



Registered Charity Number 1069943

TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

AUDITED

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025

Address

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

TRUSTEES

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Caroline Lovegrove (Head Teacher)

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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 conclude the financial year 2024/2025 and celebrate our third consecutive year leading the Friends of St Joseph's School (FOSJS), myself, Joanna, and Andrea are delighted to reflect on another year of teamwork, community spirit, and steady progress.

Over the past three years, we have continued to build on strong foundations, refining what works best for our school community and evolving where needed. Our guiding principle remains unchanged — to keep the wheels of FOSJS turning smoothly, ensuring that our efforts consistently meet our mission statement “to enrich our children’s school lives”.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Mrs. Lovegrove, Mrs O’Kane and Mrs. Morris in particular, and indeed to all members of staff for their ongoing encouragement, guidance, and collaboration. Their support underpins everything we do. And without the SLT promotion of our headline events to the children themselves we would certainly not be able to reap the rewards that we do. Thank you.

A Look Back at 2024/2025

This year has been one of both celebration and achievement for FOSJS, marked by three standout events that truly captured the spirit of our school community.

Our parents-only **Black Tie Summer Ball**, themed “Casino Royale” was a resounding success — a glamorous evening of fun, friendship, and generosity. The event was well attended, brought all sectors of the school together including Chef Paul and his team and raised an impressive amount for the school, proving that, when offered the right occasion, our parent community still enjoys coming together in style to support FOSJS.

Autumn Festival replaced our usual annual Christmas Bazaar which after some consideration and consultation felt slightly tired and repetitive, with the amount of effort in the creating of the event certainly not reflected in the enthusiasm of the attendees with numbers and fundraising dropping year on year. The event was a sell out twice over and took place mainly outdoors on the KS1 playground with stalls, food and drink, toasted marshmallows and a dazzling laser light show set to music.

Equally memorable was our bi-annual **Camp Night**, which returned this year in spectacular fashion. Run in a festival-style format, it drew a record number of both camping and non-camping families. The atmosphere was one of pure community spirit — children playing, parents relaxing, and everyone enjoying a truly special experience on an extremely warm summer evening that perfectly captured what FOSJS stands for: togetherness, joy, and shared memories.

Alongside these major events, our regular calendar of children-focused activities continued to deliver strong engagement and steady fundraising results. Highlights included:

- Christmas and Summer Discos
- Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle
- Mother's Day and Father's Day Gift Shops
- Cake, Ice Cream, and Book Sales
- Mufti Days
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- Smarties Challenge and Reindeer visit

Financial Highlights

The FOSJS total **net income for the 2024/2025 financial year** reached **£29,603**, representing a modest decrease from last year's £31,642. Despite some lower event takings, we have continued to manage our finances prudently and to invest wisely in school projects.

However, this year we noted a significant decrease in **Building Fund contributions**, which totalled **£7,929**. These funds remain an essential source of long-term investment for the school, and we encourage both the school leadership and governors to work together in helping to revitalise and promote this much-needed stream of support among our parent community.

Investments and Commitments

Throughout the year, FOSJS has continued to fund projects that make a meaningful impact on the children's learning and school experience. In 2024/2025, we contributed a total of **£38,738** towards the school, including:

- ICT lease part funded
- PiXL subscription Sept 24 - Aug 25
- Accelerated Reader
- Roofing contribution
- Contribution towards Forest School Leader 24-25
- Forest school sail roof
- RWI Books for KS1
- 4 x bookcases Yr1 & Yr2
- Playground equipment
- ELSA training funding for 1 teacher

These investments directly enrich the children's daily school life and uphold our commitment to supporting both academic and social development.

Current Net Funds and Savings

At the close of the financial year, net funds stand at £6,790, with an additional £37,445 held securely in savings. Our decision to maintain strong reserves in high-interest savings accounts continues to serve us well, generating over £1,414 in interest income this year alone — effectively funding smaller projects through passive growth.

Digital and Operational Progress

Our digital tools remain invaluable. Online payments, internet banking, and our FOSJS online store have become the backbone of our operations, offering convenience and transparency. The online raffles and auctions continue to perform strongly, attracting enthusiastic participation and simplifying our fundraising process.

Uniform Shop Success

A special thanks to Sophie and Paris, whose dedication and consistent management of the FOSJS Uniform Shop have kept it thriving. With increased footfall and the convenience of purchasing quality, preloved, and new items directly from school, the shop has not only supported families but also reduced waste — a sustainable win for all.

Communication and Community Engagement

We remain committed to open and effective communication with our school families. Our Classlist platform, WhatsApp groups, newsletters, and notice boards continue to serve as reliable channels for sharing updates, reminders, and event results.

This transparency helps strengthen the sense of partnership between FOSJS and the parent community, keeping everyone informed and engaged in our shared mission to enrich the school experience.

Gratitude and Acknowledgements

We would like to express heartfelt thanks to the entire FOSJS Leadership Team, Class Parents, volunteers, and every contributor who gives their time, energy, and creativity. Your involvement makes everything possible.

Our thanks also go to Arthur Grace Residential for their continued sponsorship and partnership, now in its third successful year. Their support helps amplify our fundraising reach and visibility.

Looking Ahead

As we move into our fourth year as a leadership team, we are excited to continue refining our events calendar, exploring new fundraising ideas that engage families, and ensuring that every pound raised directly benefits the children of St Joseph's.

Together, we've shown that when our community comes together — parents, teachers, and children — we can achieve lasting and meaningful impact.

Thank you for another wonderful year of collaboration and generosity.

Warm regards,

Victoria Christian

Chair, Friends of St Joseph's School (FOSJS)

October 2025

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For the financial year ended 31 March 2025**

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| INCOME | | |
| Donations (BF/PP/GAD) | 7,691 | 8,712 |
| Bank interest | 1,414 | 1,535 |
| Gross fundraising events income | 69,121 | 50,019 |
| Gift Aid on donations (y/e 22/23) | 2,539 | 2,412 |
| Total income | 80,765 | 62,677 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Payments to the school | 38,738 | 48,188 |
| Fundraising events expenses | 39,518 | 28,824 |
| Total expenditure | 78,256 | 77,012 |
| Surplus/(deficit) funds | 2,509 | (15,895) |
| | 80,765 | 62,677 |
| Surplus funds at beginning of year | 41,826 | 57,240 |
| Add: (Deficit)/surplus funds for the year | 2,509 | (15,895) |
| Surplus funds at end of year | 44,335 | 41,826 |
| The Surplus Funds are represented by: | | |
| Cash in hand | 100 | 100 |
| <u>Cash at bank</u> | | |
| Current account | 6,790 | 5,751 |
| Reserve account (closed) | 0 | 0 |
| Reserve account (1 day notice) | 6,021 | 5,152 |
| Reserve account (35 day notice) | 0 | 15,350 |
| Reserve account (95 day notice) | 31,424 | 15,473 |
| | 44,335 | 41,826 |



Notes:

1. During the year £38,738 was paid to the school as follows:

| | |
|---|---------|
| • Uniform | £15 |
| • Building fund payment 22/97FOSJS | £8,000 |
| • ICT lease part funded, PiXL subscription Sept 24 - Aug 25, Accelerated Reader, 2nd Roofing contribution, contribution towards Forest School Leader 24-25, RWI Books, 4 x bookcases Yr1 & Yr2, Playground equipment, ELSA training funding | £30,013 |
| • Forest school sail | £85 |
| • KS1 library supplies | £625 |

£38,738

2. The Treasurer has submitted a claim to the HM Revenue & Customs for repayment of tax on the donations received under the Charity Contribution scheme of **£2,539** for the year 2023/24.

The Friends of Saint Joseph's School
Financial Year End Report to 31 March 2025

AUDITED

The Financial Position as at 31 March 2025 is as follows:

| Bank | FOSJS £ | School £ | Total £ | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| Natwest Current Account | | | 6,789.78 | |
| Natwest Reserve Account 1 day Notice | | | 6,021.43 | 10,000 drawn into current account |
| Natwest Reserve Account 35 day Notice | | | 0.00 | |
| Natwest Reserve Account 95 day Notice | | | 31,423.83 | |
| Petty Cash | | | 100.00 | |
| | | | 44,335.04 | |
| Cumulative Income/Expenditure to 31 March 2025 | | | | For information only: 25% Tax Reclaimable next financial year |
| IN Building Fund Standing Orders / ParentPay payments | | 5,760.78 | 5,760.78 | £1,440.20 |
| GAD - Gift Aided Donations by bank transfer | 1,930.00 | | 1,930.00 | £482.50 |
| HMRC Gift Aid Reclaim 23/24 | 370.67 | 2,168.33 | 2,539.00 | |
| Bank Interest | 1,414.13 | | 1,414.13 | |
| FOSJS Fundraising income | 69,121.17 | | 69,121.17 | |
| FOSJS Fundraising expenses | (39,518.08) | | (39,518.08) | |
| Net Income Raised | 33,317.89 | 7,929.11 | 41,247.00 | 41,247.00 check |
| OUT Payments to School: | | | | |
| Uniform | (15.00) | | (15.00) | |
| Building fund payment 22/97FOSJS | | (8,000.00) | (8,000.00) | |
| ICT lease part funded | | | | |
| PiXL subscription Sept 24 - Aug 25 | | | | |
| Accelerated Reader | | | | |
| Roofing contribution | | | | |
| contribution towards Forest School Leader 24-25 | | | | |
| RWI Books | | | | |
| 4 x bookcases Yr1 & Yr2 | | | | |
| Playground equipment | | | | |
| ELSA training funding | (22,012.61) | (8,000.00) | (30,012.61) | |
| Forest school sail | (85.00) | | (85.00) | |
| KS1 library supplies | (625.12) | | (625.12) | |
| | (22,737.73) | (16,000.00) | (38,737.73) | |
| Plus Surplus Funds as at 31st March 2024 | 44,327.41 | (2,501.64) | 41,825.77 | |
| Total Funds to agree with Bank position above. | 54,907.57 | (10,572.53) | 44,335.04 | 0.00 check |
| Cash available for School / Capital Projects | 54,907.57 | (10,572.53) | 44,335.04 | |

Cumulative Fundraising Event Income to 31 March 2025

| | Gross | Expenses | Net Income | Comments |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|---------------------------|
| 903 Christmas Cards | 539.81 | 0.00 | 539.81 | run by Jo and Dave Reilly |
| 904 Summer Silent Auction | 3,361.43 | 0.00 | 3,361.43 | run online |

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|------|---|-----------|-------------|-----------|---|
| 909 | Easy Fundraising/Amazon Smile | 430.24 | 0.00 | 430.24 | |
| 910 | 2nd Hand Uniform Shop | 6,479.52 | (6,759.25) | (279.73) | circa £700 in new stock in the shop |
| 913 | Ice cream sales | 1,492.81 | (592.05) | 900.76 | |
| 914 | Movie Night | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | Matched funding from last year Blacha family |
| 915 | Autumn Festival | 12,801.81 | (7,014.19) | 5,787.62 | 2 events cancelled, fees for Karaoke absorbed in Summer Ball |
| 921 | MyNameTags kick back | 24.50 | 0.00 | 24.50 | |
| 929 | Camp Night | 0.00 | (354.17) | (354.17) | silent disco booking for 2025 |
| 930 | Family Bingo | 204.70 | (21.00) | 183.70 | cancelled |
| 931 | Father's Day | 1,586.72 | (878.17) | 708.55 | |
| 933 | Easter Egg Hunt | 621.42 | (197.15) | 424.27 | |
| 934 | Astra Recycling - green clothes bin | 384.00 | 0.00 | 384.00 | |
| 937 | Sports Day - donations from food/drink vans | 160.00 | 0.00 | 160.00 | |
| 940 | KS1/KS2 Christmas Party/Disco | 0.00 | (62.80) | (62.80) | |
| 942 | Mother's Day | 2,629.80 | (1,771.00) | 858.80 | Matched funding from last year Blacha family, DAY 3 takings banked in next financial year |
| 942 | Santa Gifts | 0.00 | (232.45) | (232.45) | |
| 944 | Reindeers | 1,830.19 | (1,593.60) | 236.59 | (later deducted from 1 school invoice) |
| 945 | Xmas parties | 2,257.02 | (1,161.53) | 1,095.49 | |
| 948 | Xmas hampers | 1,458.00 | 0.00 | 1,458.00 | |
| 950 | Xmas Bazaar | 0.00 | (529.02) | (529.02) | deposit for funfair |
| 951 | Cake and Donut Sales | 1,157.45 | (642.01) | 515.44 | |
| 952 | Mufti Days | 853.33 | (141.13) | 712.20 | |
| 953 | Pop up book sale | 55.28 | 0.00 | 55.28 | |
| 954 | Summer Ball | 22,420.30 | (14,784.90) | 7,635.40 | ticket sales vs costs for this year's ball |
| 955 | Kids summer parties | 2,143.67 | (913.60) | 1,230.07 | |
| 956 | Smarties challenge | 836.16 | (213.57) | 622.59 | |
| 958 | Your School Lottery | 844.90 | 0.00 | 844.90 | |
| 959 | Admin expenses | 142.99 | (676.49) | (533.50) | |
| 960 | Yr6 Performance Drinks | 245.82 | 0.00 | 245.82 | |
| 970 | Legoland | 1,732.96 | (960.00) | 772.96 | |
| 980 | Pop up Xmas shop | 570.89 | (20.00) | 550.89 | |
| 990 | Summer Raffle | 354.78 | 0.00 | 354.78 | |
| 991 | Easter Raffle | 441.84 | 0.00 | 441.84 | |
| 998 | Plastic recycling | 24.36 | 0.00 | 24.36 | |
| 999 | Individual donation | 34.47 | 0.00 | 34.47 | |
| MISC | Misc | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | | 69,121.17 | (39,518.08) | 29,603.09 | |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Friends of St. Joseph's School

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1069943

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Nicola Fairbrother

Date:

25/11/25

Name:

NICOLA FAIRBROTHER

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

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (ACA)

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.