

# WOODSIDE FRIENDS AND FAMILY

England & Wales · Charity number 1203774

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2023-06-28

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION (THE OBJECTS) IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PUPILS IN THE SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR BY:2.1 DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE STAFF, PARENTS AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCHOOL2.2 ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES OR PROVIDING FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT WHICH SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS.

**Activities:** The aim of Woodside Friends and Family is to advance the education of the pupils in the school, in particular by developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school and; engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Warwickshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£13,775	£31,201	-	-
2024-08-31	£41,403	£25,279	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Sharon Atkins</b>	Chair	2023-06-22
Heidi King		2023-06-22
Natasha Johnson		2023-06-22
Nicola Grey		2023-06-22

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# Accounts

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# Woodside Friends and Family Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023-31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Sharon Atkins (Chair) and Nikki Grey (Treasurer)

Main Address: Woodside C of E Primary School, Maypole Lane,  
Grendon, Warwickshire, CV9 2BS

Registered Charity: 1203774



## Background

### Roles and Objectives

Woodside Friends and Family is an independent registered charity (number 1203774) which supports pupils at Woodside C of E Primary School. Our aim is to offer opportunities to children at the school that would not otherwise be available through school funding. This includes fundraising and events and reaching out into the wider local area to help build a strong and supportive community around children at the school.

### Structure and Governance

As a registered charity, we are overseen by a board of Trustees. This is a voluntary role in a registered charity with a legal duty to ensure that the charity acts lawfully and is managed properly. Trustees oversee that the charity is being run in line with its constitution. Trustees meet three times per year to discuss relevant issues.

This year Trustees have been:

- Natasha Johnson
- Heidi King
- Sharon Atkins
- Nikki Grey

Business of the charity is overseen by an elected Committee. All roles are voluntary, unpaid roles. Committee members vote on important issues such as how funds raised are spent and are responsible for leading fundraising activities. They collaborate closely with the school leadership team.

This year the PTA has had six elected Committee members:

- Sharon Atkins – Chair
- Nikki Grey – Treasurer
- Heidi King – Secretary
- Kayleigh Bray – Committee Member
- Emma Smith – Committee Member
- Sarah-Jane Chetwynd – Committee Member

All parents and staff at the school are automatically members of the PTA and are encouraged to be involved as much as possible. All minutes from meetings, accounts and information about the charity are available either on our website or on request. To aid transparency we publish totals raised from all events in our Facebook group and in the school newsletter as soon as possible after the event. All Committee meetings are open to any interested members.

## 2023/24 Highlights

This year we formalised the PTA structure, adopting the Parentkind PTA constitution and becoming a registered charity. Over the summer we developed a website which enables online sales and provides a public-facing online presence for grant applications.

We have been successful in grants of £19,000 which have enabled us to redevelop the outdoor area with a polytunnel classroom and an allotment area (currently under construction), and a shed for Opal Play equipment. Grants have also enabled us to provide the school with a STEM library, equipment and science workshops, and have enhanced our community work by enabling us to provide free seeds and creative workshops locally. We have obtained a further £7,000 this year of the grant relating to Fruits of the Future, granted in 2022.

We have run 37 events and other fundraising activities with only a very small group of active volunteers, raising a further £15,402 for the school. Some of my personal event highlights have been the beautiful Merevale Bluebell walk, the school discos and the wonderfully festive Christmas wreath workshops.

Our main challenges have sadly been engagement and volunteers. It has been extremely disheartening when we have had to cancel events we have put time and energy into organising due to poor ticket sales or lack of volunteers, but we are learning from these experiences to make sure we make the most of the events and activities that are more successful.

One of our main achievements this year have been our role in the Fruits for Future programme which has spiralled this year into a huge community orchard, allotment and outdoor classroom, and has inspired the development of two gardening clubs, a grow your own initiative and a recipe booklet. I am also very excited to see the impact of the STEM funding on pupils at the school in becoming more inspired by science and opening up the possibility of future careers in STEM.



## Review of fundraising

This year we have run 37 events and other fundraising activities. Thanks to match funding from parent Ash Bentley who works at Barclays, the Christmas Fayre was our most successful event, followed by the Bluebell Walk which was organised by Beth Beamish. Discos, raffles, sponsored events, business week and wreath workshops were also highlights in terms of money raised.

Tables 1-3 detail individual events that were held each term and any recommendations for next year based on these. In summary:

- Discos and sponsored events are successful without disproportionate effort and are to be repeated.
- Events that require multiple volunteers are always challenging due to having only a small number of volunteers until the last minute.
- Events for parents and the wider community, with the exception of the Bluebell Walk, all had extremely low ticket sales, and many had to be cancelled because of this. Without an increase in support, it is recommended that we do not continue with these types of events.
- Due to the small number of active volunteers, the focus of events going forward should be those with a good return on time put in. This unfortunately means that events such as the Christmas Shop and many of the pop-up shops will not be viable.

### Autumn Term

Monthly cake sales/ hot chocolate x4	£300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved visibility for the PTA.</li> <li>• Initially good profit but this reduced each time – <b>suggest half-termly in future.</b></li> <li>• Limited donations and lack of volunteers made this unsustainable regularly.</li> </ul>
School lottery x 3 months	£95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy passive income.</li> <li>• Only a very small number of people are involved.</li> <li>• <b>Look at how to promote this better.</b></li> </ul>
Swish	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This event was cancelled due to low ticket sales.</li> <li>• <b>It has been suggested that this would be more popular as a children's clothing swap.</b></li> </ul>
Quiz	£123	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful and fun event.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ticket sales were very disappointing.</li> </ul>
<b>Disco</b>	£712	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very successful and enjoyable event.</li> <li>• Difficult to get enough volunteers especially for KS2.</li> <li>• Splitting Reception worked for a Term 1 disco.</li> <li>• Y3 to be separate from KS2 due to noise.</li> <li>• <b>To be repeated every term, volunteers allowing.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Sponsored walk</b>	£483	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only a small number of people participated and even fewer got sponsorship, but those that did raised a lot of money.</li> <li>• This took minimal work to arrange and promoted getting active for all.</li> <li>• <b>To be repeated – possibly over the summer linked to the Olympics.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Bag2School</b>	£225	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With a lot of marketing and reminders this was very successful.</li> <li>• Caused a bag mountain in the school office so <b>better storage would be useful.</b></li> <li>• <b>To be repeated periodically.</b></li> <li>• <b>To investigate whether we can get a donation bin at the school.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Christmas cards</b>	£155	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited uptake but once the process was understood it was fairly simple to administrate.</li> <li>• <b>To be repeated next Christmas.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Wreath workshop</b>	£449	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very successful and enjoyable event.</li> <li>• Second date was quieter and more manageable so may consider setting two dates from the start for smaller classes.</li> <li>• <b>To be repeated next Christmas.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Christmas shop</b>	£151	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well-received by those that took it up but very labour-intensive for the amount of profit.</li> <li>• <b>Would be scaled back significantly if repeated.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Craft day</b>	£57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Really enjoyable event but profit was low.</li> <li>• <b>This will be run as a free grant-funded session next year.</b></li> </ul>
<b>School uniform shop</b>	£31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited usable donations – sales have all been from logo items so the shop will only stock these in future.</li> <li>• Labour-intensive and requires a lot of storage so this will be <b>scaled down and only promoted ahead of the start of the</b></li> </ul>

		<b>new school year. To investigate better storage.</b>
<b>Pet show</b>	£16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very low uptake and website sales made less than £1 per entry.</li> <li>• <b>We will avoid low-cost activities being available on the website in future.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Parents evening</b>	£24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very low profit for a lot of time.</li> <li>• Lack of volunteers put a lot of pressure on two people.</li> <li>• However, this was useful for visibility from the PTA and Governors.</li> <li>• <b>We will look to occasionally repeat and potentially use an honesty box system in future.</b></li> </ul>
<b>KS1 production refreshments x2</b>	£211	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was very successful, especially due to the inclusion of a hamper raffle.</li> <li>• <b>We will repeat this next year.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Christmas Fayre</b>	£925+ £952	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful event but very labour- intensive.</li> <li>• Very difficult to get enough volunteers.</li> <li>• <b>To be repeated next year.</b></li> <li>• <b>Match funding added significantly to what was raised – to be pursued with other parents.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Christmas Raffle</b>	£1,154	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was extremely successful, but very labour-intensive seeking donations of raffle prizes and will not be possible without support in future.</li> <li>• Barclays match funding was applied to the Christmas Fayre total rather than the raffle total so this is something to be aware of in future.</li> <li>• <b>A Christmas raffle is to be repeated next year but support is required getting donations early.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Fab Bricks</b>	£39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was a nice thing to do but administration-heavy and stressful for the level of profit achieved.</li> </ul>



### Spring Term

<b>Ink cartridge recycling</b>	£11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very small passive income.</li> <li>• No longer possible due to BDMAT scheme.</li> </ul>
<b>School lottery x 4 months</b>	£154	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy passive income.</li> <li>• Only a very small number of people are involved.</li> <li>• <b>Look at how to better promote this.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Monthly cake sale/ hot chocolate and doughnuts x2</b>	£100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot chocolate and doughnut sales were ok but cakes sales were very disappointing.</li> </ul>
<b>Valentines Disco</b>	£739	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very successful and enjoyable event.</li> <li>• Difficult to get enough volunteers especially for KS2.</li> <li>• Splitting Reception – Y3 and Y4-Y6 worked better, though a few parents complained.</li> <li>• A 1 hour disco worked better.</li> <li>• <b>To be repeated every term, volunteers allowing.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Sponsored Leap</b>	£804	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extremely successful event that gave all children a fun and memorable experience.</li> <li>• Not too labour-intensive.</li> <li>• Higher levels of sponsorship easily covered the higher costs of this activity and made a very good profit.</li> </ul>
<b>Spring Wreath Workshop</b>	£118	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lovely event but very low ticket sales (and all attendees external to the school) despite lots of requests for this event.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Board games tuck shop</b></p>	<p>£9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very low attendance at this free event despite enthusiasm from a lot of people.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bonkers Bingo</b></p>	<p>-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extremely low ticket sales meant this event had to be cancelled. This was very disappointing given that the same event sold out at Baddesley Club twice.</li> <li>• It has been suggested that the choice of venue (a different social club) may have had an impact.</li> <li>• <b>Family bingo has been suggested as an alternative.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Easter Raffle</b></p>	<p>£292</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very good profit for a last-minute raffle due to cancellation of Bonkers Bingo.</li> <li>• Low costs as prizes were donated Easter chocolate.</li> <li>• <b>To repeat an Easter hamper raffle next year.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Easy Fundraising</b></p>	<p>£22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passive income mainly from one person.</li> <li>• Disappointing that more people don't use it as this could be a very good easy earner.</li> <li>• <b>To look at how to promote this better.</b></li> </ul>





## Summer Term

<p><b>Bluebell Walk</b></p>	<p>£1,323</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extremely successful despite not being able to advertise and a very enjoyable event.</li> <li>Stressful to organise due to concerns from the Estate, and very difficult to get enough volunteers, though volunteers really enjoyed the event.</li> <li>Disappointing that most attendees were external to the school, though excellent turnout from external people.</li> <li><b>To repeat if we have the opportunity.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>School lottery x 3 months</b></p>	<p>£96</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easy passive income.</li> <li>Only a very small number of people are involved.</li> <li><b>Look at how to better promote this.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Business Week</b></p>	<p>£1,092</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extremely successful and required minimal input from the PTA.</li> <li>Much more successful than last year, suggesting that classes keeping the profits was a good incentive.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only one class required topping up to achieve a good amount.</li> <li>• <b>To be repeated next year to raise class- specific money.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Disco</b>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The disco this term did not go ahead due to a lack of volunteers.</li> </ul>
<b>Easy Fundraising</b>	£35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passive income mainly from one person.</li> <li>• Disappointing that more people don't use it as this could be a very good easy earner.</li> <li>• <b>To look at how to promote this better.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Sports Day refreshments</b>	£129	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoyable event.</li> <li>• Coffee sold well in the morning, cold drinks in the afternoon. A BBQ or similar would probably do well at lunchtime.</li> <li>• Small selection of toys sold well alongside refreshments.</li> <li>• Difficulty getting volunteers put a lot of pressure on a small number of people and meant the shop had to close during certain events.</li> <li>• An incidental hamper raffle with support to sell tickets helped increase profit.</li> </ul>
<b>Summer Fayre</b>	£446	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of volunteers especially at the start before staff were able to join was very stressful.</li> <li>• Very limited profits for the amount of work this took to arrange.</li> </ul>
<b>Summer Raffle</b>	£268	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very few donations from within the school community and it took a lot of work to get prizes.</li> </ul>
<b>Poetry Book</b>	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This event did not go ahead due to poems not being produced.</li> </ul>
<b>Refreshments at KS2 Show</b>	£60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This was worthwhile and volunteers were still able to watch the show.</li> </ul>



## Review of Grants

This year we have been successful in seven grants, to a total of £19,000. We have also been working on the Fruits for Future project drawing another £7,000 on the previous long-term grant for £18,500 from Warwickshire County Council Greenshoots Fund. Grants are ring-fenced money to be used for a specific purpose and often have a community element to them.

## Raising Aspirations

Raising Aspirations is a programme in conjunction with Community Governor Stuart Atkins aimed at raising aspirations for our children and exposing them to a wide range of interests and possible careers. The first part of this is Young Engineers, which exposes all children to STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) in engaging ways and aims to make careers in these areas more accessible to children.

We were successful in a grant of £5,000 from National Grid which enabled us to purchase over 70 library books across a range of STEM themes and 30 sets of STEM construction kits. This money will also fund a whole school STEM workshops and additional free STEM activities at the Summer Fayre. Children have also been attending an extra-curricular Mini Engineers club using the equipment purchased.



## Fruits for Future

Fruits for Future is a programme initiated by Community Governor Kevin Peck with an initial grant agreed in 2022 of £18,500 from Warwickshire County Council's Greenshoots programme. This year we received £7,000 of this, on top of last year's £3,000 totalling £10,000 received so far. This year this has been boosted by additional grants of £2,500 from BUPA for a poly tunnel classroom, £1,000 from Cllr Andy Wright for gardening tools, £7,000 from Cllrs Andy Wright and Bernardette Davey for redeveloping the allotment area and £1,000 from Warwickshire County Council's Kind Communities programme to support people to eat more healthy, seasonal food.

This project aims to promote a love of nature and growing their own food in children at the school. As well as being something fun and different at school, this helps improve children's physical and mental health, promotes healthy eating and teaches children what goes into growing food, giving them skills that will be useful well beyond their time at school.

This year we have begun planting the 100 fruit trees, 150 fruit bushes and native trees, running planting sessions with all classes, enabling all children to contribute to the orchard.

We have constructed a huge poly tunnel classroom which provides an all-weather outdoor room as well as indoor growing space. We bought class sets of child-friendly gardening tools which have been used for various activities such as tree planting, planting bulbs on Sunshine Island and developing Flo's wildlife pond and wildflower meadow.

The poly tunnel and equipment has enabled Holly Peck to run two weekly gardening clubs for children during the Summer term. We are looking forward to starting the redevelopment of the allotment area which will be used to grow a wider variety and larger quantity of fruit and vegetables to be used at school and given to families and the wider community. In the Spring we gave out 100 sets of 10 types of vegetable seeds to families to encourage people to increase our impact through growing their own food at home. We are compiling a booklet of child-friendly, simple recipes using seasonal produce and will also give out 100 bags of staple ingredients to make trying new things more affordable for families. Inspired by this project we are now funding kitchen facilities at the school for children to use to learn to cook as part of their new DT curriculum.



### **Opal Play**

The school is implementing the internationally renowned OPAL Play programme, which requires lots of 'loose parts' for children to use to create their own play. Some parents fed back to the school that this made the school grounds look untidy, so Baddesley Parish Council kindly agreed a grant of £500 for us to purchase appropriate storage to enable the school to continue to expand the variety of materials available for children to play with. The local (and not so local) community have been very generous in donations in kind such as

bikes, pallets, cable drums and toys. One donor provided a £100 donation specifically for a speed boat for the play area and also a covered area costing £1,300 to enable children to play outside comfortably in all weather.



### **Wellbeing Through Nature**

In December 2023 we received a grant for £2,000 to enable us to run 12 community activities throughout 2024 with the aim of bringing together people in our local community and improving people's wellbeing through doing creative activities together outdoors. So far we have run six sessions with a total of 313 people attending. People have donated 411 volunteer hours so far making sessions happen. We have also given out over 500 packets of sunflower seeds for a village-wide sunflower competition this Autumn.

Sessions have included making giant Christmas decorations, a bird feeder workshop, a den making day, a nature habitat workshop, and outdoor Easter craft session and bird house making and community gardening.

Sessions have been really well-received with feedback such as:

***"It was absolutely fabulous. A morning spent with amazing people. Thank you for a lovely relaxing time."***

***"What a brilliant day building dens and toasting marshmallows - felt just like a kid again!"***

***"I really enjoyed myself and basically we all just had fun. Very little need for us to parent because every one of us was so engaged. We have a great group of people around us and I just feel blessed to be part of it"***

*“I had a lovely day - it was great to be outdoors today. I wasn't feeling it this morning but so glad I came, it really turned my mood around!”*



## Donations to the school

### Spending of Grant Income

Grants are given for a specific purpose and can only be spent on that thing. Currently grants tend to be available for community-based activities and activities that impact the environment. On average each grant application takes around 20 hours of skilled volunteer time, and due to how competitive the process is, the success rate is currently around 30%

£4,100 has been spent of an £18,000 grant from Warwickshire County Council to create a community orchard and sharing shed. This has been spent on 97 of a planned 250 fruit trees and bushes, plus planting materials.

A £1,000 grant from Cllr Andy Wright was spent on class sets of gardening tools and equipment. This has enabled a lot of extra volunteer input into the school.

A £2,500 grant from BUPA for a poly tunnel outdoor classroom has been fully spent creating a unique multi-use space for curricular, extra-curricular and community activities. An additional 222 skilled and unskilled volunteer hours were donated to construct this.

We will shortly begin spending the £7,000 from Cllrs Andy Wright and Bernardette Davies on renovating the allotment area.

£200 has been spent so far of a £1,000 grant from Warwickshire County Council to provide 100 sets of vegetable seeds to families. The remaining money will be spent on printing a recipe booklet and giving free ingredients to families to make trying something new more accessible. This will be developed using around 50 skilled and 25 unskilled volunteer hours.

£1,200 of a £2,000 grant from IM Properties Community Fund has been spent on materials and equipment to deliver 12+ free volunteer-led nature-based creative community sessions. 6 have been delivered so far to 313 people. This grant has also funded seeds for the community sunflower competition with Gaytons.

A £5,000 grant from National Grid has been spent on a series of whole-school science and engineering workshops; 40 library books about engineering, inventors, women in STEM, coding etc; and 30 engineering sets.

In response to parent concerns about storage for OPAL play, we received a grant for £500 from Baddesley Ensor Parish Council for a shed and shelves.



### Spending of Fundraised Income

- **Workshops - £1,200** - Science workshop and poetry workshop
- **Music - £1,500** - Glockenspiels and microphone headsets.
- **Play - £300** - Giant Lego bricks
- **Books - £400** - Reading books replacing those not returned the previous year
- **House points scoreboard - £300**

- **Woodpeckers resources - £250** - Toys and equipment for Woodpeckers using money raised by their stall at the Christmas Fayre
- **EYFS to KS1 transition resources - £180** - Equipment to replicate EYFS in early KS1 to aid transition
- **Nurture resources - £500** - Resources including a sit on spinner, weighted blanket, ball pit balls, mats, music, peanut ball and other equipment
- **Two class sets of printed high vis jackets - £290**
- **Bouncy castle for Leap Day and last day of school event - £520**
- **Easter treats and crafts for children - £300**
- **Universal and targeted therapeutic bereavement resources - £350**
- **Annual contribution to the Leavers' Ball - £540** - £15 per child to be repeated annually
- **Class funds - £1,200** - money raised through Business Week donated back as discretionary funds for classes
- **Post-OFSTED treats for children - £50**
- **Gazebo for Sports events - £375**

#### **Agreed but not yet spent**

- **Outdoor reading room - estimated £1,000**
- **Sports equipment - estimated £1,100**
- **DT equipment - estimated £3,000-£4,000**
- **Outdoor art equipment -£750**

## **Community Work**

Part of the role of the PTA is to help connect the school to the wider community. We believe this helps children feel part of their local area, building strong ties and feeling a sense of community. For members of the community the school can be a great resource and knowing about the positive things local children are involved in can help people feel safer and more understanding of younger people.

### **Community events**

This year we have organised 18 events specifically aimed at engaging the wider community alongside school families.

Our free **Christmas and Easter trails** have aimed to encourage local children to be active over school holidays. The Christmas Trail involved children searching for letters scattered through the woods, and at Easter we asked local people to display a bear in their window for our Bear Hunt. Community members enjoyed doing a simple action to support local children, and many posted pictures of their bears on local Facebook pages.

We are working with Gaytons, the traditional bakery near the school, on a **sunflower competition** where people in the village are encouraged to grow sunflowers at the front of their houses to bring the community together and improve the look and feel of the village.

We have given away 500 packets of sunflower seeds funded by the IM Properties Community Fund grant and regularly get updates from people on how well their sunflowers are doing!

Community Governor Stuart Atkins worked with us on a free **Family Boardgames Day** at Baddesley Ensor Social Club where families could come and try a variety of boardgames. While attendance was lower than we had hoped, people who did come said they really enjoyed it, and lots of the children would have stayed all evening!

We have taken some of our fundraising activities out into the community with mixed success. Our **Christmas wreath workshop** sold out and an additional date was added, but ticket sales were low for the **quiz** and **Easter wreath workshop** and the **Swish and Bonkers Bingo** had to be cancelled due to almost no tickets selling. The **Merevale Bluebell Walk** was one of our most successful events, attracting many community members despite not being able to advertise the event.

Activities as part of our **Wellbeing Through Nature** programme funded by IM Properties Community Fund have been very successful at attracting people without an existing connection to the school, as well as those that currently attend, with the most popular events being **nature habitat making, den building and Easter crafts**.

We are hoping to put together an **anthology of poetry** about the local area written by children and have given out 100 sets of 10 types of **vegetable seeds** thanks to a grant from Warwickshire County Council. As part of this we are creating a free **booklet of healthy, seasonal recipes** and will be giving out **bags of staple ingredients** to make trying new things more affordable.



### Community donations

Through our engagement with the local community we have received lots of generous donations to benefit children at the school. These include:

- **Bikes, prams, toys and a boat** to be used as part of Opal Play.

- **Trees, plants and seeds** to enhance the school grounds.
- **Pallets, cable drums, logs, wood chip and other building materials.**
- **Art and craft materials.**
- **Food and drinks**, including a huge donation from Britvic via a pupil's family member who works there.
- A huge **marquee** to be used as an undercover area for Opal Play.
- **Raffle and tombola prizes** such as full house cleans, tickets to local attractions and days out, and hampers, and chocolate, sweets and bottles in return for non-uniform days.
- Local Counsellors Andy Wright and Bernardette Davey have provided several generous local community grants for the **redevelopment of our outdoor spaces.**

### Community days

This year we have supported a number of community days to improve the school grounds. These have included:

- **Redeveloping Reception and Year 1 playgrounds** using recycled and donated materials, with around 25 people attending each day.
- **Clearing and planting hundreds of yellow bulbs to create Sunshine Island** outside the school, and clearing and planting up the **area directly outside the school gates.**
- Building the **poly tunnel** classroom over four very long days.
- Erecting the **Opal Play undercover area.** Creating a **garden behind the poly tunnel.**
- Clearing and reinstating the **wildlife pond and wild flower meadow** using a grant that Flo successfully applied for.
- **Tree planting days** with groups of volunteers and also class groups. We will shortly be planting some fruit trees in Baddesley Ensor at the top of Keys Hill to give the wider community full access to some of the fruit trees.



## Financial Summary as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>£41,402.98</u></b>
Takings from Events	£15,402.98
Grants	£26,000.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>£25,278.99</u></b>
Grants	£13,812.58
Donations to the School	£7,421.50
Events	£3,335.35
Admin	£709.56
Volunteer expenses	£0.00
<b>2023/24 Available Funds</b>	<b><u>£16,123.99</u></b>
PTA	£3,936.57
Grants	£12,187.42
<b>Prior Years Brought Forward</b>	<b><u>£6,965.19</u></b>
PTA	£4,201.20
Grants	£2,763.99
<b>Total Funds at at 31/08/2024</b>	<b><u>£23,089.18</u></b>
PTA	£8,137.77
Grants	£14,951.41



Woodside friends and family

Woodside C of E Primary School PTA

# Woodside Friends and Family PTA Treasurers Report for 2023/24

1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

## Income

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## Expenditure

<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>£25,278.99</u></b>
Grant Spending	£13,812.58
PTA Spending:	
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Money spent on events	£3,335.35
Admin/General costs	£709.56
Volunteer expenses	£0.00

## Funds

<b>Prior Year(s) brought forward balance</b>	<b><u>£6,965.19</u></b>
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**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/ members of**

Charity Name

Woodside Friends & Family

**On accounts for the year ended**

1 September 2023 - 31 August 2024

**Charity no (if any)**

1203774

**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 / 08 / 2024**.

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 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.

H Huntley

**Signed:**

02/12/2024

**Date:**

Hannah Huntley

**Name:**

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

CIMA – Chartered Institute Management Accountants

**Address:**

**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.**