

Local Academy Committee Newsletter December 2025

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the Rangeworthy Local Academy Committee.

What is the Local Academy Committee?

Rangeworthy CofE School is part of the Severn Federation Academy Trust. Each school in the Trust has a Local Academy Committee (LAC), which fulfils a similar role to school governors. The LAC's purpose is to maintain strong oversight of the educational standards and Christian distinctiveness of the school.

We are a small but friendly group, and you will see all of us in the playground, in school or in the church at various times– Marie Bath (Chair), Dawn Hardwick (Vice-Chair) and Sarah Derrick. We are in the process of recruiting a further member who also has experience at another local school and hope that she will be with us around Spring.

That said – we still have vacancies! If you, or any one you know would be interested in joining us, please do reach out for an informal chat about what it involves. It's not a massive commitment considering the value of the impact.

Why do we value being a LAC member?

The answer to that question is simple - the children!

They are at the very heart of all we do and every decision that is made. One of the privileges of being a LAC committee member is that we get to be something of a 'fly on the wall' in our schools and get to speak to children about their learning, and experiences. They are always welcoming, polite and enthusiastic; it is a joy to be greeted so warmly, to see the way they care for each other and to see their pride in their learning and school. They are a credit to their teachers/teaching assistants and of course to their families.

We take every opportunity to gather their voice in our monitoring of standards across the schools: this is enormously important, but the benefits to children of talking about their learning are also widely documented. We thank and celebrate every child in our schools for their effort this year, for living out our school values in the way they conduct themselves and for making our schools the vibrant, loving and learning communities that they are.

Thank you and celebrating our successes



As per our school logo, part of the role of the LAC is to ensure that every child can let their light shine and exemplify the Christian distinctiveness of school. We extend our sincere thanks to ALL members of staff in the school for caring about the children individually and going the extra mile to ensure they thrive and flourish. It's not just about the work in the classroom that counts, we offer our thanks for all the additional activities that the children enjoy from the Beatbus, the Nativity performance, Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies pantomime, all the celebration assemblies, the trip to the cathedral, harvest performance in the church, celebration worship, forest school, breakfast clubs and after school sports club.

And finally, we offer our thanks to all parents, guardians, grandparents, siblings, family and friends that support our children and contribute to our school. Your involvement really makes a difference

Attendance matters

We have an ambitious School Development plan with one of the priorities being attendance. This is the best way to help all children to succeed in school. Please be reminded that, for this reason, term time absence requests will only ever be agreed in exceptional circumstances.

Our whole school target for this year is 95%. Current attendance levels fluctuate around this figure and it's essential that we keep up the good work

Why do children need to be in school?

100% - Attending school every day gives your child the best chance of success.

90% - Attending 4.5 days every week = 4 weeks missed learning per year.

80% - Attending 4 days a week = 8 weeks missed learning per year.

70% - Attending 3.5 days a week = 12 weeks missed learning per year.

80% attendance adds up to missing two full years of education over their school life.

So, as we all prepare for a well-earned rest, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to what next year brings.

Marie, Dawn and Sarah