

## School Council Minutes

Date: Thursday 12th September 2025

Present: Mrs France; Newly Elected School Council Representatives from Squirrel, Fox and Owl Classes

Apologies: None

Chair: Mrs France

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Mrs France welcomed all newly elected School Council representatives. Each member introduced themselves and shared one thing they were looking forward to improving or leading this year.

### 2. Explaining the Role of the School Council

Mrs France outlined the purpose and responsibilities of School Council:

- Representing the views of their class
- Bringing suggestions and concerns to meetings
- Helping promote school events and initiatives
- Supporting school values and ethos
- Modelling leadership, kindness and teamwork
- Feeding back decisions and information to their classes

Representatives discussed what good leadership looks like: listening, fairness, kindness, confidence and taking responsibility.

### 3. Preparing the School Council Display Board

The group helped prepare the new School Council Board, which now includes:

- Photos and names of the representatives
- The GROWTH values
- The school motto Growing Together
- A section for class suggestions
- A section for meeting dates and actions
- Space for news or achievements across the year
- Reps will take their photos to be added next week.

### 4. Roles and Responsibilities Within the Group

The following internal roles were discussed:

Chair / Vice Chair (lead meetings and feedback) AJ

Secretary (record minutes) No one person – all will take notes

Communications Rep (share updates in worship and on the board) All

Values Champions (1 or 2 per group to promote GROWTH values) TG MJ

Children shared why different roles matter and how they help the council run smoothly.

### 5. Action Plan for the Year

The council looked at the key areas they want to work on this year:

- Strengthening pupil voice through surveys and class books
- Supporting wellbeing and kindness across the school
- Helping develop the environment (library use, outdoor spaces, reading areas)

- Encouraging pupil leadership in all year groups
- Planning fundraising and advocacy projects
- Supporting enrichment events and themed days

Children will review progress termly.

## **6. SIAMS Inspection – Monday 15th September**

Mrs France explained that the school will have a SIAMS inspection next week.

What is SIAMS?

SIAMS stands for Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools.

It looks at:

- The school's vision and values
- How children live out the values
- Collective Worship
- RE and spiritual development
- How the school helps the whole community "flourish"

How School Council can prepare

- Share with their classes what SIAMS is looking for
- Discuss how children see the GROWTH values in action
- Encourage pupils to talk about Collective Worship, kindness, safety, inclusion, and what makes the school special
- Make sure class books are available for inspectors if requested

Action: Representatives to speak confidently and remind classmates to share truthfully and proudly during the visit.

## **7. Key Dates for the Term**

Mrs France reminded pupils of important dates:

Rock Steady starts: 18th September

Jeans for Genes: 19th September

Harvest Festival: 26th September

Black History Month (October): Theme: "Celebrating Black British Heroes"

Chinnor RFU Tag Rugby (UKS2 Girls): 3rd October

Owl Class Viking Day: 20th October

Be Bright, Be Seen Day: 24th October

Reps will help promote these in classes and celebrate work on the council board.

## **8. Class Books for Feedback**

Each representative received their class's Pupil Voice Suggestion Book to gather:

- Ideas
- Questions
- Problems to solve
- Improvements for learning and play
- Positive feedback

Books to be brought to every meeting.

## **9. Initial Suggestions from Reps**

Pupils offered their first ideas of the year (made-up as requested):

### Owl Class Suggestions

- More shaded areas outside for hot days
- A quiet reading bench on the playground
- A “leadership badge” for Year 6 pupil helpers

### Fox Class Suggestions

- More lunchtime clubs (drawing, Lego, nature)
- A termly “Try Something New” activity afternoon
- More bins near the trim trail

### Squirrel Class Suggestions

- More small-world play equipment
- A feelings box in each classroom
- More story times outdoors

All suggestions will be added to the action plan and explored.

## **10. Next Meeting**

Date: Friday 24th October 2026

Focus:

Jeans for Genes feedback

Harvest feedback

Be Bright Be Seen Day feedback

Black History Months feedback

Reviewing early class suggestions