

One of the great joys and privileges of being a governor is being able to share in school celebrations and performances.

During December governors have been delighted to join parents and carers at performances and services involving all the children in the school.



"I thoroughly enjoyed watching the children perform with great confidence and it was clear that they were enjoying themselves too."

"It was a very special time singing carols and sharing readings with staff, children and parents in St Mary's Cogges. A timely reminder of the reason we celebrate Christmas."

The Governors joined with staff and friends old and new to say goodbye to Gill Sarbutts who has been a TA at the school since 1990!

Afternoon tea was the perfect occasion to share memories and celebrate all that Gill has given to the school, its staff and children.

The governors wish Gill and her husband (their former Chair) a fun packed retirement enjoying grandchildren and holidays during term time!

The governors wish you and your children a very special Christmas season.

During their December meeting the Governors looked in depth at the vision and values of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST).

Almost four years after joining the Trust Governors remain grateful for the high-quality back office support (HR, finance and premises) that they receive from the them, which makes an enormous difference to the efficient day to day running of the school.

The school improvement support, including training for governors, is also an important part of what the Trust offers to all their schools.

The Governors were encouraged that the Trust's vision and values continue to align so closely with those of The Blake, drawing as they do on the Christian Values on which both the School and the Trust were established.

You can find out more about the work of the Governing Board and who the Governors are by looking at the [School website](#) and reading our termly summary of business.

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