

## Mike Christmas, Governor Profile

I first joined Burnham Copse Infant School as a pupil in 1960 and stayed throughout my primary school days, passing the 11 plus and learning to swim in our school pool, before going onto the former Queen Mary's Grammar School in Basingstoke.

In 1993 my eldest son joined Burnham Copse and in 1994 I was invited by the headteacher to become a governor at the former Infant School, a position that I was honoured to accept. I have been a governor ever since, participating in the temporary governing body and now as an LEA governor in the Primary School. I have long been involved in the school finances and have served time on all of the committees of the Governing Body.

During this period all three of my children have successfully passed through the school, the oldest is now at QMC in Basingstoke and the younger two are currently at the Hurst Community College. All three thoroughly enjoyed their time at Burnham Copse.

I also currently work as an associate tutor with Hampshire Governor Services delivering training to my fellow governors throughout North Hampshire. I am also a governor at the Hurst Community College.

In my spare time I am a great sports fan, a supporter for over 40 years, and season ticket holder at Reading, still love playing cricket and am a qualified umpire. My wife and I also spend a lot of time watching our sons play rugby and football.