

Pen Portraits
The Governors of St Germans Primary School

Name	Type of Governor & Term of Office	Committee Membership & Governor Roles	
Mrs Emma Smith	LA Governor 27/02/2026	Chair of Governors Maths Governor	I have been a governor at St Germans since April 2022. I am a solicitor working for a firm in Plymouth specialising in dispute resolution. I was the Chair of Governors for Hyde Park Infants School in Plymouth for 5 years after serving for several years as a parent governor whilst my older 3 children attended that school. I now have 2 children at St Germans and live close by in Tredis. I am the treasurer for the Friends of St Germans and I take a great interest in the wellbeing of the school community.
Mrs Donna Orphan	Co-opted 12/09/2025	Finance & Premise Committee EYFS Governor Eco Schools/Personal Development Governor	My reasons for becoming a governor in 2017 was my ambition to obtain the best outcomes for children, young people, families and those involved within the school. I work closely with a number of organisations within the community, and have worked with children and young people voluntary for over 25 years.
Mrs Evelyn Reed	Co-opted 12/09/2025	Curriculum & Personnel Committee SEND/Vulnerable Groups Governor	I have been a governor since September 2017. I am a retired primary school teacher and now work as a volunteer helper at St Germans Community Shop and am a member of the Anglican Church and secretary to St Germans Group Parish Parochial Church Council. I am one of the Open the Book team who go into schools to act out Bible stories.
Mrs Claire Brewis	Co-opted 03/02/2027	Curriculum & Personnel Committee Whistleblowing Governor Health & Wellbeing Governor	I joined the Governors in 2019, as a way of becoming involved with, and making a contribution to, the local community. I have served as a governor twice before, at

			similar primary schools in the NE of England. I worked as an occupational therapist for over thirty years, 22 of which were in education. Combined with a PhD in psychology, this supports my role as health and wellbeing governor.
Mrs Karen Evans	Staff 19/9/23	Finance & Premise Committee	I have worked at St Germans' School since 2013. I am proud to work at the school and wanted to become a governor to broaden and strengthen the support I can offer. Outside of school I am a member of Girlguiding, running a Brownie unit as well acting as Assistant District Commissioner and District Treasurer and DBS Verifier. I feel it is an important part of school/community development to have a strong unified team working towards positive outcomes for our children.
Mr Chris Harris	Parent Governor 21/11/2025	Finance & Premise Committee On-Line Safety Governor Data Governor	I have been a member of the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines for 18 years and have served nearly half of that time at HMS Raleigh. I have additional expertise in instruction, 'Leadership and Management' and 'Coaching and Mentoring'. With children in Swans, Avocets and Kingfisher classes I have a fully invested interest in the running and future direction of the school.
Mr Scott Horner	Parent Governor 21/11/2025	Chair of Finance & Premise Committee Health & Safety Governor Sports Premium Governor	I am a practicing self-employed barrister specialising in civil litigation, having begun my career at the criminal bar. My practice takes me to court most days to represent clients from all different backgrounds involved in many different types of legal dispute. I live in St Germans and I am a former pupil of the school. My daughter, son and nephew now attend the school.
Mr Phil Hewlett	Co-opted 09/09/2026	Curriculum & Personnel Committee English Governor	My background is in education-specifically at primary level. I taught for some years at several

			<p>Plymouth schools before becoming head teacher at nearby Trenode C of E school. After ten very happy years there I moved to St Stephens school in Saltash where I was head for seventeen years. I have been retired for some years now but always retained a strong interest in how children learn and was, consequently, delighted to accept the offer of being a Governor at St Germans . My association with the school goes back nearly forty years through collaborative work in the roles mentioned above. This has always been seen as an excellent school and I am delighted that my two granddaughters now attend here.</p>
Mrs Georgina Reid	Co-opted 28/03/2027	Curriculum & Personnel Committee	