

# FRIENDS OF POWELL'S SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1108558

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2005-03-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS IN THE SCHOOL OR TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS IN THE SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR BY 1. DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STAFF PARENTS AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCHOOL; 2. ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES OR PROVIDING FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT WHICH SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS.

**Activities:** Advance education of pupils in Powell's School by developing relationships between staff and parents, engaging in activities or providing facilities/equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED BUT IN PRACTICE COTSWOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
- Gloucestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£35,337	£23,479	-	-
2023-09-30	£41,717	£46,848	-	-
2022-09-30	£32,213	£12,330	-	-
2021-09-30	£16,727	£5,684	-	-
2020-09-30	£18,783	£28,415	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Kymerley Jaye Rutterford</b>	Chair	2024-11-06
Carol Louise Taylor		2025-11-27
Claire Selby		2026-01-21
Helen Elizabeth Cooper		2019-05-20
Helena Rose Metcalfe		2025-11-27
Jane Lumley		2024-11-06
Katherine Ann Stokes		2025-11-27
Natasha May		2025-11-27
Rebekah Elizabeth Joan Law-Lund		2025-12-02

**FRIENDS OF POWELL'S SCHOOL**

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# Accounts

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As a committee, we see the role of FoP's as more than simply raising money, we also believe our role is to support the school community, enhance the children's experiences and work with the school to help where we can.

The funds we have raised over the years have supported various projects such as - refurbishing the school pond, the pond refurbishment being one of FoPs biggest. This single fundraising event has allowed the children to learn about the wildlife in their natural habitat, take part in science experiments and activity visits. Through all the hard work fundraising, we've contributed £5,000 towards this project. There's been some key fundraising events over 2023 including - key stage 1 playground, new books, accelerated reader/maths app, parent communications tools, the eco pods, outdoor classroom and maintaining/improving the playgrounds.

Our next big fundraising project is the key stage 2 playground. Using funds from 2023-2024 FoPs will be able to support the school with £10,000.

We'd like to give a **'BIG thank you'** to everyone that has helped and supported our events and activities during 2023 and 2024.

### **Key Areas FoPs Supported In 2023-2024**

- Key Stage 2 Playground (starting in 2024-2025)
- The Giffords Circus Trip
- Portable Cooker & Hob
- Life Education Bus
- Eco Encounters
- Ukulele Lessons
- Play In A Day
- Anglo Saxon Day
- World Book Day Author Visits
- Father Christmas Gift
- Class Activities Early Years to Year 6
- Year 6 Leavers Activities, Student and Parents Drinks
- Year 6 Bibles
- Parent Mail Communications Tool
- Academic Apps/Accelerated Reading/Numbots
- New Books

### **Autum Term 2023**

### **Gifford's Circus**

We start the school year with this amazing tradition, which started at the school several years ago. The ability to help fund all the children to walk down and attend Gifford's Circus. This is a huge highlight to the start of the children's year. The efforts of the school and Giffords to ensure the school children still attended the show was outstanding. As a PTA we fund this event to make it an affordable event for families to attend. In return, we ask for a donation of £5 per child and volunteer. Awaiting amount - estimated at £700.

### **Wreath Workshop**

The wreath making workshop was sadly missed in 2023. This was due to the cost of living. We felt as a committee the costs to run this event were too high and in bad taste with the ongoing cost living crisis/economic climate. With the help from host and professional florist Holly Moon we are hoping to re-run this event in 2024.

### **Christmas Fayre**

This event creates magical memories for the children with fun stalls including festive cups, toys, books, tombola, and 'have a go' games. The children had a great time. The event made over £1,500.

### **Father Christmas Visit**

Each year group visits Father Christmas, who hands out a gift donated by FoPs to every child. The budget is £1 per child. Each child received a note pad, pencil and make-your-own bauble. Listening to the parent/children and teachers feedback for 2024 will see each child receive a sweet shop gift voucher. This will help cover all ages, from early years to year 6 and will support a Cirencester sweet shop.

### **Christmas Tree Disposal**

The Christmas tree disposal event 2024 worked well. Thanks to our committee members and wonderful tree chopping volunteers. Donations for trees were set at £5 and the chippings were used within the school grounds. We are hoping to run this again in 2025.

### **Spring Term 2024**

#### **School Disco**

It was great to see so many children enjoying the event which includes a professional DJ, tuck shop and disco glow stalls. Thank you to our disco organisers Beth Gilbertson, Kym Rutt, Paul Mills and Linzi Gregory for another amazing event. We also would like to thank the teaching team who give up their Friday evening and without their support the discos would not be able to continue along with the huge number of parent volunteers. The school disco is a great experience for all the children. In addition to the disco Ruth Savage and Victoria Jarvis setup a new cashless disco bar held at school in the music and drama hall. For everyone to enjoy a drink and social whilst waiting at for the child/children to finish at the disco. This was a great addition and super successful. The bar will continue at all future discos. Both discos and bars make well over £2000 per year in 2024.

#### **Parent Quiz**

Thank you to Lisa Garrett & Carol Tylor for organising the very popular parent quiz. Again, thank you to the volunteers who also helped to make this a fun filled evening along with our regular quiz master and Elvis impersonator Ian Street. Ticket sales, auction and the bar made over £2000.

## **Summer Term 2024**

### **Fete**

The planning of the fete begins in February/March, and we thank all those people who helped during the run up, on the day and those who coordinated a stalls. We were fortunate enough to have an amazing weather again. This is our biggest event of the year which involves many volunteers including teachers and caretaking staff.

This is our biggest fundraising event of the year. Giving FoPs a big profit of over £12,000. This huge amount is a testament to the massive effort from everyone involved. We thank you all with a special thank you to all the sponsors, performers & suppliers.

### **Sports Day Refreshments**

During sports day, committee members provided a refreshments stall during the event. Thank you all of those who donated on the day. Bringing in a grand total of £250.

### **School Disco**

Thank you again to our disco organisers/volunteers for another fantastic disco. Thanks again to the teaching and caretaking teams for supporting this event - without you we could not run this out of hours event. Also, the parent bar was much busy and more popular in this summer month.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

This year we welcomed the opportunity to support several activities for the year 6's such as leaver's bibles, drinks reception following the leavers service, and end of year party. Special thank you to the year 6 teaching team and out of hours volunteers.

### **EYS Welcome**

It was great to be part of the Schools Early Years welcome meeting. This is our opportunity to talk about FoPs with the new parents, explain how FoPs supports the school and sell preloved school uniform. Ruth and the team spoke brilliantly about FoPs and encouraged the new parents to join the volunteering crew.

## **Ongoing & New Events**

### **Preloved Uniform Sales**

Preloved uniform sales reduce waste and supports families. In 2023 we raised a total of £100. We could do a lot better and will be asking for more volunteers for futures sales. In 2024 we would like to introduce more sales, which run alongside the cake bakes, parent's evenings and possibly a termly Saturday sale. We hope to make over £700 by running the preloved uniform sales alongside the cake bakes.

### **Cake Bakes**

These were a great success last year, with all the money raised going towards the class activities, such as the beach day and Egyptian day. With nearly each year group rising over £150 per cake bake. Great effort from all the parents, helpers and children.

### **Tuck Shop**

Using up fete and disco stock to run a tuck shop sale. This is a hugely popular sale. We are looking to run this more regularly in the spring/summer months, we will need to recruitment volunteers and year 5/6 students. Also keeps the shed tidy.

### **Christmas Cards**

The children have completed their Christmas card designs 2024. FoPs is working with School Print World. FoPs will receive 20% of all sales. If this is a successful fundraiser, FoPs will look to carry it on in 2025.

### **Wreath Workshop**

With the help from host and professional florist Holly Moon we are hoping to re-run this event in 2024. Tickets for the event will be £50 and this includes a welcome drink and mice pie.

### **Christmas Tree Disposal**

January 2024 drop and chop for £5 and upwards. This was a very good event, and we will be running is again in 2025 and looking to make over £100.

### **Bike Bus**

The Bike or walking bus would be a parent volunteer led scheme. Starting in January 2025, every Friday morning 7:45am, meeting points in Stratton, Chesterton, and Victoria Road. Bike or walk to school and a FoPs refreshment/croissant served in the music/drama hall. This great new bike/walking bus will generate a sense of community, promote healthy living, care for towns environment, help calm traffic and raise much needed funds for Powell's school. The more miles the children do the more businesses, parents and the community could sponsor/pledge. We'd ask for a donation via the PTA portal or a SumUp payment link.

### **Parent Disco Bar**

Both bars ran very well. With the summer bar being the most popular, making well over £200. We will look it run these bars and social evenings more often in 2024.

### **Parent Social Club**

Social drinks gathering to be held in the music and drama hall. With a FoPs volunteers bar. To run each term or at special occasions such as September welcome drinks, Christmas, Easter, start of summer and end of term.

### **Parent Party Race Night**

April/May time the newer committee members are looking into running a parent party race night. To be held at a venue in Cirencester. This will include a VR horse racing, a parent run bar and live music. Tickets would be priced at £25 per person.

### **School Lottery**

Tickets are £1 a week with 36p going to the prize draw and 40p donated straight to school. The draw is every Saturday. A simple and fun fundraiser that can really make a difference to school. It has been agreed the committee make a promo flyer for the Lottery which will go in the school starter packs, on parent mail, and up on the FoPs noticeboards. In 2023 raised over £1000. Thank you to those who have taken part and to those who have kindly donated their winnings.

### **Rag Bag**

The Rag Bag program continues and is a great way to get rid of those unwanted clothes. The money comes in over the year. We feel this could do better. We will be promoting this through school's comms and notice boards.

### **Easy Fundraising**

The few parents that support this scheme allow money to drip in over the year. We need to find ways to remind parents and other family members to use the scheme in their everyday shopping as it could prove to be hugely profitable. We need to push and promote this one more. In 2023 it contributed £50.

## **Summary**

We raised almost £25,000 profit and contributed within the academic year around £15,000 to school with the remaining funds allocated to the larger projects which includes the playground refurbishment and the enhancement to the play areas in key stage 2.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to Mrs. Cooper and all the school staff for their support. Also, a big support thanks to the office team - Clare Arnold, Claire Jarvis, Nadine Brown and Steve Rodgers.

Thank you to all the class representatives, who have helped bridge the communication gaps between parents and the school. A special mention and big thank you to Jon Calvert. FoPs and the parents really appreciate your excellent instant messaging.

Thank you to the FoPs committee - Carrie, Gemma, Ruth and Victoria. Since taking over in 2022 the committee would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported. As a committee with older children leaving the school in 2025, the full committee is stepping down and getting ready to help welcome new members and form a new committee. FoPs are already welcoming and thanking for their work to date new members:

Co-Chair | Kym Rutterford  
Co-Treasurer | Jayne Lumley  
Co-Secretary | Amy Taylor

## **Finally**

The work Friends of Powell's carries out is important to the school and our children's school experience. We provide money that allows Powell's to improve facilities, support purchasing additional resources and contribute to events. This combined with the provision of a rich calendar of events both for the children, families and wider community enriches the children's school years. We thank all parents and families for their continued support of events and fundraising over this year.

Victoria Jarvis  
Chair | Friends of Friends of Powell's School | Charity Number 1108558

**Friends of Powell's School**  
**Profit and Loss Report**  
**Year Ended 30th September 2024**

<b>Sales</b>	
Your School Lottery	1,137.00
Rag Bag	57.01
Uniform Sales	222.45
Cake Bake	1,616.72
Christmas Fayre	1,491.09
Disco	7,622.08
Parent Bar	523.79
Easy Fundraising	34.05
Fete	17,015.12
Parent Quiz	4,794.22
Year 6 Leavers	310.00
Giffords	259.00
Christmas Tree Drop & Chop	202.00
Donation	52.50
Total Sales	35,337.03
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	
School Contribution	3,047.96
Cake Bake	40.93
Christmas Fayre	1,021.14
Disco	4,381.73
Parent Bar	730.90
Fete	6,680.76
Parent Quiz	1,962.48
Committee Expense	196.98
Year 6 Leavers	890.06
Giffords	4,176.90
Total Direct Expenses	23,129.84
<b>GROSS PROFIT / LOSS</b>	<b>12,207.19</b>
<b>Overheads</b>	
Sumup & Stripe Charges	350.57
Total Overheads	350.57
<b>NET PROFIT / LOSS</b>	
	<u><u>11,856.62</u></u>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees</b>	Friends of Powell's		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1108558
	<b>Set out on pages</b>		
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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 **30 / 09 / 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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:** *David May* **Date:** 01/08/2025

**Name:** David May

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

**Address:** 224 Watermoor Point, Watermoor Road, Cirencester, GL7 1LF

**Section B****Disclosure**

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.**

N/A

**FRIENDS OF POWELL'S SCHOOL**

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# Accounts

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# Friends of Powell's AGM 2022-2023

## Summary Report

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As a committee, we see the role of FoP's as more than simply raising money, we also believe our role is to support the school community, enhance the children's experiences and work with the school to help where we can.

The funds we have raised over the years have supported various projects such as - refurbishing the pond and key stage 1 playground, books, maths and accelerated reader app, communications tool, eco pods, outdoor classroom and maintaining/improving the playgrounds.

There's been some key fundraising events over 2022/2023, the pond refurbishment being our biggest. This single fundraising event has allowed the children to learn about the wildlife in their natural habitat, take part in science experiments and activity visits. Through the hard work of our fundraising, we've contributed £5000.00 towards this project.

We'd like to give a **'BIG thank you'** to everyone that has helped and supported our events and activities during 2022 and 2023.

### Key Areas FoPs Supported In 2022-2023

- Key Stage 1 Playground
- Academic Apps / Accelerated Reading / Numbots
- Parent Mail Communications tool
- Class Activities
- Life Education Bus
- Y6 Leavers Activities Party & Bibles
- The Giffords Circus Trip
- Ukulele Lessons
- World Book Day Author visits
- Books
- A gift from Father Christmas

### Events & Activities 2022-2023

#### AUTUMN TERM

##### **EYS Welcome**

It was great to host a welcome event for the Early Years families in their child's first few weeks of school.

##### **Wreath Workshop**

We saw the return of our popular Wreath Workshop within the school music hall. Again, a big thank you to our fantastic florist Holly Moon who hosted this for the second year running. This has proved to be a fun social event in our Christmas calendar, raising £288.

### **Christmas Fayre**

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### **Father Christmas Visit**

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## **SPRING TERM**

### **School Disco**

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### **Parent Quiz**

Thank you to Lisa Garrett & Carol Tylor for organising the very popular parent quiz. Again, thank you to the volunteers who also helped to make this a fun filled evening along with our regular quiz master and Elvis impersonator Ian Street. Ticket sales and the bar made over £1700.

## **SUMMER TERM**

### **Fete**

The planning of the fete begins in February/March, and we thank all those people who helped during the run up, on the day and those who co-ordinated a stalls. We were fortunate enough to have a heatwave on our hands which couldn't be any different from the previous year. This is our biggest event of the year which involves a large amount of volunteers including teachers and caretaking staff.

As a new FOP's team, we did however struggle with the number of volunteers on the run up and on the day. We need additional support for this event going forward for various job roles and shifts.

This is our biggest fundraising event of the year. With 2023 giving us a total income over £15,000 and profit over £10,000. This huge amount is a testament to the massive effort from everyone involved. We thank you all with a special thank you to all the sponsors, performers & suppliers.

### **Sports Day Refreshments**

During sports day, committee members, Carrie Coupland & Victoria Jarvis provided a refreshments stall during the event. Thank you all of those who donated on the day. Bringing in a grand total of £400.

### **School Disco**

Thank you to Beth Gilbertson and Linzi Gregory for organising another fantastic disco. Thanks again to the teaching and caretaking teams for supporting this event -without you we could not run this out of hours event.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

This year we welcomed the opportunity to support several activities for the Y6's such as leaver's bibles, drinks reception following the leavers service, and end of year party. Special thank you to the Y6 teaching team and out of hours volunteers.

## **EYS Welcome**

It was great to be part of the Schools Early Years welcome meeting. This is our opportunity to talk about FoPs with the new parents, explain how FoPs supports the school and sell preloved school uniform. We also encourage the new parents to join the volunteering crew.

## **AUTUMN TERM SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **Gifford's Circus**

This is an amazing tradition that started at the school several years ago. The ability to help fund all the children to walk down and attend Gifford's Circus. This is a huge highlight to the start of the children's year. The efforts of the school and Giffords to ensure the school children still attended the show was outstanding. As a PTA we fund this event to make it an affordable event for families to attend. In return, we ask for a donation of £5 per child and volunteer. Donations were low in 2023 and going forward we are looking to charge £5-£10 per child.

## **ONGOING**

### **Preloved Uniform Sales**

Preloved uniform sales reduce waste and supports families. Over the course of the year sales have also included books. In total we've raised £100. We could do a lot better and will be asking for more volunteers for futures sales and looking to setup a "help yourself shop" with donations to be left in the FoPs letterbox.

### **Cake Bakes**

These were a great success last year, with all the money raised going towards the class activities, such as the beach day and Egyptian day. With nearly each year group rising over £200 per cake bake. Great effort from all the parents, helpers and children.

### **Tuck Shop**

Using up fete and disco stock to run a tuck shop sale. This is a hugely popular sale. We are looking to run this more regularly with the recruitment of more volunteers and year 5/6 students. The 2023 sale made £100 in 15 minutes.

### **School Lottery**

In March 2021 we launched the School Lottery. Tickets are £1 a week with 36p going to the prize draw and 40p donated straight to school. The draw is every Saturday. A simple and fun fundraiser that can really make a difference to school. As the new FoPs team, we are going to send out more comms to ask new and existing parents to sign-up. 2022-2023 raised over £1600. Thank you to those who have taken part and to those who have kindly donated their winnings.

### **Amazon Smile**

In 2020-2021 FoPs setup Amazon smile. People can select FoPs as a charity within their Amazon account and the charity earns a % of the account holders spend. The contribution for 2022-2023 £225. Unfortunately, Amazon has now pulled this offering. If it ever returns, we will again encourage people to sign up.

### **Rag Bag**

The Rag Bag program continues and is a great way to get rid of those unwanted clothes. The money comes in over the year. 2022-2023 contributed £46. We feel this could do better. We will be promoting this through school's comms and notice boards.

### **Easy Fundraising**

The few parents that support this scheme allow money to drip in over the year. We need to find ways to remind parents and other family members to use the scheme in their everyday shopping as it could prove to be hugely profitable. We need to push and promote this one more. In 2022-2023 it contributed £50.

### **Christmas Tree Disposal**

We are running a Christmas tree disposal event in January 2024 and looking for donation of £5 and upwards. Watch this space.

### **Summary**

We raised almost £20,000 profit and contributed within the academic year around £13,500 to school with the remaining funds allocated to the larger projects of the pond refurbishment and the enhancement to the play areas for EYS and Year 1.

### **Thank yous**

Thank you to Mrs. Cooper and all the school staff for their support. Also a big support thanks to the office team - Clare Arnold, Claire Jarvis, Nadine Brown and Steve Rodgers.

Thank you to the previous committee members Beth, Sarah, Linzi and Beth for handing over and supporting us throughout 2022-2023.

Thank you for stepping up - Carrie, Ruth, Gemma, James and Victoria. We'd would like to thank everyone that has helped over the past year to support our efforts. As the new FoPs committee, we are always on the lookout for new committee members...

### **Finally**

The work Friends of Powell's carries is important to the school and our children's school experience. We provide money that allows Powell's to improve facilities, support purchasing additional resources and contribute to events. This combined with the provision of a rich calendar of events both for the children, families and wider community enriches the children's school years. We thank all parents and families for their continued support of events and fundraising over this year.

### **Victoria Jarvis**

Chair | Friends of Friends of Powell's School | Charity Number 1108558

## Friends of Powell's School

### Income and Expenditure Account

Year End: 30th September 2023

	Income £	Expenditure £	Profit £
<b>Starting Bank Balance</b>	<b>£18,640.13</b>		
Wreath Making Workshop	1,530.80	1,242.76	288.04
Christmas Fayre	2,411.15	363.99	2,047.16
Quiz	4,200.53	2,469.69	1,730.84
Cake, Uniform and Tea Towel Sales	2,086.04	0.00	2,086.04
Fete	15,426.16	5,190.27	10,235.89
Sports Day	412.21	10.75	401.46
Pond Fundraising	3,455.92	5,000.00	-1,544.08
Your School Lottery	1,646.80	0.00	1,646.80
Rag Bag	46.81	0.00	46.81
Amazon Smile	225.84	0.00	225.84
Easy Fundraiser	51.76	0.00	51.76
School Discos	3,455.92	4,070.70	-614.78

### Fundraiser Totals

**£19,696.87**

### Contributions to school

Saxon Day	1,063.00	
Play in a Day	300.00	
VR Experience	363.00	(FOP funded £3 per child)
Payment to Indigenous People	£820.00	
Sugar and Spice	£430.00	
Payment to Everyone Active	£100	
Konflux Theatre	£2,016	
Eco Encounters	£170.00	£
Parent Mail Payment	£700	
Ukulele Tuition Payment	£700	
Life Education Bus	£700	
Young Leaders Payment	£600	
Ukulele Tuition	£200	
Accelerated Reader	£6,413.25	
iSing Pop	500.00	
Year 6 Bibles	748.00	
Y6 Leavers Party / Hoodies Donation	-1,300.31	
Giffords Trip	-3,048.33	

### TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL

**£23,265.37**

**Closing Bank Balance**                      **£13,509.50**

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Friends of Powell's

On accounts for the year ended

2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1108558

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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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.

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

Signed:

*P N Sealuis*

Date:

27/09/24

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**FRIENDS OF POWELL'S SCHOOL**

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# Accounts

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# Friends of Powell's AGM 2021/22

## Summary Report

The academic year of 2021/22 saw many loved face-to-face events return. With a cautious start to the academic year, we worked with school and Covid guidance bringing back in school events with certain precautions during the Autumn/Winter term. As guidance eased, we saw our usual programme of events return in the Spring/Summer term. The pinnacle of our events, the fete, finally returned after 3 years!

Living with Covid for the past few years saw 2021/2022 as the first full year of PTA events for families in Year 1 and Early Years families. We were conscious that the calendar was full and new to some of the families, but we hope we guided them successfully. All the efforts of everyone ensures we can bring the community together in events such as the fete, raising funds for activities that enrich the children's learning and organising/funding events for the children. In order to run events we rely on the support of the school community without this we cannot put on a rich calendar of events to support the school and wider community.

That leads nicely on to the important task of saying a **'huge thank you'** to everyone that has helped and supported our events and activities during the last academic year, 2021-2022. We started the year hopeful that things would return to normal, but cautious that Covid still posed a risk. Our ambition was to work with the guidance to bring back the community spirit of face-to-face events. Thankfully, our aims were achieved with the children's Christmas Fayre making a return and our fete, a huge event where families and the local community can get together, whilst raising funds to invest into the schooling lives of the children.

Since Covid we have changed the way we work including relying on email communications and BACs payments. These changes will stay. We are aware that everyone receives many messages and emails, but this is the most economical, environmentally friendly and efficient mode of communication as a PTA. We have seen an end to sending paper letters and taking individual cash payments. We thank you for bearing with us as we work out the best way to deploy and managing this change.

As a committee, we see the role of FoP's as more than simply raising money, we also believe our role is to support the school community, enhance the children's experiences and work with the school to help where we can. The funds we have raised over the years have supported various projects have included; technology programs, creating and refurbishing the libraries, books and resources, academic resources such as Mathletics and Accelerated Reader along with the Eco pods, outdoor class room and playground improvements.

During 2021-22, whilst we have funded various activities we have been building funds to support two larger projects. Firstly, the pond refurbishment and secondly the EYS and KS1 playground project, both you will have seen pictures on Dojo. Funds raised in 2021-22 will support both projects, with the need to continue fundraising in 2022/23.

## **Key areas we have supported during 2021-2022 are:**

- Communication – we co-fund the Parent Mail tool, which helps facilitate the communications between school and families
- Class Activities- we provided funds to each year group to support an extra activity from visitors such as Portals to the Past and Drama Hut to supporting outings such as Crocodile World and coach costs.
- Life Education Bus
- Y6 Leavers Activities to include Leavers Service, bibles and the finale leavers party
- The Giffords Circus Trip
- Ukuele Lessons
- Forest School – additional equipment
- World Book Day Author visits
- Books
- A gift from Father Christmas

## **Here is a summary of the events and activities for 2021-22:**

### **AUTUMN TERM**

#### **EYS Welcome**

It was great to host a welcome event for the Early Years families in their child's first few weeks of school.

#### **Children's Disco - Cancelled**

We had planned to host a children's disco in November, but as the cases of for Covid raised we made the decision it was safer to postpone to the new year. As the event was postponed we did not issue refunds unless families requested them and transferred tickets to the next disco.

#### **Wreath Workshop**

We saw a return of our popular Wreath Workshop, hosted by florist Holly Moon. Thank you to Acrons and Mighty Oaks for the use of their facilities, free of charge. Thank you to the co-ordinators Beth Gilbertson and Amy Pearcey. A fun social event with many beautiful wreaths to spot around Cirencester. The event contributed £290 to our fundraising efforts.

#### **The Children's Christmas Fayre was Back!**

This event creates magical memories for the children, and it was a delight to have it back. With fun stalls including festive cups, toys, books, tombola, craft, bakes and 'have a go' games the children had a great time. The event made just over £720.

#### **Father Christmas and the Children's Lottery**

From the restrictions of Covid in the previous year we continued with having Father Christmas visit school. With a grotto in the Ecopod, each year visits Father Christmas who hands out a gift donated by FoP's to every child.

For the final week of school FoP's also supply lottery tickets and several prizes. During the final week of term, lottery tickets are awarded to children who

demonstrates the values of the school or for class achievements. Mrs. Copper then hosts a prize draw and gives out prizes to the children with the winning numbers. Thank you to Waitrose for the prize donations.

## **SPRING TERM**

### **Parent Quiz**

Thank you to Ross James and Natalie Williams for bringing back the very popular Parents Quiz night on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Again, the quiz was sold out in a matter of days. With ticket sales and the bar we made £1790. Thank you to all those who volunteered to make chilli, helped on the night and for those of you who attended. A special thank you to our favorite quiz master, Ian Street, who certainly makes our Parents Quiz special.

### **March School Disco**

Following the postponement in November, the children's disco made a come back. It was great to see so many children enjoy the event with games, music, treats galore. Thank you to Beth Gilbertson and Linzi Gregory for organising such a fun event. We also would like to thank the teaching team who give up their Friday evening and without their support the disco's would not be able to continue. The school disco's like the Christmas Fayre are more for the children to have experiences and we are always staggered by the funds raised. This disco along with the summer disco raised £2,760.

## **SUMMER TERM**

### **Fete**

We saw our much-loved fete return after 3 years. The rain came down just before the gates opened; thankfully, it did not dampen spirits and with a little manic running around the team were able to continue with the fete. The planning of the fete begins from January and we thank all those people who put helped during the run up, on the day and those who co-ordinated a stall. The idea of having people co-ordinate a stall, arrange for the set-up, tidy up and their own volunteers ensures the fete can go ahead. The fete is a large event and without and we need every family to give us a little time to ensure the event is fun for all. The Y6 stalls were brilliant, thank you to the Y6 teaching team who helped and supported the pupils.

Thank you to all our sponsors and to those who donated a prize for the raffle. The list of supporters was so long this year. Thank you to everyone who came on the day and braved the rain to have fun and support the school.

Thank you to our performers CDDA, Ninja Tots and Cirencester Singers. The show did go on regardless of the rain - thank you the level of performances was fantastic.

As our largest fundraising event the fete contributed into the region of £11,500 to our fund raising total. This is an amazing amount of money and is testament to a truly collaborative effort, thanks you to everyone involved.

### **Summer School Disco**

The summer disco uses the outside space and enables the children to have access to glitter tattoo stations as well as the usual tuck shop. It was great to see so many children enjoy the event with games, music, treats galore. Thank you to Beth Gilbertson and Linzi Gregory for organising such a fun event. As we mentioned before without the teaching team supporting this event outside normal hours we would not be able to run the disco.

### **Sports Day Refreshments**

During sports day a team of helpers ran a refreshment stall during the event and sold ice creams at the end of the day. Thank you to all those who helped you helped raise just over £400.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

Ensuring the Y6's final months of Primary School is one full of amazing memories is important to the FoP's team. This year we welcomed the opportunity to support several activities for the Y6's such as leaver's bibles, drinks reception after the leavers service, an end of year party with pizza van, ice cream and inflatables. The experiences the Y6 have in those final months is truly exceptional. Thank you to all those who make this happen and a special thank you to the Y6 teaching team the memories will stay with them forever as they embark on their next adventure.

## **SEPTEMBER 2022**

Our financial year includes September, here is a summary of September 2022.

### **Gifford's Circus**

This is an amazing tradition that started at the school several years ago. The ability to help fund all the children to walk down and attend the widely acclaimed Gifford's Circus in the big tent is a big highlight of the children's year. As we all know the date of the trip needed to be moved to accommodate the Bank Holiday in respect of the Queen's funeral. The efforts of the school and Giffords to ensure the school children still attended the show was outstanding - thank you. As a PTA we fund this event to make it an affordable event for families to attend. In return, we ask for a donation of £5 per child and volunteer. The show was superb as always.

## **ONGOING**

### **Preloved Uniform Sales**

Thank you to Mell Underhill and helpers who has spent much time organising the uniform donations to enable the preloved uniform to be reused as well as raising money. Over the course of the year sales have also included books and our apple juice and eco-bag. In total the sales raised £470. This is a very important element of our activities aimed to support the need to reuse, recycle and reduce.

### **School Lottery**

In March we launched the School Lottery. Tickets are £1 a week with 36p going to the prize draw and 40p donated straight to school. The draw is every Saturday. As of September we had 88 tickets purchased a week which is forecast to provide a revenue of £1830.40 a year plus give families the opportunity to win some money. With 88 tickets there is a guaranteed prize pot of £24.60 and this goes up with the increase in sales. The jackpot currently stands at £25,000. A simple and

fun fundraiser that can really make a difference to school. £1830.40 is a significant contribution to school and this can easily increase if we sell more tickets.

Since its launch and in the financial year of 2021-2022 we raised £1,050 from ticket purchases and from families donating their winnings. Thank you to those who have taken part and to those who have kindly donated their winnings.

### **Rag Bag**

The Rag Bag program continues and is a great way to get rid of those rags when having a clear out. The money comes in over the year and in 2021-22 contributed £90.

### **Easy Fundrasing**

The few parents that support this scheme allow money to drip in over the year. We need to find ways to remind parents and other family members to use the scheme in their everyday shopping as it could prove to be hugely profitable. In 2021-22 it contributed £90.

### **Amazon Smile**

In 2020-21 we set-up Amazon Smile, again a simple way to raise funds for FoP's. People can select FoP's as a charity in their Amazon account and the charity earns a % of the account holders spend at no cost to them. At present uptake is not high, but we will keep promoting the facility. In 2021-22 it contributed £120.

### **Summary**

We raised around £20,000 profit and contributed within the academic year around £12,000 to school with the remaining funds allocated to the larger projects of the pond refurbishment and the enhancement to the play areas for EYS and Year 1.

### **THANK YOU**

At the 2021 AGM the current members of the committee shared that 2021/22 would be the final year for Beth Walker and Sarah Moisjevs as Co-Chairs, and Linzi Gregory and Beth Gilbertson as Co-Secretary. The team would like to thank everyone that has helped over the past 4 years to support our efforts.

Thank you to Mrs. Cooper and all of the school staff for their support; Clare Arnold, Claire Jarvis and Nadine Brown for their support.

### **FINALLY**

The work Friends of Powell's carries out is important to the school and our children's school experience. We are able to provide both money that allows Powell's to improve facilities, support purchasing additional resources and contribute to events. This combined with the provision of a rich calendar of social events both for the children, families and wider community enriches the children's school years. #We thank all parents and families for their continued support of events and fundraising initiatives over this year.

Sarah and Beth  
Co-Chairs of Friends of Powell's

## **Friends of Powell's School**

### **Income and Expenditure Account Year End: 30th September 2022**

	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Profit £</b>
<b>Starting Bank Balance</b>	<b>£8,631.01</b>		
School Discos	7,000.63	4,238.07	2,762.56
Family Photo Offer	595.00	0.00	595.00
Wreath Making Workshop	1,140.00	850.00	290.00
Christmas Fayre	1,353.10	629.18	723.92
Quiz	3,057.73	1,278.50	1,779.23
Ice Cream Sales	289.47	245.04	44.43
Fete	16,372.66	4,706.32	11,666.34
Sports Day	481.05	68.84	412.21
Uniform Sales	565.46	94.00	471.46
Your School Lottery	1,057.60	0.00	1,057.60
Rag Bag	90.30	0.00	90.30
Amazon Smile	120.48	0.00	120.48
Easy Fundraiser	89.56	0.00	89.56
General inc Parentkind	0.00	220.10	-220.10
<b>Fundraiser Totals</b>	<b>32,213.04</b>	<b>12,330.05</b>	<b>19,882.99</b>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Charity Name Friends of Powell's School		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	2022	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	1108558
<b>Set out on pages</b>	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/09/2022**

**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:** PN Seakins **Date:** 09/05/23

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