

Governor Pen Portraits

Rebecca Hadfield

I am proud to be the Headteacher of Bosley St. Mary's CE Primary School.

I am guided by the belief that every learner should flourish in school, that children can do amazing things, and that as educators our job is to make that happen. Our school may be small, but we are big in heart, ambition and potential. I am fortunate to work alongside colleagues and governors who are dedicated to building a flourishing school.

Like so many in our profession, I have always wanted to teach, although my journey has been different to many of my colleagues. I graduated with a degree in Law from the University of Sheffield in 2003 and then spent over a decade working in retail financial services. I held a range of management roles during the aftermath of the financial crisis which surprisingly has proved to be great grounding for my teaching career.

After a sabbatical in 2013-14, I made the decision to retrain as teacher and was awarded my PGCE from Staffordshire University in 2017. I came to Bosley on my second teaching placement in March 2017, loved the school and have never left! As well as being Headteacher, I teach part time and I am the school's SENDCo, Safeguarding Lead and science subject lead. No two days are the same and nor would I want them to be.

I am married to Gareth and mummy to Nell. Like other parents of energetic toddlers, my main hobby is finding ways to get five minutes peace!

Ruth Livingstone

I have recently been co-opted onto the Governing Body (June 2022). I have an extensive background in Education since beginning my teaching career in 1977. I have worked as a class teacher in a range of different schools across Cheshire East. I was headteacher of a small rural Church school very similar to Bosley St. Mary's. My career has taken me through all phases of education from early years to adult education and I am now working part time in Higher Education as a Lecturer in Teacher Training.

My passion for education has never dimmed and I am an advocate for 'lifelong learning'. My own development as a teacher was enhanced by becoming an Ofsted Inspector and being privileged to visit many different schools across the country. In addition to my lecturing role, I am also currently involved in delivering support and mentoring to new staff members as well as staff development and training programmes.

I have lived in Bosley since 2006 and a change in personal circumstances has meant that I am now able to devote time and my experience to support the staff and Governors of Bosley St. Mary's School and I am very much looking forward to becoming an established part of the team.

Lynsey Needham

I qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon in 2001 and have worked in local practice since 2005. I have lived in Bosley since 2009 when my husband and I moved into the family farm on Cloudside. Our two boys followed in their ancestors' footsteps by attending Bosley School. I like the caring nature that comes with the small setting, allowing the diverse range of personalities and abilities of the children be embraced, while pushing all to achieve as highly as they can.

I have a passion for driving the school-parent relationship particularly regarding communication and parental engagement. I attach the highest importance to the Safeguarding of children and have a strong interest in SEND provision within the school.

I joined the Governing Board in October 2016 as a Parent Governor and am now a Co-Opted Governor. I am Vice Chair.

Clare Calveley

I have two children at Bosley St Mary's Primary School, both are enjoying the education experience at Bosley, and this makes me feel supportive of the work and vision of the school.

My employment history includes working as a qualified teacher of Secondary Physical Education (BSc Sports Science & Administration and PGCE Secondary Physical Education) where I enjoyed teaching a variety of pupils in both a physical education and academic capacity. In 2002 I decided upon a career change and returned to university to study a BSc in Prosthetics and Orthotics. In 2005 I became a qualified Prosthetist/Orthotist and was a valuable member of a large multidisciplinary team treating a wide spectrum of amputees from paediatric to adult patients working in Manchester. After having my first child I became part time, working solely as a prosthetist at Haywood Limb Centre, Stoke on Trent.

I have also undertaken a variety of voluntary roles including running a children's summer play scheme and a bi-weekly Mums and Tot's Group. I enjoy visiting Bosley St Mary's on a weekly basis to listen to the children read and am the secretary of the school PTA.

I joined the Governing Board in March 2019 as a Parent Governor.

David Heath

I was born and raised on the family farm in Bosley and attended Bosley School from 1966 to 1972. My Father and Grandfather both attended as did my own children.

I continue to live on the farm having recently semi-retired from a larger agricultural business employing 20 staff on several farms in the local counties.

I am keen to see the children in Bosley School thrive and prosper in a caring loving environment.

I am married to Janet whose own children attended the school.

We spend our time looking after our dog, garden, farmhouse, land and expanding families.

I am a keen conservationist, enjoy music, books and all things "arty".

I joined the Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor in May 2022.

Anita Smith

My early childhood was spent in Mow Cop, before my family moved to Congleton when I was 8 years old. Having completed my GCSE and A-Level examinations, I travelled independently and worked on the Greek island of Skiathos.

I am married to Darren and have two children. My eldest son, Henry, is currently studying for a degree in Computer Science and my youngest son, Alife, is working towards his GCSE examinations in Year 11. We live in Congleton with our two dogs, a cat and a budgie.

My professional background includes various administrative roles, notably as a CQC Registered Manager at a private dental practice and later as Associate Director of Research Nursing for a Clinical Research Organisation.

Supporting my children's education inspired a passion for teaching, leading me to leave clinical research in 2018 to pursue teacher training. I graduated in 2021 with a First Class BA (Hons) degree in Primary Education with QTS from Staffordshire University, training in three schools across Crewe and Congleton.

Prior to applying for a teaching position at Bosley, I came for a tour of the school and immediately felt a sense of warmth and belonging and I knew that this was the school for me! Thankfully, the interviewing panel agreed, and I am incredibly proud to have been the Class Teacher in Oak since September 2021.

As a nurturing teacher, I am deeply committed to fostering an inclusive classroom where every child feels valued, supported and inspired to grow academically, socially, and emotionally in an environment which prepares them with confidence and resilience for their next steps in education.

In addition to teaching, I mentor trainee teachers through the Trust, sharing my passion for education. As Maths Subject Lead, I aim to cultivate a love for mathematics and ensure our pupils build a strong foundation. I also proudly represent the staff team on the Board, advocating for our school community and contributing to its vision and success.

Iain Madden

I have been recently elected as a Parent Governor to Bosley St. Marys in 2024. I have a son in Year One having been through Preschool and Reception. I also have three adult children and live with my family in Congleton. I have lived and worked in the Cheshire East area all my life.

I have been a Police Officer with Cheshire Constabulary for 26 years, currently at the rank of Detective Sergeant. Most of that time I have worked within the Child Protection arena and have experience working closely with schools and social services, safeguarding children. I have also coached youth teams for Cricket in the local area.

I look forward to supporting the school as a member of the Board.

Eleanor Warrington

I have recently become a Foundation Governor at Bosley and I'm loving it. The warmth that you receive from the entire Bosley family as you enter school is second to none. The relationships within school underpin everything that goes on and as a visitor to school this is wonderful to experience. I strongly support Bosley's Christian vision and core values, along with the inclusivity and creativity which allow pupils to flourish.

As a primary teacher with over 30 years' experience, I know the challenges, successes and joys of working in a primary school. I still believe it is the best job in the world! Within primary education, my specialisms are English and Special Educational Needs, and I hope that my experience will bring something unique to Bosley School.

As a past Bosley pupil, as were my father and grandfather, I am proud and privileged to be part of the governing team and I look forward to supporting Bosley in the years to come.