



Swing Gate Infant School and Nursery

Let the learning adventure begin



Chairs Report/Annual report
September 2024 to July 2025

Friends of Swing Gate Charity Registration Number **1039636**

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Friends of Swing Gate Charity

Background

Friends of Swing Gate was set up to advance the education of the pupils in the school. We work hard to make the learning experience as exciting and engaging as possible for the children to support the school with its' goals.

The constitution was updated in 2022 to reflect the changing needs of the charity and how we go about helping the school. Whilst we are an entirely separate body to the school, our focus is 100% on the Swing Gate children and how we can best contribute to their learning.

As such we focus on the following core areas:

- The physical environment
- Health and wellbeing
- Technology and tools for all

FoSG not only raises much needed funds, but we also build community across our families through our events and work.

This year our focus has been on mental wellbeing and we have funded some incredible resources. We will continue to focus on fundraising for a separate wellbeing space this year.

Trustees

The trustees are the lifeblood of the charity. The team gives up a huge amount of personal time to deliver on our goals.

This year we have said goodbye to Nikki Luckhurst. Thank you Nikki for everything you have done.

We are welcoming two new Trustees, Chris and Sophie who bring energy and new life to the Board.

Position	Name	Tenure start date	Tenure end date
Chair	Sara Marshall	April 2022	July 2026
Secretary	Caroline Scott	September 2024	
Treasurer	Andrew Clark	September 2024	
Trustee	Alli Bostedt	April 2024	July 2026
Trustee	Amy Lam	March 2024	July 2026
Trustee	Christopher Wilkins-Read	September 2025	
Trustee	Sarah Jones	September 2022	
Trustee	Sophie	September 2025	
Trustee	Nikki Luckhurst	Sept 2022	July 2025

Trustees' powers

In order to carry out the charitable purposes, the Trustees have the power to:

- Raise funds, receive grants and donations
- Apply funds to carry out the work of the charity
- Co-operate with and support other charities with similar purposes
- Do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes

More information about the charity can be found in the Constitution if you'd like a copy.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is held every year, during September or October. Fourteen days prior to meeting an agenda will be made available and the meeting will be recorded in the format of written minutes.

This year the meeting will take place on 10th October @0900 via a Zoom call <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82273848551>

The current Trustees will present this report of Trustee membership, events, achievements and accounts.

School year 2024 to 2025 Events

During the year the Trustees arranged the following events:

- Quiz & Auction night – fun night to challenge your general knowledge, bar and snacks and a very high energy auction
- Christmas Art work – printing children's art work on cups, tea towels and stationery
- Pumpkin Decorating – an opportunity to decorate a pumpkin for Halloween
- Bottle Tombola – Tombola stall at the Festival of lights using a huge variety of donated bottles full of variety of liquids.
- Christmas Wreath Workshop – A work shop where each person decorated their own moss wreath
- Christmas Rotary – donations collected while Santa visited Berkhamsted
- Santa visit (book gift)
- Winter Wonderland Disco – an hours' session of fun, music and snacks
- Elfridges – an opportunity for each child to buy many gifts made or donated for family and friends (including the dog !)
- Summer fete – a variety of fun stalls, activities and food for all the family
- Family Quiz – Family focused quiz and bar
- Preloved Uniform
- Ice lolly sales
- Vinted sales
- Just Giving – successful campaign for contributions
- Poster Wall – sponsorship banners for local companies

Achievements / Contributions

This has been an incredible year for FoSG and the School.

At the beginning of the school year, the school confirmed the adventure playground had been condemned and a new one would cost in the region of £25k. The school only had £7k in their budget and asked FOSG to help.

So we took on the challenge to raise the difference. We worked fearlessly together, FOSG, parents, friends and local companies and raised enough funds for a new playground which was ready for the children for Christmas.

In addition to the very impressive playground FoSG has funded the purchase of the following:

- The software for the school reading system
- The school panto
- The Yr2 colour run
- And the books from Father Christmas (shhhhh)

Aims and Ambitions

This year, the school has asked if we could work towards providing a dedicated wellbeing space. Together we are looking at some different options including a garden room or a yurt.

Whatever the option it will take significant fundraising and like last year we are committed to doing our best to help the school with its ambitions.

Financials

FOSG INCOME 2024/25				
DATE	EVENT	TAKINGS	COSTS	PROFIT
18/10/2024	Quiz Night (Sara)	£3,961.00	£280.58	£3,680.42
31/10/2024	Halloween (Alli)	£199.75	£0.31	£199.44
1/11/2024	Xmas4schools (Sarah)	£189.00	£0.00	£189.00
24/11/2024	Festival of Light (Nikki)	£436.00	£57.08	£378.92
30/11/2024	Wreath Making (Caroline)	£630.00	£396.32	£233.68
6/12/2024	Rotary Club Santa Sleigh (Andy)	£582.00	£0.00	£582.00
13/12/2024	Christmas Disco (Sara)	£1,582.50	£846.96	£735.54
16/12/2024	Elfridges (Alli)	£1,457.00	£286.15	£1,170.85
	Just Giving School Playground		£614.71	£10,159.37
25/12/2024	(Sara)	£10,774.08		
2/3/2025	Berko Fun Run	£2,202.16	£43.45	£2,158.71
14/3/2025	Family Quiz (Sara)	£1,323.80	£403.50	£920.30
31/3/2025	Year Challenge (Cancelled for 2025)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
14/6/2025	Summer Fair (Sara)	£4,680.90	£1,420.76	£3,260.14
31/7/2025	Just Giving Wellness Room (Sara)	£598.00	£118.53	£479.47
Ongoing	Other	£3,007.31	£493.61	£2,513.70
	2nd hand uniform sale (Amy)	£331.00	£4.23	£326.77
	Vinted (Anca)	£7.50	£0.00	£7.50
	Easyfundraising (Bank Transfer)	£387.11	£0.00	£387.11
	Ice Cream (Sarah)	£742.40	£153.38	£589.02
	Payroll/Company Giving	£1,458.00	£0.00	£1,458.00
	Asda Cashpot	£81.30	£0.00	£81.30
	Fosg Website	£0.00	£174.00	-£174.00
	Parentkind membership	£0.00	£162.00	-£162.00
Totals		£31,623.50	£4,961.96	£26,661.54

Into the future

The current Board has a heavy reliance on Year 2 parents, some of which will be moving on at the end of this academic year.

We are looking for new members to take on the leadership role of the charity. We'd love to hear from you if you're interested in getting involved.

And a thank you

We are entirely dependent on the generosity of our volunteers and donors.

A huge thank you to everyone who has got involved, in whatever shape or form. We are eternally grateful and you have made a huge difference to the kids.

A personal note of thanks from me to my fellow Trustees. You are all fabulous and I'm honoured to work with you.

Sara Marshall

Chair

Friends of Swing Gate