



Thursday 15 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Announcement of Retirement: Mrs. Hawkins

I was very saddened, as I know you will be, when Mrs Hawkins informed me of her decision to retire at the end of this academic year. It has been a great privilege to work with her, first as a parent, then as a Governor, and most closely over the past three years as Chair of Governors.

A Legacy of Excellence Mrs. Hawkins began her teaching career 39 years ago. She has navigated decades of educational change with grace, and we have been incredibly fortunate to have her as our Headteacher for the last 22 years. What I admire most is her tireless work ethic and her relentless drive for improvement; she has consistently put the needs of the school first, often at a personal cost.

It was no surprise, though a great delight, to see this excellence recognised by Ofsted. This reputation is echoed by our parents and students, past, present, and prospective, which is why our school remains so consistently oversubscribed.

A Living Ethos High Wycombe Church of England School is a true community. It is not a Christian school in name only; it possesses a deep-rooted Christian ethos. This culture is a direct result of the values Mrs. Hawkins holds and the leadership she has fostered.

The Path Forward While Mrs. Hawkins will be a great loss to our school, she remains the consummate professional. She has given us ample time to undertake a thorough search for her successor, and we will be looking for a strong candidate to take over the position of Headteacher.

Mrs. Hawkins and I are already working together to ensure a seamless transition into the next academic year. I hope this reassures you during what may feel like an unsettling time. In moments of change, I am reminded of our Christian Vision from **Joshua 1:9**: "Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

I do however wish to highlight that Mrs Hawkins will continue to lead the school until the end of the summer term, and school life will continue as usual.



It has been a true honour to work alongside Mrs. Hawkins. On behalf of the Board of Governors, the staff and the pupils, I want to express our deepest gratitude to Mrs Hawkins for her remarkable service to this school. I will miss her greatly, but I look forward to our continued collaboration over the coming year to ensure our reputation for excellence continues long into the future.

Holly Robertshaw



Chair of Governors

