

# Chair's Annual Report 2024/25

**Charity Name:** Friends of Wheatfields Infants & Nursery School (Friends of WINS)

**Charity Number:** 293346

**Reporting Period:** 1 August 2024 – 31 July 2025

## 1. Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of the Friends of WINS is to advance the education of pupils at Wheatfields Infants and Nursery School. We achieve this by:

- Assisting in the provision of facilities or items for education as determined by the committee and school.
- Fostering cooperation between parents and the school staff.
- Engaging in activities and fundraising events that support the school environment and the wellbeing of its pupils.

The Trustees confirm they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

## 2. Achievements and Performance

We have achieved a huge amount in the 2024/25 academic year. As a result of the unwavering support of parents, teaching staff and the local community we have been able to run a range of successful events and make substantial investment in school resources.

### Fundraising Successes

Our fundraising activities generated total of **£30,653.34**. Key highlights from our events calendar included:

Event / Activity	Funds Raised	Event Details
Fireworks Evening (November 2024)	£7,136	What has now become a Wheatfield's annual event was a huge success this year. Drawing in a huge crowd from the school and local community.
Wheatfest (July 2024)	£3,043	Open to both Wheatfields Infant and Juniors parents and children the weather stayed dry this year and everyone was able to enjoy the music provided by Junior school pupils and parents. Campfire songs and bed time stories were also a highlight.

Event / Activity	Funds Raised	Event Details
Summer Fair 2025	£2,072	The Children and Teachers took on the organisation and design of stalls this year. It was a scorching summers day, children loved the adopt a teddy stall, soaking their teachers and the return of the ever popular Jazzy bags.
Festive Fair	£1,195	Santa's grotto, letters to Santa, glitter tattoos, reindeer food making and ginger bread decorating. The festive fair was supported by local food vendors who had hot drinks and pizza available for purchase.
Cake and Uniform Sales (Combined)	Over £745	Each term a year group takes responsibility for bringing in cakes and volunteering to run the cake and uniform sale. We had some fantastic contributions and cakes flew out the door.

Other events and fundraising activities included, a Spring Cupcake decorating competitions, Wreath making, school disco, Easter Egg Tombola, Christmas Hampers.

We also received generous corporate sponsorship totaling £2,000 from Heartwood Homes and Bryan & Mercer for our Fireworks event, plus £300 in CAF matched funding.

## Educational Impact and Purchases

The funds raised were used to enhance learning experiences across the school:

- **Specialist Equipment:** We funded a new piano (£2,541.66) and provided £8,000 for pediatric music in the sensory room.
- **Infrastructure:** A major investment of £24,949 was made in Sun Sails to improve outdoor play and learning areas.
- **Classroom Support:** £1,000 was donated for classroom improvements from Nursery to Year 2, alongside funding for furniture (Rowan class), nursery equipment, and playground resources.
- **Enrichment:** The PTA provided financial assistance for school trips, including the Year 1 visit to the British Museum.

## 3. Special Thanks and Acknowledgments

The success of our charity is built on the strength of our school community. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to:

- **Miss Cockburn and the Teaching Staff:** For their unwavering support and help in facilitating our many events. Your collaboration ensures these activities integrate seamlessly with school life and directly benefit the children.

- **Class Reps and PTA Committee:** Thank you to the Class Reps for your support in disseminating information, coordinating volunteers and supporting the PTA in all their fundraising efforts. Thanks to the PTA committee for their time, commitment and dedication to ensuring valuable events go ahead.
- **Our Parents and Carers:** For your incredible generosity and dedication. Whether you attended an event, volunteered your time on a stall, or donated items and funds, your contribution is what makes our work possible.
- **Local Business Sponsors:** For their continued financial support of our community events.

## 4. Financial Review

Total event-related expenses for the year were £17,194.72, resulting in a healthy fundraising surplus of **£13,458.63**. As of the end of the reporting period, the charity maintains a surplus of over £35,000, ensuring we are well-positioned to support future school requirements. Our accounts are prepared on an accruals basis in compliance with the Charities Act 2011.

## 5. Future Plans

The current Trustees and Committee have stepped down from the Wheatfields Infants and Nursery PTA as their children move up into the Junior School. A new team of Co-Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary have been appointed and intend to continue a program of events to foster community spirit and raise vital funds. Friends of Wheatfields Infant and Nursery school are committed to working with the school leadership to identify future projects that will enrich the lives of every child at Wheatfields Infants & Nursery School.

**Signed:** Lucy Gaygusuz (Co-Chair)

**Signed:** Raihaanah Ahmed (Co-Chair)

**Date:** 18/05/26

**Friends of Wheatfields Infants & Nursery School (also known as Friends of WINS)**

**Charity Number – 293346**

# **TREASURER'S REPORT**



## Friends of Wheatfields Infants & Nursery School

### 1. Income and Fund Raising for the 12 months ending 31 July 2025

Event	12 months ending 31/07/2025			
	Receipts	Payments	Surplus	
<b>Net Income and fundraising</b>				
<b>Childrens Events</b>				
Christmas Cards 2024	586.10	-	586.10	
Movie Night	-	-	-	
Frosty Fridays	-	(95.50)	(95.50)	
Reception & Yr 1 disco	-	-	-	
Christmas Decorations - designed & handmade by Year 1	-	-	-	
Christmas Wrapping Paper designed & handmade by Year 2	-	-	-	
Letters to Santa	22.85	-	22.85	
<b>Family Events</b>				
Festive Fair 2024	2,364.49	(1,168.62)	1,195.87	
Wheatfest	3,956.86	-	3,956.86	
Summer fair	2,242.04	(169.38)	2,072.66	
Class Hamper Raffle tickets	666.95	-	666.95	
Sports day coffee	-	-	-	
<b>Other Events</b>				
Auction	-	-	-	
Bingo & Bubbles	-	-	-	
Wreath making 2024	953.28	(21.00)	932.28	
Cupcake decorating	87.74	-	87.74	
Cake & Uniform sale 2024	-	-	-	
Tombola	231.82	(27.78)	204.04	
Wheatfest expenses 2025	-	(913.75)	(913.75)	
Wheatfest expenses 2024	-	(5,415.78)	(5,415.78)	
Cake & Uniform sale 2025	755.10	(9.97)	745.13	
Fireworks 2024	15,106.91	(7,971.12)	7,135.80	
Bags to school	34.00	-	34.00	
Spare 3	-	-	-	
Christmas Treeasy	41.00	-	41.00	
Year 2 leavers disco	510.66	(444.12)	66.54	
Year 2 leavers disco 2024	-	(299.20)	(299.20)	
Quiz Night	-	-	-	
Bank charges	-	-	-	
Fireworks 2025	-	(350.00)	(350.00)	
AGM	-	-	-	
General Expenses	-	(8.50)	(8.50)	
Ice lolly sale	-	-	-	
Disco	793.54	(300.00)	493.54	
Unallocated	-	-	-	
	<b>28,353.34</b>	<b>(17,194.72)</b>	<b>11,158.63</b>	-
<b>Voluntary Contributions Account:</b>				
Event sponsorship	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-
CAF donations	300.00	-	300.00	-
Other donations	-	-	-	-
Friends of WINS donations	-	-	-	-
	<b>2,300.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>	-
	<b>30,653.34</b>	<b>(17,194.72)</b>	<b>13,458.63</b>	-

### 2. Expenditure and Purchases for the 12 months ending 31 July 2025

Net purchases	12 months ending 31/07/2025			
	Receipts	Payments	Deficit	
Payment to Wheatfields Infants	-	(41,254.36)	(41,254.36)	
Parent Kind annual fee	-	(162.00)	(162.00)	
Christmas Tree	-	(25.99)	(25.99)	
Sum up and Stripe fees	-	-	-	
Parent donations	91.13	-	91.13	
Payment to Wheatfields Juniors	-	(2,183.50)	(2,183.50)	
Schoolcomms fee	-	-	-	
Class trip donations	-	-	-	
Jess incorrect Sumup account	-	-	-	
Interest received	376.97	-	376.97	
	<b>468.10</b>	<b>(43,625.85)</b>	<b>(43,157.75)</b>	-

### 3. Net Movement in Funds for the 12 months ending 31 July 2025

	Receipts	Payments	Deficit	
Income & Fundraising	30,653.34	(17,194.72)	13,458.63	
Transfer between accounts	38,186.78	(38,186.78)	-	-
Expenditure & Purchases	468.10	(43,625.85)	(43,157.75)	
Movement in Funds	<b>69,308.22</b>	<b>(99,007.35)</b>	<b>(29,699.13)</b>	

### 4. Represented by : Bank Accounts as at 12 months ending 31 July 2025

	Opening	Closing	Movement	
Treasurers Main A/c 00715204	4,138.03	1,487.62	(2,650.41)	
Bus Bank Instant 01782495	61,834.86	35,637.38	(26,197.48)	
Treasurers VC 01665243	-	-4.25	(4.25)	
Bus Bank Instant VC 01783610	1,186.96	73.25	(1,113.71)	
Petty Cash	321.00	587.72	266.72	
	<b>67,480.85</b>	<b>37,781.72</b>	<b>(29,699.13)</b>	0.00

## **DRAFT Report of the Trustees for 12 months ending 31 July 2025**

The Trustees present their annual report and audited accounts for the 12 months ending 31 July 2025 and confirm they comply with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP. Accounts are prepared on an accruals basis.

### **Our Purpose**

Advancing the Education of pupils of Wheatfields Infants and Nursery School by: providing and assisting in the provision of such facilities or items for education at the school as the committee and school shall from time to time determine; fostering co-operation between the Parents and the school; and engaging in activities which support the school.

### **2024/25 Fundraising Objectives**

During the course of the year, the Headteacher and staff highlighted several areas where additional resources would enrich the children's learning.

One of the intended main expenditures for PTA to fund was to purchase a new Piano for the school. We are pleased to be able to allocate funds to this.

This year, in addition to the annual classroom donations, outside areas continued to be supported with some playground equipment, some new furniture and equipment was provided for nursery amongst other areas. Funding was also provided for assistance with school trips.

Purchases for the school in the Autumn term were £8,305, using funds raised in this financial year, and there are still surplus funds of over £35k available to be used to support the school further.

### **2024/25 Accounts**

#### **Funds Raised:**

Event receipts for the year were £30,653.34 (23/24 - £48,175) (including sponsorship), whilst event related expenses incurred totalled £17,194.72 (23/24 - £17,383), generating a funds surplus from events of £13,458.63 (23/24 - £30,793).

Included in the receipts, event sponsorship of £2,000 was received, £1,000 each from Heartwood Homes and Bryan & Mercer for the Fireworks event and £300 in CAF matched funding.

The most profitable fundraising events were as follows:

- November 2024 – Fireworks evening - £7,136
- December 2024 – Festive Fair - £1,195
- December 2024 – Class hamper raffle - £667
- Wreath making - £932
- Disco - £494
- Summer Fair 2025 - £2,072
- July 2025 – Wheatfest - £3,043
- Cake and uniform sale events across the year raised over £745

## **Funds utilised:**

### **Autumn 2024**

- £1,000 for classroom improvement donations for Nursery to Year 2
- £2,541.66 for a new Piano
- £925.27 for a new Sofa, river rug and rainforest carpet
- £250 towards the year 1 British Museum trip
- £1,233 for Rowan class furniture
- £723.69 for Nursery equipment
- £549.70 for Playground equipment
- £812.64 for wooden blocks, foam bricks & polydron sets
- £92.70 for Miss Bushi's class
- £45.42 for Oak class equipment
- £25.82 for Reception chalk boards
- £75 for Library desks
- £30 for Table covers for Conkers class

### **Spring and Summer terms 2024**

- £24,949 for Sun Sails
- £8,000 for Pediatric music for sensory room

### **Future Plans**

The trustees and committee will continue to organise events to raise funds to benefit the school.

### **Trustees/ Committee Officers**

#### **Co-Chairs**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

#### **Treasurer**

Katherine Carlson

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Friends of Wheatfields Infants & Nursery School

On accounts for the year  
ended

2024/2025

Charity no  
(if any)

293346

Set out on pages

(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 **31/ 08 / 2025**.

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:

Date:

20/5/26

Name:

KATE CORRIGAN

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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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.