

July 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am pleased to provide you with the Annual Statement on behalf of the Governing body at Pear Tree Mead. Once again, we've had a fantastic year, with much to celebrate.

Firstly, congratulations to Year 4 students for their fantastic results with the Multiplication test. The KS1 students for their brilliant SATS results and for their Phonics results and the Early Year students for their GLD scores. Mrs Peden was thrilled to share these results in our recent meeting and such amazing improvements on the previous year's results, we know how hard the students and staff have worked together to achieve this. We look forward to hearing about the Year 6 SATs results as soon as they are announced.

Well done to all the students from Pear Tree Mead for competing in all the Trust events that have taken place throughout the last academic year, including the Maths Challenge, Spelling Bee and most recently World Cup Geography Challenge. Congratulations to members of Unicorn house for being top of the league this term! The house system really adds a fantastic link to Passmores.

Students from Pear Tree Mead have also benefited from many other Trust events and opportunities such as a visit to Stewards and Passmores to watch performances of their productions, sporting events, a recent visit from the Samba band from Passmores and using the swimming pool at Stewards. Year 6 pupils particularly enjoyed the water safety swimming lesson at Stewards and even more they loved their final session there, where they got to visit McDonald's afterwards. All these things have helped strengthen our PCLC community within Harlow, and I'm sure there will be plenty more opportunities and Trust events next year to look forward to.

We've been very pleased to be able to visit and spend time in the school with staff and students. This year our governors have volunteered with reading and phonics with early years, supported on various trips, been present during assemblies and Rock Steady concerts, volunteered with the Friends of Pear Tree Mead, been invited to be part of Inset days with staff and training events organised by PCLC, and have been able to meet with staff and students when monitoring areas of the school. We've been delighted once again to help on stalls at the school Fairs, organised by our brilliant Friends of Pear Tree Mead. The Fairs have been a tremendous success this year, particular highlights have been the go karts at Summer Fair. The Friends of PTM are always looking for volunteers to help with events, I would urge more to lend a hand in whatever way you can. The team is so welcoming and friendly and grateful for any support you can give and with some big ambitions about the next big project they are raising money for they need all hands on deck.

As a local governing body we meet 4 times a year, some of which are face to face and others via teams. During these meetings, we discuss important things which have been happening at school, school policies, the school development plan and upcoming events. One of our main responsibilities as governors is to monitor various areas of the school including different curriculum areas, safeguarding, health and safety and SEND. The aim for our monitoring is to ensure the strategic development of the school and high standards are upheld. To complete our monitoring we get to visit the school and talk to the staff responsible for these areas. Speaking for myself and on behalf of the rest of the governing team, we are extremely impressed with how dedicated and hard-working all the staff are at Pear Tree Mead.

There will be some changes to the governing body from September 2026. Yvonne Turner is leaving the team after serving several years, and I would like to thank her for all the time and help she has given to the role. Sadly, I will also be leaving the team. Having joined in 2021, I've really enjoyed my time on the team and have gained a wealth of experience with doing the role of Chair for the last 4 years. Lastly, one of our longest serving governors, Doreen Smith, will be also leaving the team. Doreen has been a community governor for the past 7 years, 4 of which she has been my vice chair. She has provided so much kindness and support to the team as well as the staff and students of Pear Tree Mead. I know her presence will be sorely missed. We wish the team and members of the school the very best for the future.

There are still vacancies for parent and community governors, and if you are interested in finding out more about becoming a governor, please contact Mrs Townsend.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate the Year 6 students on all their hard work for their SATS this year. It was a pleasure to watch your Leavers assembly, to hear your teachers speak of so many of you with such praise and pride in not only your academic achievements, but your teamwork, resilience and caring nature towards others at school. It was heart warming to see your photos from your first year of starting school and the ones taken this year. Thank you to the students from the student leadership team, who have spoken at some of our Governor's meetings, giving us a pupils' insight into what is happening at school. We got to hear all about the Year 6 residential trip, SATS exams boosters, maths and spelling challenges, Numbers (our school dog) and the wonderful things happening with Opal. Pear Tree Mead has provided you with a range of experiences and knowledge that you will not only take through with you into your new secondary schools, but I'm sure will carry with you well into your futures.

Good luck for the future and remember that you are always **Pupils That Matter**.



Rebecca Harvey
Chair of Governors