

# Friends of St Joseph and St James's Primary School

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107772

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2020-07-06
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The purpose of the Association (the Purposes) is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school; Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Education/training

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£5,540	£4,713	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Mary Elizabeth Norden		
Mrs Nicola O'hare		
Mrs Noleen Hawkins		
Mrs Tracy O'hare		

**Friends of St Joseph and St James's Primary School**

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# Accounts

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Friends of St. Joseph & St. James's Primary School

NIC107772

Income & Expenditure Account

31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**Friends of St. Joseph & St. James's Primary School**

**Accountants' report on the unaudited Income & Expenditure Account**

**To Friends of St. Joseph & St. James's Primary School**

You have approved the Income & Expenditure Account for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. We have reviewed this Income & Expenditure Account from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us and are satisfied it is consistent with the books and records of the association.



Declan Magennis & Co

Chartered Accountants

21 Patrick Street

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9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Friends of St Joseph & St James Primary School

### Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 31st August 2024

Opening Balances		£	£
Barclays Bank			59.50
Credit Union			704.46
Petty Cash			20.00
			<u>783.96</u>

<b>Income</b>	£	£
Halloween Event		733.87
Christmas Fundraising		1,240.91
Pub Quiz		600.00
Ciara Love Fundraiser Marathon		637.10
Groundwork grant		1,000.00
Easter Fundraising		1,327.85
		<u>5,539.73</u>

### Expenditure

Donations to School		3,000.00
Fundraising Expenditure & event costs		959.35
Other Donations		250.00
Leavers Presents		351.00
Parent Kind		153.00
Fees		
		<u>4,713.35</u>

<b>Profit/ Loss for the year</b>		<b>826.38</b>
		<u>1,610.34</u>

### Statements of Assets @ 31.08.2024

Barclays Bank		885.88
Credit Union		704.46
Petty Cash		20.00
		<u>1,610.34</u>

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## **Treasurers Report Year Ending June 2023**

Apologies for missing tonight's meeting but I have a family commitment that I was unable to change

**Current Balance Barclays £1059.50**

**Credit Union £706.99**

We had another good year of fundraising and held several successful events. We hosted three events and raised a total of £2140.79. These events were all well attended and supported by the parents and children of the school. We had decided at our AGM last year to cut down on expenditure such as Selection boxes, Easter Eggs etc and I feel that in the current climate we need to continue to do this. I think any expenditure should only be for things that the children and the school community will get value from.

It was a much smoother year with the banking with all expenses etc going through online banking transfers which made everything easier. This will be how we will do all our banking from here on in

We were very fortunate to receive a £1000 grant through Tesco's and thanks must go to Mary Norden for organising this and to Dervla Convery for putting the claim in.

Our Accounts for this year are currently with Declan Magennis Accounting for signature and will hopefully be returned soon.

We contributed £4326.12 to school funds this year and also covered the costs of the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion tea, Christmas gifts and leavers presents.

Already for this coming year we have our Halloween event organised and our quiz in Rice's Hotel, I am sure there will be lots more plans following tonight's meeting.

This will be my last year in the Treasurers role so if anyone is interested in it I will be happy to talk them through what it entails etc.

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# Annual report

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## St Joseph and St James PS – Friends of Committee

### Chairperson Report 2022/2023

#### AGM Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Your all very welcome to our AGM this evening.

I would also like to particularly welcome new members who have joined us.

Friends of St Joseph and St James Primary School is run by a group of volunteer parents to organise social events that develop and strengthen home school relationships as well as raising funds to purchase educational resources for the children at the school . Friends of also supports the school by providing hospitality at school events and volunteering for other roles within the school such as gardening and small maintenance tasks. We continue to be a member of the Charity Commission N.I.

Our last AGM was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and from it we have been very busy . Hard to believe its been a year but our Halloween disco was a success raising £ 407.00

In December we took on the task of naming our Christmas Elf which proved very popular and delighted to say – Cupcake found his forever home and raised £115.00 in the process .

Our Christmas raffle was the encore to the wonderful ‘Whoops a daisy angel’ and Tinsel and Tea Towels’ and helped up raise a fantastic £978.40 .We also, with the help of Nicola had a very special visitor to school with Santa arriving to school on a fire engine . A few of the Friends Of members who shall remain nameless really enjoyed a spin around Poyntzpass themselves !!! so I heard .....

The Quiz night in Rice’s on the 27<sup>th</sup> January raised £700 Thanks to Dervla for coordinating

We also were the beneficiaries of the Tesco community grants scheme with sincere thanks to Mary for looking after this, £1000 is on route to us from this –

Given our success at rehoming an elf we decided to try out hand at animals and our name the bunny ( whose name escapes me now ) and Easter raffle raised a fantastic £2126.12

The friends of committee had an afternoon tea following the celebration of First Communion on 21<sup>st</sup> May which was received very well by the community.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> we presented ‘The Leavers’ with personalised water bottles as a little token from us and we are looking forward to planning something for this years leavers as some

young people are still talking about the sleep over and BBQ .. They certainly know what they want and how to celebrate and we will endeavour to follow up on any of their ideas !!

Two of our members completed the HQ to home last leg from the Carrickdale to the Pass along with staff from school . Sincere thanks to Redmond O Hanlon GFC for all their support this year.

We continue to be cognisant of the continuing cost of living issues and disposable income families may have , our Halloween swap shop and uniform shop reflected this need and also supported schools ECO policy to reduce waste reuse and recycle as much as we can , that not only benefits school but the wider community . We hope to continue this this school year and welcome any ideas you may have .

Mrs Wadsworth and Mrs Mc Cooley will no doubt agree with me with regards to the impact near weekly it would seem, cut backs to education budgets have had on the school and the resources that are available for our children in the absence of a functioning Assembly . Whilst Friends Of cannot get Stormont up and running again (can anyone !!) we can through our fund raising efforts try and support the school in any way we can in providing some funding . Friends of will remain committed to supporting school to support children and their families in any way we can to ensure that their time at St Josephs & St James is enriching to their lives and education.

This will be my final report as Chairperson of Friends of as we will be welcoming a new executive committee by our next AGM. I want to thank all the members and their children who have given their time and effort so freely despite having a million other things to be doing. To Sharon and Dervla ... truly my wing women when it comes to executive matters. Thank you for all your help. I have really enjoyed being part of Friends Of – (I know sometimes it was hard to see the enjoyment on my face)... as have my two children who it's hard to believe have moved and will be moving on to their next chapters in education. I think they will miss having the inside scoop on what our next fundraising venture was or helping decorate the hall or fill treat bags or whatever the job entailed!!! believe me this can be anything –ask that bunny that was at the Easter disco !!! I know these tasks will be in good hands, with the up and coming junior members that I have already seen in action . Thank you also to Mrs Wadsworth and our teacher's rep on the committee Mrs Mc Cooley and all the teaching staff who always support the Friends Of activities we really do appreciate it ,

Best wishes to the new team , and assuring you of my continued support –till June !!!

*Fiona Maguire*

**Chairperson**

**Friends Of St Joseph & St James**



**Friends of St Joseph and St James's Primary School**

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# Annual return

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**Friends of St. Joseph & St. James's Primary School**

**Income & Expenditure Account**



**31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

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19<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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**Income & Expenditure Account**

**Year ended 31st August 2023**

Opening Balances		£	£
Barclays Bank			918.76
Credit Union			<u>706.99</u>
			<u>1,625.75</u>

<b>Income</b>	£	£
Halloween Event		424.26
Christmas Fundraising		870.00
Pub Quiz		846.53
Amazon Smile		41.86
Amazon Europe Core		5.00
Sundry Income		20.00
Easter Fundraising		<u>2,106.00</u>
		<u>4,313.65</u>

**Expenditure**

Donations to School		4,326.12
Fundraising Expenditure		536.64
Donation to Mourne Rescue		50.00
Leavers Presents		100.15
Parent Kind		140.00
Fees		<u>2.53</u>
		<u>5,155.44</u>

**Profit/ Loss for the year** **(841.79)**

783.96

**Statements of Assets @ 31.08.2023**

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Petty Cash	20.00
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We had huge shoes we had to fill, particularly Therese Farthing our past Chair , Helen Hamill Treasurer and Mary Magowan Secretary . I would like to acknowledge not only their work in the past but also their willingness in helping us ‘newbies ‘ or newbs as I’m reliably told it is , if you want to be down with the kids...

We also unfortunately lost two other member who were with us as reps from the teaching staff , but gave of their time and expertise to assist us . We would like to thank Mrs Magowan and Mrs Doran and wish them well in their retirement and new job respectively.

I would also like to welcome new members who have joined us this evening .

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When we came to office we were still working within the confines of Covid 19 and most of the meetings this year have been Via Zoom , but we are very grateful to have had a few face to face meetings, and delighted to be able to have our first AGM in 2 years back in person. I want to thank everyone who continued to give of their time despite the challenges they were facing in both their work life and family life owing to the pandemic.

Despite the challenges it was great to see the children back in school and enjoying school life once again.

The 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 we welcomed a group of corporate volunteers from BT regional team to helped to tidy up the conservation area for all our budding young botanists and environmentalists . Sincere thanks to Paul & Dervla Covery for organising this and to the BT staff for all their hard work.

We had our Halloween disco on October 22<sup>nd</sup> , with class groups enjoying DJ Anto and party bags!

In November 2021 we officially launched our 'Together we can' appeal which aimed to raise money to buy equipment that will benefit the children and the school as a whole. Our target was £10,000 and this would enable us to purchase 4 interactive white boards and 2 outdoor climbing frames.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> we held our Christmas Draw

February 2<sup>nd</sup> we had the Smartie Challenge

April was a busy month for us we had our Easter draw which really was a great success, our pub quiz in Rices and a bucket collection in Tesco – thanks to Mary Norton for organising this.

We were delighted to provide some sweet treats for those children who received the Sacraments this year, Confirmation on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April and First Holy Communion on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of June we took on our most ambitious project of the year, providing a BBQ and breakfast for the intrepid explorers of the school leavers in P.7 who were having a big sleep out that evolved into the big sleep in. The children had a wonderful experience and one that will stay long in their memories and one I think the teachers are still getting over. Here's to this year .. God knows what the plans will be in.

Being on the Friends of team sees you being involved in many things some of which are so far out of your comfort zone you begin to doubt yourself. Our next activity pushed me to the limit let me tell you , and involved me buying and hampering up orange and white flags and finding myself in O Neil's buying an Armagh County water bottle ... the things you do for friends of ! but a great fundraiser all the same.

A busy year by all accounts and one which we hope to continue into this academic year. Whilst we may have overcome the challenges that Covid threw at us we are cognisant of the financial instability families are experiencing at the moment as well as all the other things that are going on in the world , which are impacting on all aspects of our physical and mental health and that of our families. While this may have an impact on our activities for this year, Friends of will remain committed to supporting school to support children and their families in any way we can to ensure that their time at St Josephs & St James is enriching to their lives and education.

On a personal note I would like to thank Sharon and Dervla and all the girls on the team for all their help this year in keeping me right and to Mrs Wadsworth for all her help and encouragement. It is greatly appreciated .

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# Annual return

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**FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH & ST. JAMES'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Accounts for Year Ended 31st August 2022

Opening Barclays Balance at 01/09/2021	1,863.00
Opening Credit Union Balance at 01/09/2020	706.99
	<b>2,569.99</b>

**Income & Expenditure Account**

**Income From Fundraising**

Halloween Event	400.77
Christmas Raffle (Cash via school account)	1,466.00
Smarties Challenge	1,116.74
Easter Raffle	837.00
Asda & quiz	1,024.32
Amazon Smile	11.51

4,856.34

**Total** **4,856.34**

**Expenditure**

Printer	65.00
Kindles	79.98
Refreshments	86.03
Parentkind	116.00
Selection boxes & Easter Eggs	246.50
Smarties	40.00
Donation to School	5000 *
Trees	100
Petty cash	67.07

**Total** **5,800.58**

Income Less Expenditure **-944.24**

**Statement of Assets**

Closing Barclays balance	918.76
Closing Credit Union Balance at 31/08/2021	<u>706.99</u>
<b>Total Assets 31/08/2021</b>	<b>1,625.75</b>

\*£1000 Climbing frame; £134 whiteboards; £2000 whiteboards; £1466 cash from Christmas raffle, £400 cash from Halloween Disco & tuck shop))

CHAIRPERSON