

Message from the Chair of Governors – Summer 2026

It seems like just last week that I was writing the spring term update, yet the hail, rain and snow seem a distant memory after weeks of blisteringly hot days (and nights)

This update gives me a good opportunity to look back over Thoresby Vale's first year... And such a lot has happened! When I think back to summer 2025, the Interim Academy Committee of three governors and Mrs Hurley were still wondering when the handover of keys would happen... I'm sure many of those families who joined the academy in September would have had the same anxieties checking on the site progress in early summer last year!

Now, we have a local academy committee of eight members from a range of backgrounds - I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their time and commitment to the academy. Many of the academy committee will be attending events in the lead up to the end of term, so please keep an eye out for us!

Growth has been a key factor of all our academy committee meetings this year – every time we meet with Mrs Hurley, the number of students on roll increases! This is a great testament to her staff team and the academy's approach to the natural and national curricula. We know too how important word of mouth has been in promoting the academy to other families, so thanks to you all for your help in growing TVPA. Numbers for September are well above the predictions we saw 12 months ago, and applications for reception admissions for September exceeded the number of places available. Governors were reassured to hear that additional staffing recruitment was well underway at our last meeting.

At our most recent committee meeting, outcomes of the statutory assessments were not available, but the committee heard from Mrs Hurley about the academy's predictions for assessment results for Early Years, Phonics, the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check and End of Key Stage 2 Tests. Well done to the children – we are sure the final results will reflect the hard work you have all put into the preparations, so well done in advance. We extend thanks to all the staff and parents for supporting the children to be fully prepared with both the knowledge and mindset they need to succeed.

As the last day of a long-term approaches, we wish all staff and families a well-deserved summer break. For those children whose journey sees them off to pastures new in September, we send our very best wishes for the future.



Sue Jackson
Chair of Governors, Thoresby Vale Academy