

Trustees' Annual Report

Friends of Selwyn School (FOSS)

For the period 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025

Registered Charity No. 1145612

Section A: Reference and administration details

Charity name: Friends of Selwyn School (FOSS)

Principal address:

Selwyn Avenue
London
E4 9NE

Friends of Selwyn School is a registered charity established to support Selwyn Primary School.

Section B: Structure, governance and management

Friends of Selwyn School is governed by a constitution and operates as a volunteer-led charitable trust. Trustees are elected by members at the Annual General Meeting.

The trustees are responsible for the overall governance of the charity, including setting strategic direction, overseeing finances and ensuring compliance with charity law. The charity works closely with the headteacher and school staff to identify priorities and ensure that fundraising activity and expenditure support the educational and wellbeing needs of children at the school.

Risk management

The trustees actively review and manage the main risks facing the charity, including:

- **Financial risk:** Managed through clear financial controls, regular reporting and oversight by the treasurers.
- **Operational risk:** Events are planned to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children, families and volunteers. Public liability insurance is maintained.

- **Reputational risk:** Trustees work to maintain positive relationships with the school community and ensure activities reflect the charity's values.
 - **Compliance risk:** Trustees ensure the charity complies with Charity Commission guidance and relevant legislation.
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Section C: Objectives and activities

Charitable objects

The charity's objects, as set out in its constitution, are to advance the education of children at Selwyn Primary School by:

- Developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities, equipment or resources that support the school and enhance educational opportunities

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and delivering activities.

Section D: Achievements and performance

Fundraising activity during 2024–2025

During the year, Friends of Selwyn School delivered a broad programme of fundraising events aimed at raising funds for the school while strengthening engagement across the school community. Trustees deliberately balanced events focused on children with activities aimed at adults and whole families, reflecting feedback and learning from previous years.

Key fundraising events included:

- **Preloved uniform and PE shirt sales**
Seven sales were held during the year, raising £734.35. These sales provided affordable uniform options for families and promoted sustainability through reuse.
- **Spooky Autumn Disco**
A popular event for children, raising £1,502.73. Trustees reviewed feedback from the

event and identified improvements to age-group arrangements for future discos.

- **Winter Festival**

The Winter Festival raised £4,633.83 and was a significant community event, supported by a large number of volunteers and well attended by families.

- **Grown-ups' Quiz Night**

The quiz night raised £2,119.66 and demonstrated the value of adult-focused fundraising events. Trustees agreed to explore similar events in future years.

- **Mother's Day and Father's Day shops**

These events enabled children to independently purchase affordable gifts for caregivers. They raised £669.44 and £700.08 respectively and were well supported by families.

- **Easter Cake Sale and Krispy Kreme fundraiser**

This combined fundraising activity raised £523.39 and relied heavily on volunteer support.

- **Summer Festival**

The Summer Festival was the most successful event of the year, raising £5,009.83. Trustees noted strong community participation, high volunteer involvement and particularly positive feedback on inclusive and free elements of the event.

- **Eid celebration**

FOSS supported the school's Eid event, raising £121.91 and contributing to an inclusive and welcoming school environment for children from all backgrounds.

Additional fundraising streams

In addition to events, FOSS raised funds through Little Recyclers collections, My School Lottery, Easyfundraising, ASDA Cashpot, clothing sales via Vinted, general donations and matched funding from the Lloyds Bank Foundation. These activities helped diversify income and reduce reliance on large-scale events alone .

What FOSS funded for the school

Funds raised during 2024–2025 were used to directly benefit children and improve the school environment. Major items funded included:

- £20,000 investment in new playground equipment, including climbing frames, slides and safety surfacing
- £3,000 (£1,000 per term) towards school trips, reducing costs for families
- A Christmas pantomime for all children to enjoy
- A Year 6 Leavers' Disco, including refreshments and take-home treats
- A new PA and sound system for the school hall
- Sports bibs and equipment to support PE lessons and competitions
- Drama props to support curriculum enrichment
- An ice-cream van visit, ensuring every child could take part

These purchases supported both educational and enrichment opportunities and helped ensure inclusive access for children across the school.

Volunteers and community involvement

Friends of Selwyn School is entirely volunteer-led. Parents and carers gave significant time to planning, organising and running events, managing communications and supporting administration. The trustees are extremely grateful for the commitment and enthusiasm of all volunteers, whose efforts make the charity's work possible.

Section E: Financial review

Total income for the year was £29,185.39. Expenditure exceeded income due to planned, one-off capital investment in playground improvements and school facilities.

Reserves policy

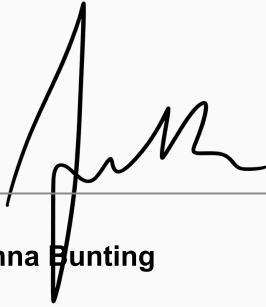
The trustees aim to maintain reserves sufficient to cover approximately three to six months of operating costs. This provides financial stability and flexibility to respond to unforeseen circumstances while continuing to support the school. The reserves policy is reviewed regularly.

DECLARATION


The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees

Signatures: 1...



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Full Name: 1...Joanna Bunting

2... Laura Irving

Position: 1...Chair for 24/25

2.....Treasurer for 24/25

Date: 15/04/26



Friends of Selwyn School

Reg Charity No. 1145612

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1 AUG 2024- 31 JULY 2025

The total income generated from fundraising activities and donations was £29,185.39 with expenditure of £42,319.91 The figures below show a breakdown by individual event.

BREAKDOWN FOR 2024/25

EVENT	INCOME	EVENT EXPENDITURE	PROFIT	PROFIT %
Spooky Disco Fundraiser	£1,996.92	£494.19	£1,502.73	75%
Winter Festival Fundraiser	£7,881.25	£3,247.42	£4,633.83	59%
Quiz Night Fundraiser	£3,253.76	£1,134.10	£2,119.66	65%
Mothers Day Sale Fundraiser	£1,971.45	£1,302.01	£669.44	34%
EID Celebration Event	£121.91	£0.00	£121.91	100%
Easter Cake Sale / Krispy Kream Doughnuts	£733.71	£210.32	£523.39	71%
Fathers Day Sale Fundraiser	£1,671.33	£971.25	£700.08	42%
Pre-loved Uniform Sale	£914.35	£180.00	£734.35	80%
The Little Recyclers Dec 24	£40.15	£0.00	£40.15	100%
The Little Recyclers	£34.65	£0.00	£34.65	100%
The Little Recyclers April 25	£56.35	£0.00	£56.35	100%
The Little Recyclers May 25	£33.75	£0.00	£33.75	100%
The Little Recyclers July 25	£53.10	£0.00	£53.10	100%
Summer Festival	£7,728.63	£2,718.80	£5,009.83	65%
Ice Lolly Sale	£212.74	£54.70	£158.04	74%
Year 6 Leavers	£0.00	£1,000.73	£-1,000.73	
OTHER FUNDRAISING	INCOME			
School Lottery	£1,062.50	£0.00	£1,062.50	100%
Easyfundraising Q1	£16.23	£0.00	£16.23	100%
ASDA CASHPOT	£140.72	£0.00	£140.72	100%
Clothes sale on VINTED	£28.00	£0.00	£28.00	100%
General Donations via Sum UP	£3.89	£0.00	£3.89	100%
MATCH FUNDING	INCOME			
Spooky Disco Match Funding (Lloyds Bank MG120)	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	100%
Quiz Night Match Funding (Lloyds Bank MG129)	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	100%
Volunteering time for preparation of Newsletters (Lloyds Bank MG129)	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	100%
Volunteering time for preparation of Newsletters (Lloyds Bank MG133)	£70.00	£0.00	£70.00	100%
Volunteering time for preparation of Newsletters (Lloyds Bank MG137)	£110.00	£0.00	£110.00	100%
SUB TOTAL	£29,185.39	£11,313.52	£17,871.87	

NON-EVENT RUNNING COSTS / EXPENSES / EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Printer Cartridges	£12.47
Red, White, Black Gaffa Tape	£19.05
2 x soup cauldrons and 4-gang extension cable	£78.51
Staff xmas gifts - biscuits	£14.50
staff xmas gifts - plants	£20.00
Parent Kind Membershio & Insurance Renewal 02/01/25	£162.00

Printer Repair		£45.00		
Printer Cartridges		£62.47		
Waltham Forest Gambling Licence Renewal - for Raffle		£20.00		
200 coin bags		£5.99		
AGM Refreshments		£96.00		
Caretaker end of year thank you gift		£20.00		
Office staff end of year thank you gift		£22.50		
Get well flowers for Caretaker after Stroke		£51.15		
SCHOOL FUNDING ITEMS				
	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - CLIMBING FRAMES/OBSTACLE COURSE/SLIDE AND ASSOCIATED SURFACING	£20,000.00		
	TRIPS AUTUMN TERM	£1,000.00		
	PANTOMIME WINTER 24	£2,398.80		
	TRIPS SPRING TERM	£1,000.00		
	60 x SPORTS BIBS WITH LOGOS	£378.00		
	2 x mesh bag for sports bibs	£17.70		
	Props for Year 5 Shakespere Production	£60.80		
	TRIPS SUMMER TERM	£1,000.00		
	PA/SOUND SYSTEM FOR HALL	£2,886.46		
	Cover for the sound system	£9.99		
	ICE CREAM VAN 16th July 25	£1,625.00		
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES & SCHOOL FUNDING		£31,006.39		
	TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	TOTAL PROFIT	
TOTAL PROFIT (2024/25)	£29,185.39	£42,319.91	-£13,134.52	
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCREASE IN FUNDS FOR YEAR 2024/2025				
Opening Balance				
Co-operative Bank			£29,496.06	
Cash LAURA			£731.66	
Cash SARAH			£267.40	
			£30,495.12	
Income for the Year	£29,185.39			
Expenditure for the Year		£42,319.91		
Net increase in Funds			-£13,134.52	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE at ACCOUNTING YEAR END			£17,360.60	
This can be broken down:				
Co-operative Bank			£16,167.98	
Cash	LAURA		£836.72	
	SIOBHAN		£228.50	
	SOPHIE		£127.40	
SCHOOL PURCHASES / FUNDING NOTES				
We funded the staging of a Christmas Pantomime for the whole school to enjoy.				
We funded the Year 6 Leavers Disco with snacks & a take-home treats.				
We funded a visit by an ice-cream van so that every child could enjoy a cooling ice-cream in the warm weather.				
We contributed £3000 (£1000 per term) towards the cost of pupil trips to reduce the amount to be paid by parents.				
We paid for the following items to help support the school:				
New Playground equipment including slides, climbing frames and soft surfacing in Year 1/2 and Yer 4/5/6 playgrounds				

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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Friends of Selwyn Schools

On accounts for the year ended

31 July 2025

Charity no (if any)

1145612

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 07 / 2025**.

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:

Date:

10/04/2026

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Samantha Heard

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

None applicable.