

School Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Spring 1 2026



Staff Present – Mrs Price, Mrs Rowbotham, Mrs Arnold, Ms Dickerson

Present – Issac (Lobsters) Chloe (Octopus) Abdullah (Fish) Ethan (Dolphins) Michael (Starfish) George (Dolphins) Fallou (Starfish) Daisy Mae (Starfish) Edward (Octopus) Cole (Octopus) Asher (Rays)

Apologies – Jack (Starfish), Eddison (Seals), Finnley (Whales), Carla (Jellyfish), Harry (Dolphins) Noah (Starfish), Brody (Starfish), Tilly (Penguins) Maverick (Seahorses), Jacob (Turtles)

Agenda –

- Communication stations
- Rights steering group joining school council
- Transition books
- Celebration of a pupil made communication board

Minutes –

- This week, the School Council met alongside the Rights Steering Group. Mrs Price, Miss Snow, and Mrs Kobalenski spoke to the pupils about communication stations. Miss Snow explained that both Burton Hospital and McDonald's have expressed interest in having a communication station. The Rights Steering Group and School Council agreed to work together with Miss Snow to create these.
- The group then discussed children's rights. Many pupils were already familiar with these and spoke confidently about the right to learn and the right to be protected. Mrs Price introduced the new safeguarding poster displayed in school and showed the children a photograph of the new safeguarding governor, Mrs Simpkin. She explained how this linked to the right to be protected and discussed ways pupils can check that their friends are safe and feeling okay. The poster was shared as a reminder of how pupils can look out for one another and protect their friends. Mrs Price also emphasised the importance of telling a trusted adult if they are worried about anything.
- Mrs Price then shared Daisy's hand-drawn communication board for outdoor use. This board was created by Daisy and Mrs Price was so impressed that she plans to have it professionally printed for use on the playground to support pupils' communication while outside.
- The children were also shown the new transition books that will be completed for pupils starting school. They looked at different illustrators' styles and voted for their favourite. Jackie was chosen as the preferred illustrator for the transition books.
- A pupil who is not part of the School Council approached the group with a request for symbols to support the use of a quiet inside voice. The School Council selected appropriate symbols, and a new poster will be created to help pupils understand expectations for being quiet inside school.
- Mrs Price shared that she has spoken to Mrs Wilburn, who will attend the next meeting to discuss curriculum trips that will support pupils' memorable learning experiences. She also spoke about a new book she would like to create to capture pupil voice, which she will bring to the next meeting.

- Mrs Price shared the questions that will be completed by pupils over the next couple of weeks in classes which will enable Mrs Price to think about any changes she needs to make in school to support pupils happiness and well being alongside their right to learn.

Any other business –

- None

Actions–

- Mrs Price bring her ideas of collecting pupil voice to the next meeting
- Mrs Price will send out pupil voice questionnaires

Next Meeting – Friday 27th February 2026.