









	<p>Mark Carter (Chair of Governors)</p> <p>Mark Carter has been a governor at the School for many years. He has lived in Great Abington since 1985. His wife Jill taught at the school until her retirement in 2019 and their four children went to the School and then to LVC. He was Chair of Governors some years ago and became Co Chair in 2022. Mark is a community governor and a solicitor in a local law firm. Interests include reading, food, travelling, hiking, running and the outdoors when he gets the opportunity and also of course the grandchildren and pet sausage dog Pip!</p>
	<p>Rachel Clay (Chair of Governors)</p> <p>Rachel Clay has been an elected Parent Governor since September 2019. She became Co Chair in 2022. Rachel lives in Hildersham and is herself a past pupil of Gt Abington Primary School! She has previous experience of leadership within the Early Years sector. Rachel works part time in a large veterinary hospital.</p>
	<p>Neil Larkin (Vice Chair of Governors)</p> <p>Neil became a parent Governor in 2022, he is on the LTS committee. Neil has a daughter currently in Year 5. Neil is a relative newcomer to Abington having spent most of his career living and working in East London. During that time Neil has held various posts including class teacher of Geography and Deputy Head teacher in local authority secondary schools. Neil also spent several years as an advisory teacher and a lead officer for Children and Young People Services in Waltham Forest Local Authority. Neil hails from the North-East and follows Middlesbrough FC.</p>
	<p>Will Earl (Chair of LTS)</p> <p>William Earl is on the Full Governing Body and LTS committee. He works at The Leys School in Cambridge as a Geography teacher and Head of Extra Curricular activities which includes sport, music, drama and outdoor education. William lives in Hildersham, plays cricket for Abington and has long standing family connections to the village.</p>
	<p>Sally Phipps (Resources)</p> <p>Sally Phipps has worked in the retail logistics industry for 20+yrs and specialises in warehouse automation for a high street retailer. She is known for talking straight, being efficient and organised. Sally has lived in Abington since 2012 and is mum to two children (one in the school) and enjoys travelling with her family. Sally is a Co-opted Governor and is the Resources Chair and Governance Lead.</p>
	<p>Jess Robinson</p> <p>Jess Robinson is a Staff Governor and has taught at Great Abington since 2019. Over the past 16 years of working in Education, she has led teams across Nursery, EYFS and KS1, as well as leading areas of her interest such as Outdoor Learning, Phonics and PSHE. Jess' passions include travelling; her free time is packed with adventures all over the world, and more recently, on her paddleboard. Jess also enjoys playing and watching rugby, and encourages all children to get involved in team sports.</p>

	<p>Guy Underwood</p> <p>Guy Underwood has been Headteacher at Great Abington Primary School since being appointed in April 2014. Guy lives locally in Saffron Walden with his wife Michelle, two teenage boys and Stanly 'Pucci' the Spocker! Travel, golf and food are Guy's passions outside of school life. Prior to being Headteacher at Great Abington Guy worked in East London in a range of Educational roles.</p>
	<p>Alan Cooke</p> <p>Alan Cooke has been a resident of Abington for over twenty years. His son attended the primary school before LVC and Hills Road. He has worked in the pharmaceutical industry most of his life, starting with big Pharma but later he was involved in three start ups and moved two companies onto Granta Park. He has a long association with the Abington 10K, as course Director and Marshal coordinator and he is on the Recreation Ground Committee. He organises the annual Abington golf competition and he is a Trustee for the PTFA.</p>
	<p>Matt Davies</p> <p>Matt was appointed as a parent governor in 2023 and two of his children attend Great Abington Primary School. He is an academic archaeologist and anthropologist and currently the Deputy Director of the Institute for Archaeological Research at the University of Cambridge. His research explores the ecological history and archaeology of Eastern Africa and he has held a number of research, teaching and managerial roles at the University of Oxford, University College London, University of Cambridge and as a Director and Trustee of the British Research Institute in Nairobi, Kenya. Matt is deeply interested in the educational journey from Early Years to Higher Education and keen to support the school in its forward looking vision.</p>
	<p>Rob Aiano</p> <p>Rob was appointed as Parent Governor in January 2024, and has one child in Great Abington primary school. He also has two other children who attend Granta school and a young baby. Rob has held a team leader role as head of two households with 24 hr care with adults with mental health and learning disabilities, later on took a role in Addenbrookes hospital. In my spare time I am a keen cyclist with my children.</p>
	<p>Adrian Granger Brown</p> <p>Adrian assumed the role of Parent Governor in January 2024, bringing his desire for community engagement to the forefront. With a daughter in Year 1 and a son attending the nursery at Granta Park who will be joining his big sister at the school in 2025. Originally hailing from Kenya, Adrian and his wife embarked on a journey to the UK in 2013, having met in Cape Town. Professionally, Adrian serves as the head of the VAT Department for Illumina, a global genetics firm based on Granta Park and prior to this he has a background in the Safari industry across Kenya and Tanzania. Outside of his professional responsibilities, Adrian leads an active lifestyle, indulging in his passion for travel, running, and recently, immersing himself in the local fly fishing scene.</p>

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	Sue Blakeley
	Stuart Haynes