

School Council Minutes

Date: Monday 9th March 2026

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

Apologies: None

Chair: Mrs France

1. Welcome

Mrs France opened the meeting and thanked members for all their work supporting events over the last few weeks.

2. Pupil Voice Survey – Key Themes and Discussion

The School Council reviewed the main messages from the whole-school pupil voice survey. Representatives were pleased that the survey had reached every child in school, including those who completed it in smaller supported groups.

What children said they love about school

- Feeling safe and cared for
- Kind, supportive adults
- Friends and a strong sense of belonging
- The GROWTH values and “Growing Together” ethos
- Forest Fridays and Biscuit Fridays
- Big outdoor spaces and equipment
- Collective Worship and church services
- Visitors, enrichment weeks and special events
- Learning that is fun, practical and challenging
- Trips, clubs and leadership roles
- What children said helps their learning
- Clear steps and explanations
- Feedback and editing
- Partner talk
- Practical tasks, experiments and outdoor learning
- Teachers encouraging them to keep trying (Resilience)

What children would improve

- The new library (the most frequent suggestion)
- More equipment outdoors
- More clubs
- More books and more story spaces
- More opportunities for outdoor learning

Actions discussed

Representatives felt proud that many ideas (library, equipment, enrichment) are already in progress.

Council agreed that the results show very strong pupil wellbeing, safety and belonging.

Next step: Mrs France will complete full analysis and create a summary for Governors and SLT.

3. Finalising Questions for the Governors

The governors requested to meet School Council to hear about their work and pupil perspectives.

Meeting confirmed: Today, 11:30–12:00 on Teams

Present: Four governors

The council finalised questions they would like to ask:

Questions to ask Governors

- What are the main things governors are proud of in our school this year?
- How do governors make sure children's voices are listened to when making decisions?
- What are governors working on next that will help pupils?
- How do governors check that children feel safe in school?
- What skills do governors think children need for the future?
- How can School Council and Governors work together more closely?
- What would you like School Council to help with next?

What School Council will share

- Overview of recent projects (British Values Day, mental health week input, ideas for Red Nose Day, sensory resources, class feedback)
- Positive pupil voice survey themes
- Priorities pupils feel strongly about (library, outdoor learning, enrichment, clubs)

Action: Representatives to speak confidently and clearly during the Teams meeting.

4. Preparing for British Values Day (Wednesday)

The council reviewed the running of the day to ensure they can support staff and classmates:

- Day Overview
- Collective Worship introduction
- Morning: Two inter-house workshops
- Whole-school outdoor challenge (weather permitting) focused on teamwork, respect and problem-solving
- Afternoon: Two more inter-house workshops
- End-of-day Collective Worship with reflection and pupil feedback

School Council will help:

- Lead transitions between workshops
- Encourage teamwork and involvement
- Gather pupil comments for the feedback session

5. Follow-ups Since January

Mrs France updated the council on progress made following suggestions raised in class:

Owl Class

School Disco / School Fetes: PTA are considering both events; both require significant organisation but are not ruled out.

Year 6 lunch table / club: Being explored as part of transition planning.

KS2 supporting EYFS: Opportunities for reading buddies and shared outdoor learning are being planned.

Fox Class

Cake Sale for Cancer Research: Scheduled for after Easter, supported by staff.

Supply cover explanations: Clarified in classes; pupils now understand the process.

School link/swap idea: SLT considering possible partner schools.

Blossom trees: Looking at suitable planting areas on site.

Squirrel Class

More sensory resources: Items have now been ordered for the Rainbow Room.

More food-based DT sessions: Staff are planning additional cooking opportunities.

Library visits: Classes now have increased access slots.

6. Any Other Business

Representatives expressed excitement about:

Science Week (Outer Space theme)

Red Nose Day (jumpers backwards + joke competition)

Spring Day plans

7. Next Meeting

Date: Monday 23rd March 2026

Focus: Review of Governors' meeting and next steps following survey analysis.