Chair of Governors — Mr Patrick Reilly

Our school received the sad news that our dedicated Chair of Governors Patrick Reilly , died on 14.7.2026.

Individuals decide to become governors for a whole range of reasons, but our school was blessed with a Chair of Governor who actually cared about our school, staff and school community. Being a governor for Patrick was not a CV filler, he actually wanted to make a difference.

Even before he retired, he always strived to attend all our school's major events, and could be called upon to be our stand in Father Christmas, when our usual Father Christmas was not available. Later when he retired, he dedicated even more of his time to actively supporting our children on a weekly basis.

As a very long serving governor, he has seen the positive changes our school has undergone and supported us through the many challenges, which together we managed to overcome. Patrick shared his love of football, history and walking with our children, and absolutely loved listening to our children read.

Patrick has left a lasting legacy, sadly he is no longer with us, but he will never be forgotten!

Below are the special messages from the staff at Victory, our children will also add their messages when they return in September.

My sincere condolences to his family and friends, our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Makeda Williams-Pinnock

Headteacher – Victory Primary School

Sending you my deepest condolences to you and your family. Mr Patrick was a kind man with a big heart. He was always very supportive and encouraging to all the children and the staff.

He was very loved and will be very missed.

Victory Primary School will not be the same without him.

Miss Ashila x

My deepest condolences to you and your family, Patrick will truly be missed by all of us from E.Y.F.S.

Gone but not forgotten.

Miss Isha x

My sincere condolences to you and your family.

My thoughts are with you at this hard and sad moment.

God bless you all.

Miss Zeljka x

Mr. Patrick will be greatly missed by all of us. He was dedicated to our school community and cared about every staff member and student. His loss as a chair of governors will be irreplaceable.

Miss Mimi

Sending my deepest condolences to you all.

I have very fond memories of Patrick and he will always be remembered by our school community.

Miss Dawn

No words can express how much Patrick will be missed at Victory Primary School and how important he was and will always be to our school community. His pride in all our pupils' progress and academic achievement was a beacon to all of us. He as much more than our Chair of Governors, he was a part of our Victory Primary School family. For all he did, I will always say thank you. For all his support and kind words, I will always say thank you. For his patience, I will always say thank you. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

Ms Maria

Sending my sincerest condolences to the family of Mr. Patrick. You were always so positive and encouraging. You lit up the classroom whenever you visited the children with a constant smile on your face. You always made me feel appreciated and valued. Victory School has lost a gem and one of a kind.

I will miss you Mr. Patrick.

Rest in perfect peace.

Miss Alice

So sorry for your passing. We will really miss you, and not seeing your smiling face.

Miss Lisa & Miss Tina

I am deeply sorry for the loss of Patrick. He was an incredible genuine, kind and joyous person. His dedication as a Governor and then the Chair of Governor was immense and his presence will always be remembered at victory Primary School.

Mrs Denkyira (Vernege)

My condolences to Mr Patrick's family. Sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in his fulfilment in life and knowing he had a peaceful passing. God be with you all.

Rebeca

My condolence to Patrick's family. Patrick was a kind person who put 100% in everything he did. He will be missed and will be in the hearts of children and adults in Victory Primary School.

Miss Mao