



THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHNS SCHOOL

All parents, Carers, Guardians and School Staff are automatically members and ALL are welcome to attend meetings and become a part of the 'Friends' community.

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT WE DO

The Friends of St John's is a group of volunteers made up of parents, carers and school staff, who give their time to support St John's School and the children. As well as raising money we are about having fun, working together, socialising, forming links between the school & families & creating wonderful experiences for the children.

OUR MISSION

- To raise money for things that will enhance the children's experience of the school.
- To organise a variety of events that bring the school community together.

HOW WE SPEND OUR PROCEEDS

The money we raise is spent on a wide range of things to support our school's enrichment and experiences. With the backing of the Friends Committee we have been able to raise money to assist in the funding of...

- NEW OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT
- COACH HIRE FOR LEAVERS' MASS
- THE CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT
- IPADS
- SCHOOL LIBRARY
- MINI BUSES

We also donate various amounts of money to school for trips, reception/leavers gifts, pantomimes and many other things.

THE FRIENDS COMMITTEE (2024/25)

Chair – Lisa Rockliffe

Treasurer – Claire Hogben

We also have committee members in every year group in the school and they are a great way of finding out more about what is going on. Ask on your class WhatsApp groups or on our Facebook page if you don't know who they are! We also have a Friends WhatsApp group, which you can join if you want to be on the committee, deciding on events and planning how to pull them all together!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are always looking for new members to support fundraising ideas and opportunities, no matter how great or small your time commitment. Almost all the current Friends also work full time, so becoming a member does not mean giving up your day job! Helping out could mean – wrapping some Mother's Day gifts, manning a stall at the Christmas Fayre or emailing companies for raffle donations in your spare time. There is a variety of small and larger tasks to accommodate everyone's needs and expertise and more importantly you make some fantastic friends along the way!

Being a member is lots of fun so please get involved and help your school. For more information or if you are interested please email the Friends team at - friendsofstjohnstrowbridge@gmail.com



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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- 1** Join us on Social Media - www.facebook.com/groups/fosjohns and we have a dedicated Friends **Whats App group** where we plan and discuss events.
- 2** Visit our events page - www.facebook.com/groups/fosjohns and see what events are coming up! Send us your thoughts and ideas for events and fundraisers!
- 3** Come along to FRIENDS MEETINGS (the Facebook group posts the dates and information goes out on Parentmail too)
- 4** Use your SKILLS! Everyone has a way to contribute - we need everyone! Does your employer match fund charity donations? If they do and you help out it could raise lots more money for the school!
- 5** Do you SHOP ONLINE? Register with **Easy Fundraising** and we get a small donation every time you shop with a participating retailer (easyfundraising.org.uk). It soon adds up!
- 6** GET RECYCLING - please recycle your clothing in our clothes bank (situated by the school gates), the Friends receive a donation each time the bank is emptied and it reduces landfill too!

CAN I HELP OUT OR VOLUNTEER?

Absolutely! We would love to hear from you, please chat to a Friends member at school, message us on Facebook or email friendsofstjohnstrowbridge@gmail.com.

BUY AND DONATE AT THE UNIFORM SHED

The **UNIFORM SHED** is situated next to the Outside Classroom in the main play area. Second hand prices start from only 50p and we also have some new items, including book bags, socks & tights, black PE tops and ties. It is open most Wednesdays from 3-3.30pm during term time and we accept donations all year round.

COME ALONG TO OUR AGM

It takes place within term one (late Sept/early Oct) and is announced on ParentMail and on the Facebook page well ahead of time so you can join us and have your say on how we approach each new school year!

USEFUL LINKS

Facebook: facebook.com/groups/fosjohns

PTA Events: pta-events.com/FOSJT

STIKINS (name labels): stikins.co.uk

Easy Fundraising: easyfundraising.org.uk