

Trustees Report y/e March 2025

Charity Purpose & Associated Activities

This Charity was formed with the purpose of raising funds for extra resources to be used for activities and equipment that would benefit St Mary's PS Brookeborough, along with the pupils' learning, wellbeing.

We wish to build strong relationships between families, staff and the wider community by organising events and activities that encourage community involvement and school spirit.

Public Benefit Statement

The Friends of St Marys main activities include organising fundraising events and social activities to support the school and enhance the experience of pupils. These activities may include raffles, coffee mornings, sponsored events, seasonal celebrations etc.

The group would also encourage parent and community involvement, support communication between home and school, provide volunteers for school activities where appropriate, and help raise funds for resources, equipment and projects that benefit pupils and the wider school community.

Financial Review

The PTFA had a positive financial year, with a total of £4,072.15 raised through the "Cycle for St Mary's" fundraising event, along with additional donations and grants received from FODC (270.00) and the Asda Cashpot initiative (£182.73)

These funds helped support the school by the Group purchasing ipads for the pupils to use daily (£3450.24), along with £1200 spend on work to the pond area at the back of the school in which the pupils have taken great delight and interest in. A further £119.00 was spent on Registration for Parent Kind.

The Friends of St Marys would like to thank all parents, staff, local organisations and members of the community for their generosity and continued support throughout the year.

At the end of the financial year, The Friends of St Marys held a balance of £2194.04 in their associated bank account.

Structure & Governance

The PTFA is managed jointly by parents and school staff who work together to support the school and its pupils. These members also act as trustees of the charity, taking responsibility for overseeing the group's activities, managing funds appropriately and ensuring the PTFA operates in line with its charitable aims and responsibilities.

Trustees listed as follows:

Mrs Aine Crudden

Mrs Emer Rooney

Mrs Patricia Flanagan

Mrs Karen Hanna

Mrs Caroline Murphy

Mrs Sheila Mullan

Mrs Geraldine Hannigan

