



AGM – 1 Dec 2025

Chair's Annual Report

Introduction to FOSS

- FOSS is a registered charity whose aims are to raise funds for the good of all of the children of Slimbridge Primary School.
- FOSS does this by holding fundraising events, applying for grants and accepting donations.
- In terms of how FOSS is structured, it is governed by a constitution is a 'friends of' rather than a parent teacher association, meaning that the parents and carers of the school, including grandparents are all members and can vote and attend AGMs. The committee is made up of individuals voted in at the AGM to specific positions.
- At today's meeting I will report the events of the last years, Belle our Treasurer will report the last year's finances and we will then vote on the committee for year 2025/26.
- At the last AGM in September 2024, FOSS voted in the following trustees:

Emma Godding, as Chair

Belinda Gilbert, as Treasurer

Jo Purslowe, as Secretary

- Shortly after the AGM we held an EGM to vote in further committee members,

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Louise Cousins and Isobel Merrett on events

Louise Staddon, as grants leads

Holly Fry as Communications lead.

- The year in review

The first year of the new FOSS team has been successful and we have learnt a lot.

Grants

- We started our first month with an application for a grant from the June Margaret Pavyer Will Trust for topic books. In October FOSS were awarded £2000 which has since been provided to the school for topic books.
- During October 2024 FOSS applied for a grant of £18,975 from the Solar Fund which is administered by the Slimbridge Parish Council. That application was for the building of a new covered space outside of the Reception classroom. We were successful and awarded the full amount awarded in December.

Events

- In October we ran our first event – a Halloween movie night. The event was a success and the children enjoyed dressing up in spooky costumes and watching Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.

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- In December we ran a Christmas Fair in the school grounds. Highlights included petting donkeys, a tombola, Elfridges toystore, crafts, Christmas movie, face glitter, a raffle, visit from Santa and a trail. We were supported by Natalie and Steve Guy who provided their food and coffee vans, and assisted with logistics.
- We took provided refreshments at the various Christmas nativities and took donations for doing so.
- We held a further movie night in May and had a huge number of children attend. We ran two screens and children could choose their film.
- On Sports Day we drinks to parents who watched the children. We also attended the production provided refreshments at the production of Aladdin and parents gave generous donations.
- In June we held a Summer Fete which took place on the recreation ground and cricket pavillion. The event was well attended and included a raffle, penalty shoot out and welly wanging competitions with prizes for the winners, face glitter and tattoos, crafts, a how many balloons in a tractors and a bar. We also held a fancy dress competition. Food, coffee and ice cream vans, and fairground rides were provided by Natalie and Steve Guy. Iron and Earth helped by sponsoring the fete.
- In July we held a full school disco which was run by First Choice Discos and proved to be a hit with the children.
- During the summer term we ran several treat fridays and sold ice lollies in the playground after school. This was particularly lucrative and very popular, probably in part due to the very hot summer we had.

Donations

- In addition to money obtained via grants and events, FOSS has also received donations of both equipments and food for events.

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- We have received food and drink for events from Waitrose in Stroud, Tesco on Bristol Road in Gloucester, Tesco Cam and Sainsbury in Dursley. We have received raffle prizes from numerous organisations including the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Dyson, Rococo Gardens, the Roses Theatre just to name a few and top prizes have included a Dyson vacuum cleaner and tickets for a West End Show.
- The local Roundtable have provided us with a Santa and float for the Christmas Fete and the Church have lent us lighting. Natalie and Steve Guy and Iron and Earth have also provided lighting, music and generators for events.
- The Little Vintage Show donated £1100 of their profit to FOSS and as stated above Natalie and Steve Guy have donated a percentage of their takings from both the Christmas and Summer events.
- The Roundtable kindly donated some of the monies collected during their Santa Float visits which FOSS members helped with.

How have FOSS Supported the school?

In the last year FOSS have purchased:

- Books for new starters
- Build
- Leavers bears for those leaving the school
- A percentage towards leavers Hoodies
- Ice creams for children to have on sports day
- Cakes for all children on the whole school trip to the Wildforl Trust
- A licence for the School production
- A selection box for every child in the school
- Paid £2000 for topic books

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- Paid just shy of £23,000 for the new build area at the rear of the school so that children can learn outside in all weathers.

Looking ahead

- This year FOSS has already secured a £2000 grant for BBC microbits and around £13.5K towards laptops for the children. We have also run a Halloween movie night which was well attended and made a profit, a Kpop dance class and a Christmas fair.
- We will now look to organising an event for the wider community during the spring and discos and a summer fair for the children. We are also considering a Minecraft dance workshop.

That concludes my report, I will hand over to Belle to report on the finances.

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DATE	PAID IN	PAID OUT	BANK BALANCE
			£ 4,667.45
27th September 2024	£ 2,000.00		£ 6,667.45
18th October 2024		£ 150.00	£ 6,517.45
9th December 2024	£ 132.00		£ 6,649.45
16th December 2024	£ 19.16		£ 6,668.61
17th December 2024	£ 4.92		£ 6,673.53
17th December 2024	£ 18,975.00		£ 25,648.53
18th December 2024	£ 162.50		£ 25,811.03
2nd January 2025		£ 162.00	£ 25,649.03
15th January 2025	£ 1,125.00		£ 26,774.03
4th March 2025	£ 138.95		£ 26,912.98
23rd April 2025	£ 500.00		£ 27,412.98
13th May 2025	£ 67.31		£ 27,480.29
3rd June 2025		£ 177.65	£ 27,302.64
6th June 2025		£ 44.30	£ 27,258.34
6th June 2025		£ 423.38	£ 26,834.96
6th June 2025		£ 68.10	£ 26,766.86
9th June 2025		£ 347.80	£ 26,419.06
9th June 2025		£ 103.50	£ 26,315.56
13th June 2025	£ 100.00		£ 26,415.56
7th July 2025	£ 270.00		£ 26,685.56
14th July 2025	£ 200.00		£ 26,885.56
14th July 2025	£ 1,000.00		£ 27,885.56
14th July 2025	£ 1,525.00		£ 29,410.56
15th July 2025	£ 297.00		£ 29,707.56
15th July 2025	£ 348.00		£ 30,055.56
	£ 26,864.84	£ 1,476.73	

DESCRIPTION
Balance Brought Forward
June Margaret Payver Grant
Float £150 - Halloween Movie Night
Movie Night - from ParentPay
Sumup Payments - Christmas Fair
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Slimbridge Parish Council - Solar Grant for School Pergola
N Guy Donation - Share of Christmas Fair Food Truck
Parentkind Membership
Deposit Cash from Movie Night, Christmas Fair, Christmas Raffle
Asda Cashback
Cheque from Roundtable
Easy Fundraising Payout
Expenses - Emma Godding (Drama Script £127.65, Lottery License £20.00, Reception Books £30)
Expenses - Emma Godding Icecream for Icecream Sales
Expenses Belinda Gilbert (Movie License £104.35, Christmas chocolates for kids £252 +£7.50, Raffle Ti
Expenses Belinda Gilbert - Raffle Tickets from Christmas
Year 6 Leavers Bears
Year 6 Leavers Hoodies
Cheque Donation from Little Vintage Fair
N Guy Donation - Share of Summer Fete Food Truck
Iron & Earth Invoice (purchasing summer fair leftover food/drinks)
Cheque Donation from Little Vintage Show
Banking Cash from Icecream Sales, Fete, Raffle
Parent Pay - Movie Night Sales
Parent Pay - End of School Disco Sales

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FOSS Summary of 1 August 2024-31 July 2025 Financial Year:

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	£4,667.45	
INCOME	£26,864.84	
Grants Income	£20,975.00	78%
Donations	£1,600.00	6%
Events & Raffles	£4,083.58	15%
Cashback Donations	£206.26	1%
EXPENDITURE	£1,476.73	
Parentkind membership	£162.00	
Year 6 Leavers	£451.30	
Event & Raffle Expenses	£713.43	
Float	150	
ENDING BALANCE	£30,055.56	

FOSS Funded:

Christmas treats for kids
Year 6 Hoodies and Bears
New Starters books
WWT cupcakes
Sports Day & End of Year Ice Lollies
School Drama Production Script

Figures verified and tallied with
bank statements.

S. Williamson

STEVE WILLIAMSON

Treasurer

Slimbridge Variety Showgroup.

20th May 2026