

FRIENDS OF NEWLANDS SPRING COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 284873

Details

Other names FONS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1982-06-17

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION (THE PURPOSES) 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 SCHOOL;2.2 ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES OR PROVIDING FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT WHICH SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS.

Activities: WE PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL, SPORTS, MUSICAL AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL IN ORDER TO INCREASE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND TO PROVIDE A MORE STIMULATING AND FUN RECREATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CHILDREN.WE ALSO FUND OCCASIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN, SUCH AS A LEAVERS' DISCO AND BARBECUE FOR YEAR 6.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED -IN PRACTISE CHELMSFORD
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£31,807	£34,461	-	-
2024-08-31	£29,835	£26,259	-	-
2023-08-31	£27,059	£22,774	-	-
2022-08-31	£20,013	£16,442	-	-
2021-08-31	£4,255	£6,214	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joanna Noble		2023-10-11
Joanne Parry		2023-10-11
Laura Spooner		2025-02-27
Mae Joy		2025-02-27
Nicola Lane		2026-03-26
Sidorela Dautovi		2025-02-27

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FONS Accounts 2024-25

Year End 31st August 2025

Income Statement

Income

Grants	£3,000
Donations	£1,996
Fundraising	£26,711
Other	£100
	<u>£31,807</u>

Expenditure

Fundraising	£8,778
	<u>£23,029</u>
Funds Raised	
	<u>£23,029</u>
Charitable Activities	£24,149
Administration	£1,533
	<u>£25,683</u>

Surplus/ Deficit -£2,654

Balance Sheet

Bank Balance **£23,530**

Designated Funds

25-26 FONS Budget	£7,500
30 10th Gen ipads & Cases	£7,760
	<u>£15,260</u>

Restricted Funds

Outdoor gym grant	£2,000
Love Essex grant	£290
30 10th Gen ipads & Cases	£500
	<u>£2,790</u>

Unrestricted Funds **£5,480**

Fundraising for 2025-26 is £20,500 broken down as follows:

- £8,000 for an extra large storage unit for OPAL equipment plus 3 mobile trollies.
- £5,000 for welly storage for the whole school for OPAL.
- £7,500 for FONS annual agreed costs, see budget for a breakdown.

Of the £20,500, £5,480 surplus funds in 2024-25 will contribute which leaves £15,020 still to raise.

Independent Examination of the Accounts

I have completed my independent examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting record were not kept as required by 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.”

Bola Fasanya
15/10/2025

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Treasurer's report - 2023-2024 academic year

Accounting summary

Opening Balance	Credits	Debits	£22490.21
Sept 23 – Aug 24	£26,400.74		
Sept 23 – Aug 24		£23,806.90	
Total left in bank			£25,084.04
Committed spend for 24/25			
Reserves		£2,200	£1200 float and £1000 expenses (£1300 less than last year)
£100 per Class x 17		£1,700	+£600 this year
Resources Maths /English		£1,500	
Panto in a day		£1,280	+ £150 this year
Year 6 water fountain		£315	
Raffle Licence		£20	
Parent Kind Membership		£153	
Yr 6 Leavers BBQ		£350	
Audit Fees		£20	
		£7,538	
Total left to spend in 24/25			£17,546.04
Wish List for 24/25			
30 Desk Top Computers		£15,304	
15 Visualisers		£750	
No Outdoor Project		£307	
Y3-Y6 Novels		£1,749	

Voluntary Income		Spend	
MATCHFUNDING x 2	£2,000	General resources English	£1,500
Sponsorship	£860	Sing Up Subscription	£100
	£2,860	Panto in a day	£1,240
Fundraising Activities		Handwriting Resources	£412
Halloween Disco	£954	Author Visit	£481
Non-Uniform Day x 2	£478	Outdoor play area contribution	£10,000
Bag2School x 2	£415	Gazebo	£30
Christmas Artwork	£1,036	BBQ & Gas	£770
Christmas Bazaar	£4,443	£100 resources to each class	£33
Skittleman	£380	Waterproof Trousers x 30 Nursery	£285
Junior Bingo	£225	Waterproof Trousers x 30 Reception	£373
Adult Bingo	£391	£100 resources – Oak & Willow Bay	£158
Spring Disco	£956	£100 resources – Maple Bay	£50
Little Recyclers x 2	£190	£100 resources – Holly & Pine Bay	£45
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts	£212	£100 resources – Birch Bay	£100
Summer Fayre	£4,893	£100 resources – Beech & Chestnut Bay	£158
Summer Disco	£853	Water Fountain Year 6	£315

Frozen Days	£806	£100 resources to each class – Spruce & Cedar	£138
2nd Hand Uniform	£405		
Adventure Island Tickets	£636		
School Lottery	£734		
Stikins	£109		
	£18,118		
TOTAL	£20,978		£16,188
SURPLUS	£4,790		

Matchfunding and Sponsorship raised a healthy £2,860 last year with £2,000 from Helen Huntley’s very generous employer, £550 in sponsorship for the summer fayre, £250 for the Estate Agency boards and £60 from Christmas Bazaar sponsorship. We missed out on the Estate Agency boards for the summer fayre which would have given us an extra £250 and potentially reaching over £3,000 for this year.

The Summer Fayre was up £1,600 and the Christmas Bazaar £1,822 year on year. The use of the card readers, especially on phones now, makes each transaction much faster as well as the “I’ve run out of cash, kids” no longer being a valid excuse. The glorious raffle hampers and prizes continue to bring in great sales on tickets at both events.

The recycling of clothing has doubled year on year with more regular drop offs proving popular.

Adventure Island tickets were purchased in 2022-2023 and finally realised a profit of £636. The initial outlay was £2,400 for 200 tickets (£12 each). Adventure Island have run their own promotions and annual passes which made the original sale price unattractive, and the remaining tickets were eventually sold at cost.

Lottery has dropped from 1013 to 734 this year. The prize is around £8 per draw – not very easy to market on that basis but it is worth having another drive to improve subscription – it’s a constant for virtually no man hours.

We continue to receive a steady income from the Disco’s (although we missed one this year), Skittleman, donut sales, bingo and Christmas artwork which also almost double year on year. The 2nd hand uniform and Frozen Fridays have been a great addition.

Spend increased substantially this year (from £9,050), but it was spent well! £10,000 towards the Outdoor Adventure playground, £770 investment in a catering BBQ as well as the usual yearly commitments. There has been some long term saving towards upgrading the computer suite which will be released in 2024-25.

A question was raised about the Year 6 water fountain and whether the school or ptfa continue to fund this.

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Treasurer's report 2022 to 2023

Account summary 1st Sept 2022 to 31st August 2023

The accounts for 2022 to 2023 will be audited in December 2023 and presented to the committee in January 2024. This is due to a new auditor for our accounts being sought.

Opening Balance	Credits	Debits	£18,205.08
Sept 22 – Aug 23	£27,058.63		
Sept 22 – Aug 23		£22,773.50	
Total left in bank			£22,490.21
Committed spend for 23/24			
Reserves		3,500.00	
Resources English		1,500.00	
Music subscription		150.00	
Panto		1,300.00	
£100 resources to each class		1,300.00	
Year 6 leavers gift and bbq		350.00	
PTA membership		150.00	
Year 6 Water Fountain		315.00	
Raffle licence		20.00	
Audit fees		60.00	
Expenses RB		250.50	
Total left to spend in 23/24			£13,594.71

2022 - 2023 Fundraisers and Purchases

Fundraiser	Profit
Lottery	£1,013.90
Amazon Smile	£108.30
Bags to School	£368.00
Halloween Disco	£866.56
Pumpkin colouring	£33.00
Christmas Artwork	£576.85
Christmas Fayre	£2621.89
Christmas Disco	£711.21
Skittleman	£321.66
Adult Bingo	£810.24
Junior Bingo	£241.38
Rainbow Run	£685.27
Summer Fayre	£3260.11
Summer Discos	£674.10
Donut Sale	£173.17
Adventure Island Tickets tbc (but if all sold will raise £1000)	TBC
Total raised	£ 12,465.64

2022-2023 Total purchases	Cost
General resources Maths	£ 1,500.00
Water Fountain Year 6	£315.00
Panto in a day	£1,130.00
PE kit	£1,084
Piano	£600
Cloakroom Trolley – Apple bay	£849.98
School Art Gallery	£523.54
Standing Desk for Year 6	£99.91
Flipchart Easels x 4	£439.96
Pedestal and Tower Fans x 12	£377.32
Fire Pit and Cover	£70.81
Dutch Oven and Tripod Stand	£101.70
£100 resources to each class – Elm Bay	£91.50
£100 resources to each class – Maple Bay	£42.48
£100 resources to each class – Spruce & Cedar	£61.44
Storage boxes for the shed	£573.45
Year 6 BBQ and photo booth	£250.00
First aid training for fons	£72.00
First aid kits for fons	£53.00
Year 6 Camera	£224.99
Book case for apple bay	£29.99
Author Visit	TBC
RE workshop	£384.00
Books Year 3	£186.73
Total spend	£ 9,061.80

We've now had a full year of on-line banking and it has made a huge difference to the running of FONS, the workload and the management of finances – all for the better.

Card readers, set up by Laura last year, have been used on quite a few occasions this year continuing to cut down on the counting of cash man hours and making a clearer paper trail for payments. Some payments are still coming in as a lump bundle which makes distinguishing what they are for difficult. We have tried to work out a way to split them, but it is not possible on the system that we use. Therefore, going forward, I suggest that the FONS committee have a discussion around how to record card reader payments in the future. More card readers could be purchased so that stalls or events are not sharing them; or a simple written recording when selling things could be the cheaper and quicker option. Then we will be able to be more specific over what items/stalls etc have made what profit – if this is what is wanted.

Profits this year have been really good considering we have not had the match funding we have had in previous years. New events have been successful financially and some old events (e.g. the adult bingo and skittleman) have been way more successful than in the past. This has been due to better promotion and also raising prices.

Adventure Island tickets have not yet made a profit, but we are very near breaking even. We purchased 200 tickets in the sales last October and we have sold 118 of those, which brings us to needing only £276 to break even. Once all of the other 82 tickets have been sold, we will have made £1,476 profit. We are confident that by the summer these tickets will have been sold as the most popular selling period is between Easter and the summer holidays.

Costs and expenses have risen this year for a number of reasons: we purchased double the amount of Adventure Island tickets than last year but as result will make more profit; new events this year (e.g. the colour run, donut sales) have meant more upfront costs in order to raise more funds; we have had more upfront costs to provide more prizes for events where we ran out last year.

Committed spend figures have been increased to cover the potential rising costs of the providers. To add to these commitments, I would like to suggest that the new committee also think about holding back some money in the budget to make a few purchases that will enable FONS to run more smoothly. These would be my suggestions:

£500 shed repair to make it rodent proof, approx. cost, but a bit of an unknown.

£800 to purchase a new BBQ – recommend we have our own to save the hassle or borrowing off of others and after a couple of events it will have paid for itself.

£200 to cover gas for above, BBQ tools, clipboards, highlighters etc so that we don't have to keep borrowing from the school.

This would leave FONS with around £12,095 still in the bank to give to the school. As agreed before the summer holidays we agreed that we would like to approve £5k for half of the IT suite with a view to funding up to £10k if the budget allowed after the summer. I would suggest that we have enough to do this with a little buffer as well.

Rachel Butterworth, Treasurer

4th June 2024

F.A.O: The Treasurer
Friends of Newlands Spring Primary School
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Dear Sirs/Madam,

In accordance with instructions given to me, I have carried out an audit of the accounts (01.09.20 to 31.08.24) for the above organization. I have made a check against the Bank statements, invoices and receipts. I find the accounts and statement of accounts to be prepared on a consistent basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Yours faithfully



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