



Registered Charity Number 1069943

TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

AUDITED

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024

Address

Priory Road, Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire SL9 8SB

TRUSTEES

Ex-Officio Trustees

Caroline Lovegrove (Head Teacher)

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Nominated Trustees

Victoria Christian (Chair)

Joanna Pilsniak (Treasurer)

Sarah Carroll

Liberty Minoli

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Andrea Houston (Co-Chair)

Zoe Crone

Barbara Skrabski

Maria Morris

Governing document

Trust document dated 18th May 1998.

Objective

The advancement of the education (including religious, social, moral and physical education) of the children attending St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

Activities and achievements during the year

A Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year is attached.

Donations are sought from parents and supporters.

Introduction

As we complete our second consecutive year in leading FOSJS, myself, Joanna and Andrea are pleased to report that we have firmly established ourselves in our respective roles.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Lovegrove, Mrs. Morris and all the faculty and staff for their steadfast support of our endeavours.

As per our original mission to not reinvent the wheel, but to keep the wheels of FOSJS turning, we have largely repeated the same lineup of events as last year, aiming to build upon the successes of the previous year and foster continuity in our efforts. We have also learned that Parents only events - bar The Summer Ball - are no longer well received and so now focus our efforts on events and experiences for the children. We may revisit this in the future years, but for now after cancelling two parents events due to lack of uptake we have drawn a line under it.

Navigating Post-Covid Normalcy

This past fiscal year marked our second 'normal' year back since the Covid pandemic, a period shadowed by, as we observed through lower fundraising results, the discernible impact of the cost of living crisis. Despite these challenges, our team was resolute in reigniting the spirit of FOSJS and revitalizing the school community.

Unfortunately, as previously mentioned we had to cancel two parent events due to lack of sufficient interest. Notably, we observed less sales and footfall at the annual Christmas Bazaar.

Despite these challenges, events for children continued to maintain strong fundraising results, notably the Camp Night, which we are very pleased to report.

Other regular children focused events that help FOSJS to fundraise are:

- Ice cream, cake and book sales
- Mufti days
- Easter Egg Hunt and raffle
- Mother's Day and Father's Day shopping
- Christmas, Valentines and Summer Discos
- Family Bingo

Financial Highlights

Throughout our journey, we encountered notable successes and challenges.

The net income from fundraising events for the fiscal year 2023/2024 amounted to £33,854, reflecting a significant decline from the previous year's figure of £40,465.

Conversely, Building Fund contributions experienced a notable increase, totaling £11,124, a substantial increase from the previous year's £7,718.

We extend our gratitude to families for their tax-efficient contributions, which will aid in reclaiming an additional monies through Gift Aid.

Investments and Commitments

FOSJS remained dedicated to funding a vast array of school projects, led by Mrs Lovegrove and her team's requests, ensuring the continual improvement of the childrens' learning environment. Investments totaling £48,188 were directed towards enhancing school facilities and resources, as detailed below:

- Reception garden toys: £225
- KS1 climbing frame/castle and line marking: £20,785
- PiXL and Accelerated Reader school subscriptions and additional forest school teacher: £10,700
- Stationary for each classroom, KS1 rugs, KS1 new laptops and mobile charging trolley, KS2 movie night screens, KS2 wall art: £11,478
- ICT lease plan for interactive whiteboards: £5,000

These endeavors reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a conducive learning environment for the growth and development of our children.

Current Net Funds and Savings

Presently, our net funds stand at £5,751, bolstered by an additional £36,000 securely held in savings accounts.

Thanks to the prudent decision of keeping excess funds in these accounts, we have generated an impressive £1,160 solely through interest.

Continued Success of Digital Innovations

The digital improvements implemented last year have proven to work very well.

Internet banking, card payments, and our online FOSJS store have seamlessly integrated into our operations, emerging as the default payment options for the majority of parents. This transition has significantly reduced the reliance on cash transactions.

Furthermore, our online raffles and silent auctions have continued to thrive, consistently engaging a steady number of parents and yielding exceptional results.

FOSJS School Uniform Shop

The FOSJS-run school uniform shop continues to thrive under the dedicated efforts of Paris, who generously volunteers her time to open it once a week with ad-hoc openings and additional dates at the beginning and end of term.

Offering a range of new and preloved items, our shop has become a go-to destination for parents seeking quality uniforms for their children. Footfall has seen a significant increase, with many parents opting to purchase items directly from our shop to avoid delivery fees, particularly when ordering just one item. This success underscores the convenience and affordability our uniform shop provides, ensuring that all students are well-equipped for their school days.

Effective Communication Channels

FOSJS maintains its effective communication channels, ensuring seamless interaction with the school community. Platforms such as Classlist, WhatsApp groups, newsletters, and notice boards remain pillars of our communication strategy, facilitating timely updates and fostering community engagement.

Through these channels, we disseminate information about upcoming events, issue reminders, and request support from parents and carers.

Additionally, regular reporting on event results continues via our newsletters, providing transparency and allowing the St Joseph's family to stay informed and involved in our collective efforts to support the school.

Gratitude to FOSJS Leadership, Class Parents, Contributors and AGR

A big thank you to the FOSJS Leadership Team, Class Parents, and all Contributors for their unwavering support and dedication to FOSJS fundraising efforts. Your collective contributions have been invaluable, driving the success of our initiatives and enriching our school community and our childrens' lives at school.

We would also like to thank Arthur Grace Residential for their continued support of FOSJS through the second successful year of promotional partnership.

Thank you for your commitment and generosity.

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Respectfully Submitted
Victoria Christian
Chair

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	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations (BF/PP)	8,712	9,046
Bank interest	1,535	0
Gross fundraising events income	50,019	68,885
Gift Aid on donations (y/e 22/23)	2,412	6,192
Total income	62,677	84,123
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to the school	48,188	33,420
Fundraising events expenses	28,824	35,007
Total expenditure	77,012	68,428
Surplus/(deficit) funds	(15,895)	15,695
	<u>62,677</u>	<u>84,123</u>
Surplus funds at beginning of year	57,240	40,566
Add: (Deficit)/surplus funds for the year	(15,895)	15,695
Surplus funds at end of year	41,826	56,261
The Surplus Funds are represented by:		
Cash in hand	100	100
<u>Cash at bank</u>		
Current account	5,751	11,160
Reserve account (closed)	0	1
Reserve account (1 day notice)	5,152	15,000
Reserve account (35 day notice)	15,350	15,000
Reserve account (95 day notice)	15,473	15,000
	<u>41,826</u>	<u>40,567</u>



Notes:

1. During the year £48,188 was paid to the school as follows:

• Reception garden toys	£225
• KS1 climbing frame/castle and line marking	£20,785
• PiXL, Accelerated Reader, forest school teacher	£10,700
• Stationary, rugs, laptops and trolley, movie night screens , wall art	£11,478
• ICT lease plan	<u>£5,000</u>

£48,188

2. The Treasurer has submitted a claim to the Inland Revenue for repayment of tax on the donations received under the Family Contribution scheme of £2,412 for the year 2022/23.

The Friends of Saint Joseph's School
Financial Year End Report to 31 March 2024

AUDITED

The Financial Position as at 31 March 2024 is as follows:

Bank	FOSJS £	School £	Total £	
Natwest Current Account			5,751.24	
Natwest Reserve Account 1 day Notice			5,151.80	10,000 drawn into current account
Natwest Reserve Account 35 day Notice			15,349.86	
Natwest Reserve Account 95 day Notice			15,472.87	
Petty Cash			100.00	
			41,825.77	
Cumulative Income/Expenditure to 31 March 2024				<i>For information only:</i>
IN Building Fund Standing Orders / ParentPay payments		7,712.23	7,712.23	<i>25% Tax Reclaimable</i>
GAD - Gift Aided Donations by bank transfer	1,000.00		1,000.00	<i>next financial year</i>
HMRC Gift Aid Reclaim 22/23	168.17	2,243.30	2,411.47	£1,928.06
Bank Interest	1,160.25		1,160.25	£250.00
FOSJS Fundraising income	50,382.42		50,382.42	
FOSJS Fundraising expenses	(28,913.52)		(28,913.52)	
Net Income Raised	23,797.32	9,955.53	33,752.85	33,752.85 check
OUT Payments to School:				
Reception garden toys	(225.00)		(225.00)	
KS1 climbing frame/castle and line marking	(20,785.00)		(20,785.00)	
PiXL, Accelerated Reader, forest school teacher	(10,700.00)		(10,700.00)	
ICT lease plan	(5,000.00)		(5,000.00)	
Stationary, rugs, laptops and trolley, movie night screens , wall art		(11,478.20)	(11,478.20)	
	(36,710.00)	(11,478.20)	(48,188.20)	
Plus Surplus Funds as at 31st March 2023	57,240.09	(978.97)	56,261.12	
Total Funds to agree with Bank position above.	44,327.41	(2,501.64)	41,825.77	(0.00) check
Cash available for School / Capital Projects	44,327.41	(2,501.64)	41,825.77	

Cumulative Fundraising Event Income to 31 March 2024

	Gross	Expenses	Net Income	Comments
903 Christmas Cards	525.81	0.00	525.81	run by Jo and Dave Reilly
904 Summer Silent Auction	3,427.45	0.00	3,427.45	run online
908 World Cup Day	837.94	(444.95)	392.99	
909 Easy Fundraising/Amazon Smile	358.87	0.00	358.87	
910 2nd Hand Uniform Shop	5,692.03	(4,419.62)	1,272.41	
913 Ice cream sales	806.42	(277.90)	528.52	
914 Movie Night	1,053.46	(808.20)	245.26	paid as part of school invoice 24/95FOSJS
915 Parents Xmas disco/social / Spring Karaoke	202.82	(247.76)	(44.94)	2 events cancelled, fees for Karaoke absorbed in Summer Ball
920 Cheese and wine parents social	363.69	(312.03)	51.66	very few people turned up

921 MyNameTags kick back	133.00	0.00	133.00	
929 Camp Night	4,886.93	(3,771.59)	1,115.34	
929 <i>Matched Funding for Camp Night</i>	1,000.00		1,000.00	Blacha family
929 <i>AGR sponsorship</i>	1,100.00		1,100.00	
930 Family Bingo	971.59	(165.94)	805.65	
930 <i>Matched Funding for Bingo</i>	937.46	0.00	937.46	Blacha family
931 Father's Day	1,562.27	(729.96)	832.31	
933 Easter Egg Hunt	656.21	(174.20)	482.01	
934 Astra Recycling - green clothes bin	794.96	0.00	794.96	
937 Sports Day - donations from food/drink vans	155.00	0.00	155.00	
940 KS1/KS2 Christmas Party/Disco	1,641.65	(618.05)	1,023.60	
941 Terrapin Supplies	0.00	(920.78)	(920.78)	stock for various events
942 Mother's Day	1,956.40	(923.68)	1,032.72	
944 Coronation Plate	1,534.77	0.00	1,534.77	later deducted from 1 school invoice)
949 Xmas Bazaar Hampres Raffle	1,180.95	0.00	1,180.95	
950 Xmas Bazaar	10,317.77	(5,983.27)	4,334.50	
951 Cake and Donut Sales	1,027.52	(183.00)	844.52	
952 Mufti Days	739.40	0.00	739.40	
954 Summer Ball	1,229.77	(5,103.92)	(3,874.15)	ticket sales vs costs for this year's ball
958 Your School Lottery	794.90	0.00	794.90	
959 Admin expenses	0.00	(1,105.51)	(1,105.51)	Card terminals, Parentkind membership, folding tables, ect
960 Yr6 Performance Drinks	419.86	0.00	419.86	
970 Legoland	3,134.76	(2,223.00)	911.76	
990 Summer Raffle	348.50	(44.00)	304.50	
991 Easter Raffle	371.59	(65.00)	306.59	
999 Individual donation	1.91	0.00	1.91	
MISC Misc	216.76	(391.16)	(174.40)	Leavers 2023 top up
	<u>50,382.42</u>	<u>(28,913.52)</u>	<u>21,468.90</u>	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Friends of St Joseph's School

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1069943

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Nicola Fairbrother

Date:

11/06/2024

Name:

Nicola Fairbrother

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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