



THE FRIENDS COMMITTEE 2024/25

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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.

WHAT IS THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHNS?

The Friends of St Johns are all a welcoming group volunteers made up of parents, carers and school staff, who give their time to support the school and the children. As well as raising money we are about having fun, working together, socialising, forming links between the school and families and creating wonderful experiences for the children. We are extremely fortunate to have a great community here and the Friends are an important part of bringing the community together. Almost all of the volunteers work full time, so help supporting events in any way you can is always appreciated!

As well as our flagship events like the Christmas Fayre and Summer Fayre over the last year we have also organised Movie Nights, School Discos, a Chocolate Bingo night, Mother's Day and Father's Day sales and more. We also organise fundraisers like Christmas Cards and Self-portrait Tea Towels etc.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

As well as ongoing funding for things like the minibs and yearly events like coaches for the Leavers Mass we also help the school fund larger projects. Over the last year the Friends has contributed more than £12,000 towards the play equipment that now sits on the school fields. The children love it!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As you get used to school life the easiest way to get involved is to engage with some of what we do. For instance, from fairly early on in the autumn term we will hold our first Cake Sale in the school hall on a Friday afternoon. Two classes are selected at a time (it won't be EYFS first don't worry!) and parents from those classes are asked to bake or bring cakes along for sale after school. It's complete chaos, all the cakes are gone in about 10 minutes and it's great fun! Ultimately we would love you to get involved in the Friends and volunteer a bit of your time to helping some of the events - they are all staffed by volunteers, almost all of whom also work, so without people coming forward they won't happen. You are welcome to ease your way in though!

UNIFORM SHED

One of the easiest ways to support the Friends, and to save money, is to use the Uniform Shed in the main playground. It is really well stocked and lots of the clothes are in great condition. Donate any time throughout the year. It is open most Wednesdays from 3-3.30pm during term time.

JOIN THE FACEBOOK PAGE

If you join the Facebook page, which is a closed group just for parents with children at the school, you will get updates on all our activities as well as a heads up on things like cake sales if you miss them via the school comms. It's also a useful place to ask questions and a helpful resource all round. www.facebook.com/groups/fosjohns

