg Williamson

