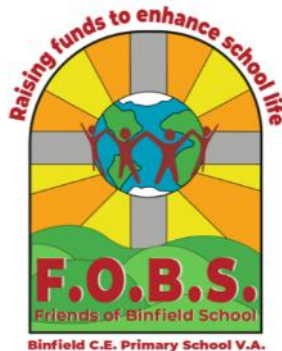


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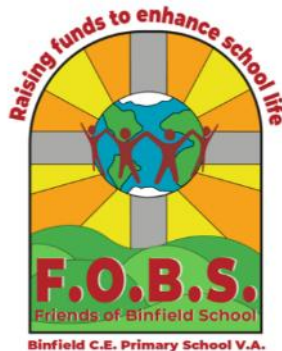
Friends of Binfield School

AGM 2025



Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- FOBS
 - Who are we?
 - How does FOBS benefit the school?
 - How can FOBS benefit YOU?
- A look back at 2024/2025
- Goals for 2025/2026
- Finances
- AGM mandatories and voting
- AOB
 - Next meetings and Christmas



Welcome

A promotional poster for the Binfield School Colour Run. The background is a vibrant, multi-colored paint splatter in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The text is arranged in a clear, bold layout. On the left, there is a logo for 'WithU' with the text 'Our Sponsor' above it. On the right, the event title 'Binfield School Colour Run' is written in large, bold letters, with 'Colour' in multi-color. Below the title is the date 'July 5th 2025'. Further down, a green text block describes the event: '200+ runners, 90kg of paint, 100s of pics and miles of smiles.' At the bottom right, it says 'Thank you all' in yellow. There are two small logos: one for 'WithU' and one for 'F.O.B.S.' (Friends of Binfield School) which features a globe and the school's name.

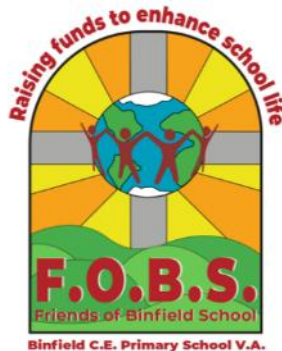
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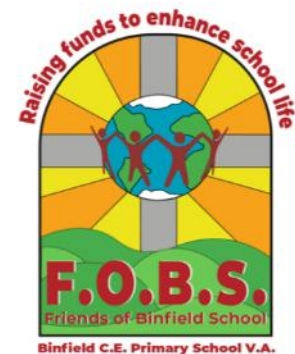
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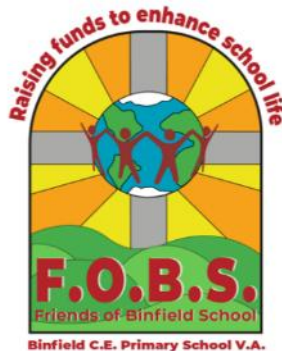


THANK YOU!



Who are we?

- FOBS is a variation of a Parent Teacher Association
- An open community of volunteers working to enhance the educational experience for pupils
- A registered charity, independent from the school, with trustees voted in by the wider committee and community
- **All parents and carers** at Binfield School automatically **become members** once their child has enrolled in the school



Doing things properly

FOBS is one of nearly 14,000 members of Parentkind, a charitable organisation that supports parents across the UK.

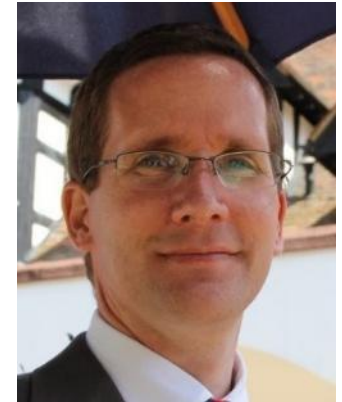
Being a member provides us with advice and support, ensuring that:

- FOBS is run according to all good practices & governance
- we are connected with other local schools to share resource/learnings
- our events are properly insured, legal and safe

Who are we?

A core committee of:

- Chair: Nicola Jenkins
- Vice Chair: Rachel Parker
- *Secretary:* *Vacant for 25/26*
- Treasurer: Steve Roby
- Comms: Jessica Simpson
- Website: Jon Crouch

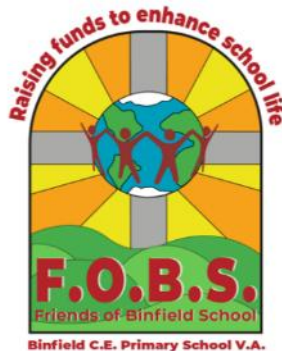


Plus a number of fantastic regular helpers for activities and events, who also participate in voting



How does FOBS benefit the school?

- Funds school initiatives to enhance and enrich your child's learning
- Provides a social support network for parents, especially first-timers
- Provides a forum for parents to have a say on how money is raised and spent



FOBS has contributed to:

- New school hall sound system - £10,000
- Repairs to the adventure trail - £5,000
- Technology for in-class learning - £3,000
- Annual 'Pool to School' - £3,000
- Enrichment weeks including onsite planetarium, sports week and onsite production - £2,250
- New benches - £4,320
- Class floats - £2,000
- Upkeep of the BOLE - £250

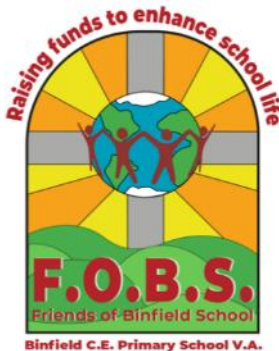


Nicola's update

Full speech in minutes. For anyone reviewing post meeting, I had some personal goals as Chair this year:

- Make it as efficient as possible for a full-time worker to run FOBS, and to reduce overwhelm so more people would like to join or help out ✓
- Agree fundraising targets upfront and have a plan and calendar agreed at the start of the school year ✓
- Reduce the comms and make them more manageable in an already busy world (thanks Jess and team!) ✓
- To show that fundraising doesn't have to follow the same patterns year after year – or follow a formula! ✓
- Raise enough money so that the next year's costs are in the bank ✓

Full speech to be shared with minutes & on website



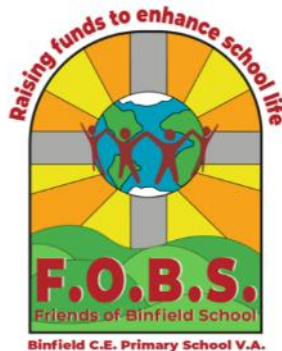
What does it mean to the school?



“FOBS isn’t just an added bonus - it’s a ‘must-have’. We’re incredibly thankful for the relentless dedication of FOBS members to help us give the best opportunities for our children.”

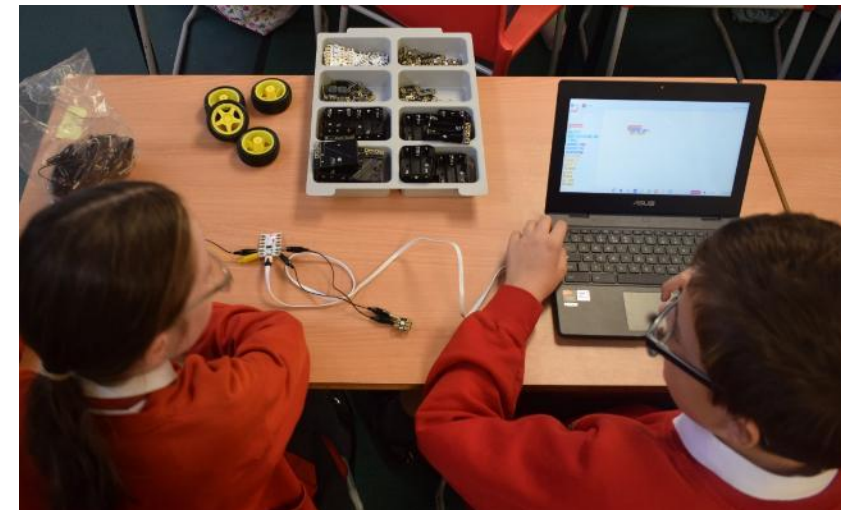
**Kerry Mistry, Deputy Head,
Binfield CE Primary School**

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Technology & our school

- Technology is widely used across our school for learning and development
- 1 device per child from year 2 upwards
- All staff have well maintained laptops
- FOBS supports with funding for additional items e.g. charging units, headphones and replacement kit to keep these facilities maintained



We need you!

- For FOBS to continue we need to have a next generation of committee members & trustees as this will be the last year at the school for some of us
- This is a perfect year to get involved as you can shadow current members so you can see exactly what is involved
- Roles include:
 - Chair
 - Co-chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Communications & marketing



The Chair

Liaises with the school, runs FOBS meetings and keeps things running smoothly

The Vice Chair

Supports the Chair, helps with co-ordinating events calendar, co-chairs meetings



The Treasurer

Manages finances, banking, creates finance reports, liaises with Charities Commission

The Secretary

Organises and keeps meeting minutes, sends out correspondence



Comms & Marketing

Writes comms for WhatsApp, social media and school newsletter, liaises with school on key messages

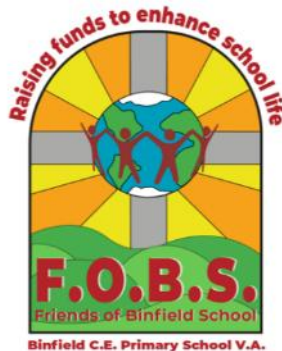
Website

Manages the FOBS website, events content, digital sales, ticketing and volunteer sign-ups



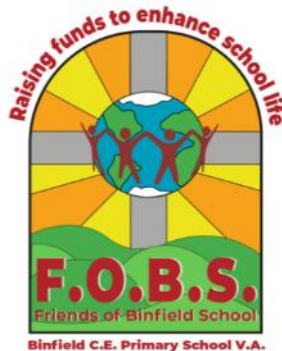
How can FOBS benefit YOU?

- **New to the area?** Make friends with parents of similar-aged children and help support the school at the same time
- **Work remotely?** Take a break from your desk and give back at the same time
- **Want to bring your skills into a new environment?** Use your day job abilities in a different way
- **Everyone** has skills to bring, from graphic design to gardening; from events management to balancing the books; and from wrapping up lucky dip gifts to handing out flyers!
- Support can be helping at individual events or offering up an hour or two per month/term
- Or simply donate a raffle prize and feel good!



‘How can I help and how much time will it take?!’

- Some of our most active mums and dads work full-time or have other commitments – we do understand that it’s a juggle!
- If your child has younger siblings, FOBS is a great way to support their future school experience as money raised *today* funds future years’ activities
- We all have lives away from school and it’s OK to say “no”
- Examples of how you can commit, either at an event or behind the scenes, include...



Activity	Time required	Dates through year	Perks
Sort and sell pre-loved uniform	Approx. 4 hours per half term	Usually October, December, February, April and July	First dibs on uniform!
Run the Little Recyclers clothing drop off	2 hours per term	Usually October, February and May	Free breakfast at The Foxes Den!
Be the FOBS representative in the WhatsApp and Facebook parent year groups	No more than 2 minutes per post	No more than one post per week	Find out first what's happening when and get priority access to e.g. Santa's Grotto bookings
Join or manage an event task force (e.g. the Christmas Bazaar)	A couple of prep meetings ahead of the event and running the event itself (maybe 8 hours total)	Once per term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Bazaar • Binfield Believes • Spring fundraiser (e.g. pub quiz) • Summer fundraiser (e.g. Colour Run) 	Free mince pies, mulled wine, colour run tickets, etc.!

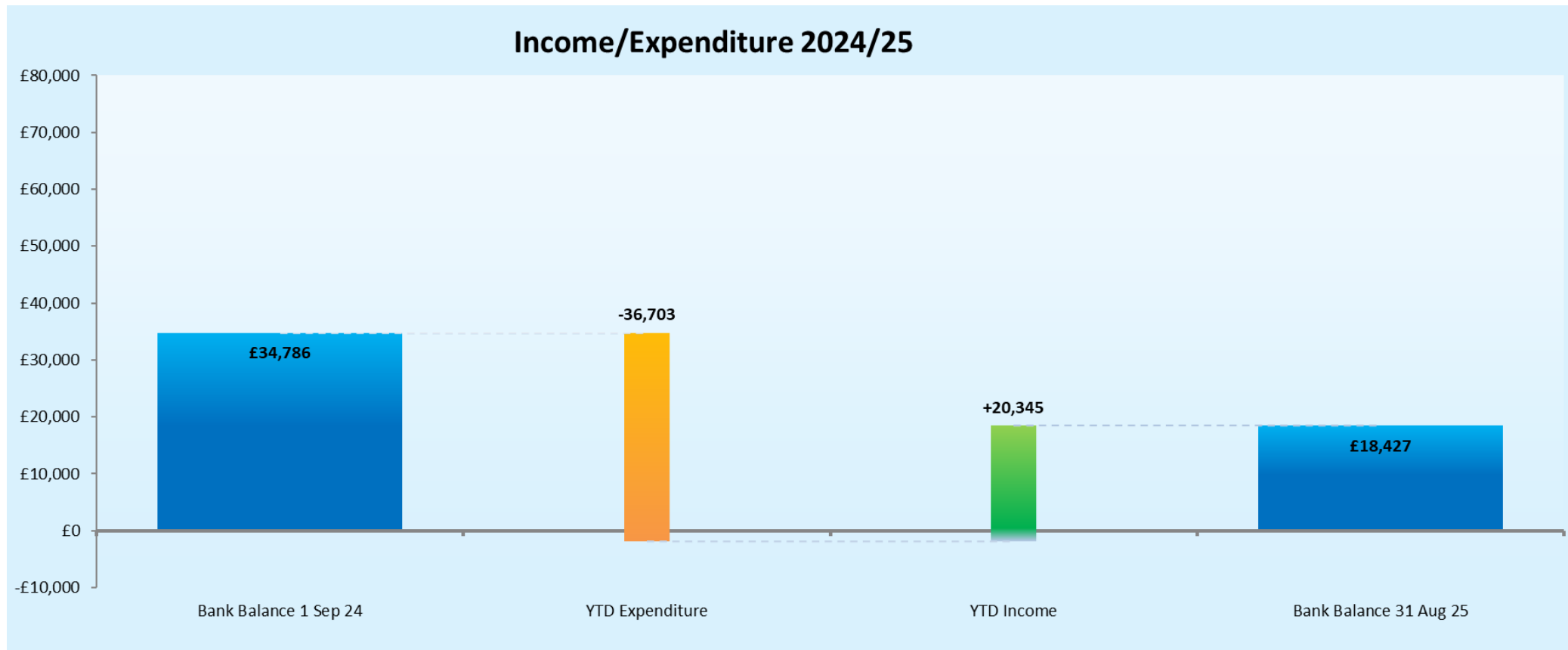


PS: Volunteering might get you an invitation to the school Christmas assembly...



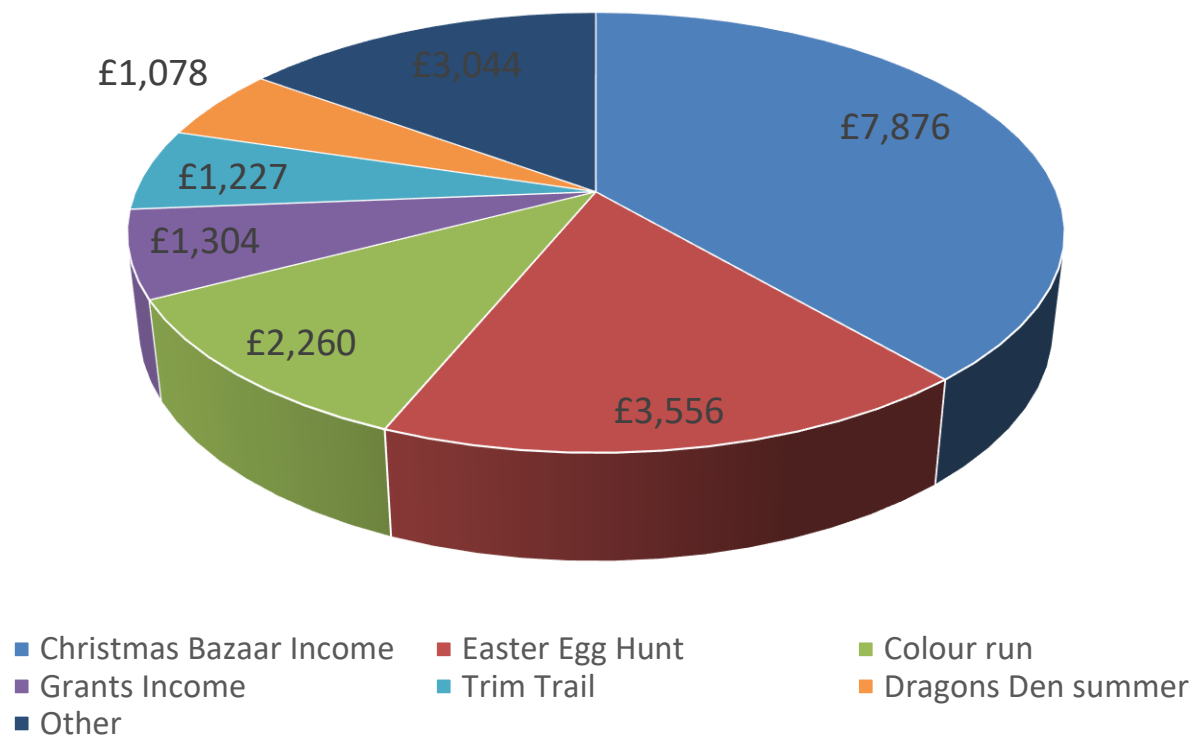
Finances

FOBS invested over £16.3k in this academic year into our school



Finances

Christmas Bazaar & Easter Egg hunt biggest fundraisers



How have we done this?

- FOBS annual Christmas Bazaar, including raffle
- Binfield Village Easter Egg Hunt
- Binfield Believes
- Annual summer event (Colour Run, circus)
- Collecting and recycling clothes with Little Recyclers
- Pre-loved uniform sales every half term
- Contributions from local events, e.g. Binfield 10K
- Grants & lotteries

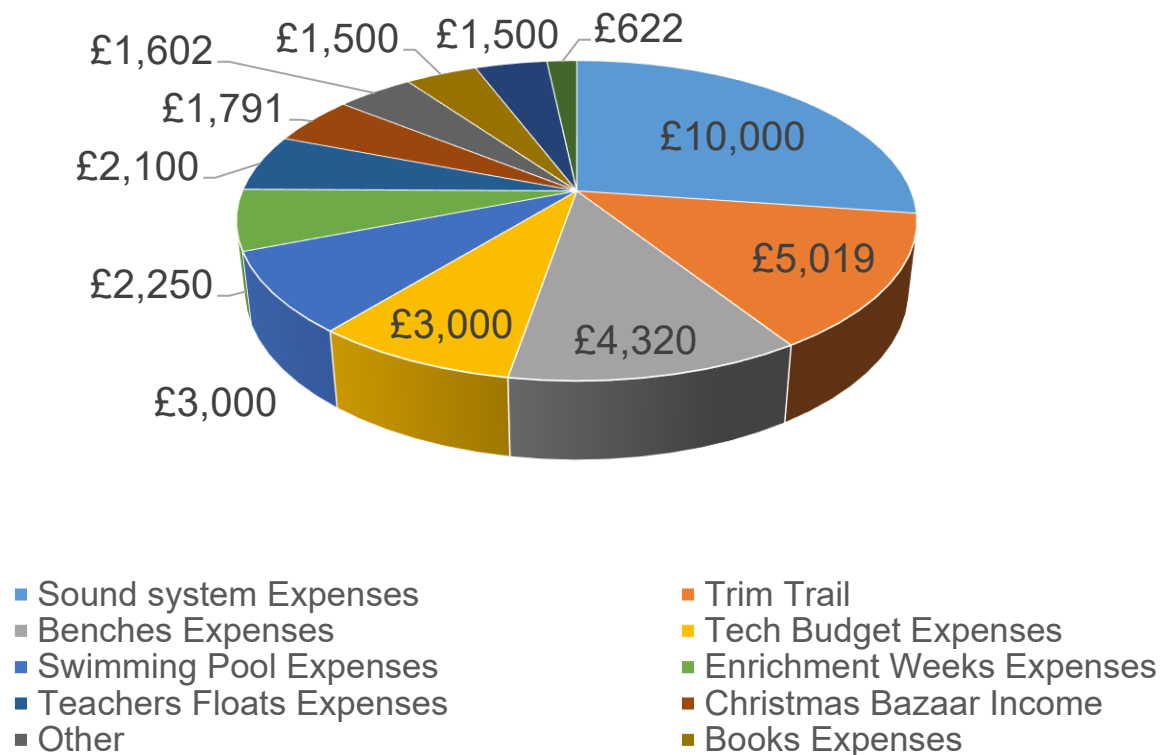


BINFIELD 10K



Finances

Sound system, adventure trail & benches were biggest expenditures



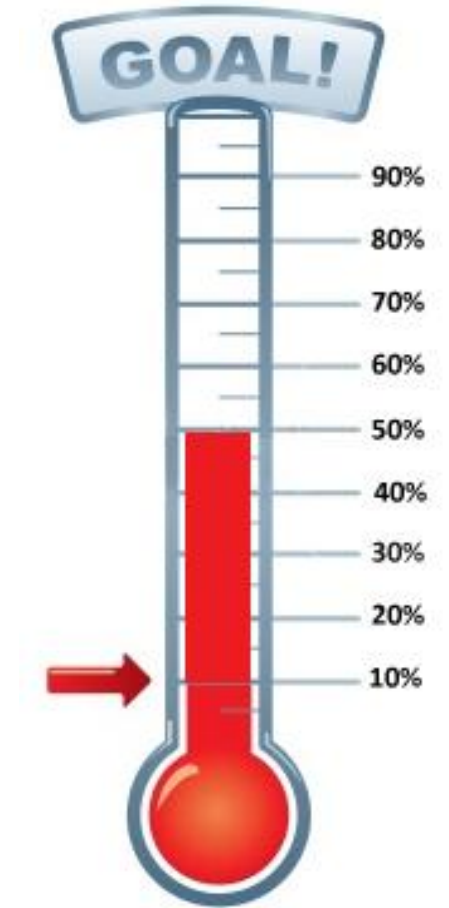
Our goals for the year ahead

Fundraising target: £20,000

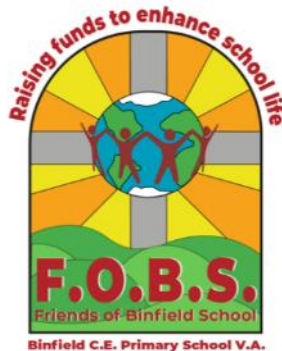
To match our existing school contributions next year, and to support one key new project for the school

How will we do this?

- One main event each term
 - E.g. the Christmas Bazaar raises around £6,000
- Company matching schemes
- Expanding and promoting grants & lotteries



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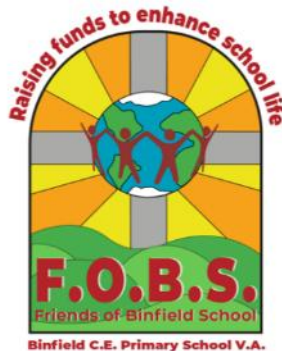
Corporate matching & volunteering

Does your company have a charitable giving platform?

- Many companies run programmes with Benevity, CyberGrants, etc.
- These can offer 'free' money for FOBS!
- Alternatively, they may pay you for volunteering time which can be used for our events

Case study:

- A parent made a donation to FOBS via their workplace charitable giving programme
- The donation was **tripled** by the company
- 2 months later, FOBS received the whole donation directly
- The parent can also log one working day (8 hours) per quarter when volunteering for FOBS, earning a £5 per hour donation that goes straight to FOBS



Voting and AGM Mandatories

The official bit!

1. Attendance
2. Apologies – Karen Hardy, Judith Bullock
3. Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes
4. Chair's Report – already given
5. Headteacher's Report – already given
6. Treasurer's Report – already given
7. Election of New Committee
8. General Members



Election of New Committee

Role	Proposed	Nominated (1)	Nominated (2)	Voted In
Chair	Nicola Jenkins	Jessica Simpson	Rachel Parker	
Vice Chair	Rachel Parker	Jessica Simpson	Jon Crouch	
Secretary	No application	Open	Open	
Treasurer	Steve Roby	Nicola Jenkins	Victoria Lunn	
Comms	Jessica Simpson	Rachel Parker	Jon Crouch	
Web team	Jon Crouch	Nicola Jenkins	Ali Melabie	

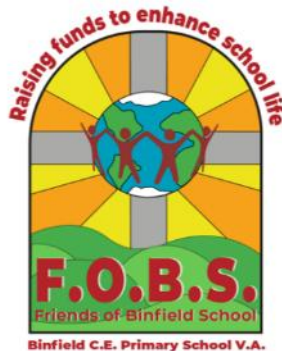
Trustees. Nicola Jenkins, Rachel Parker, Steve Roby, Victoria Lunn & Charlotte Light. Required is 3 minimum
Nomination forms to be completed and shared with secretary email for the files



All Members

- All AGM meeting attendees vote and agree to become General FOBS Members
- You are able to opt out if you choose but need to state that at this meeting
- It has been agreed that General Members are also entitled to vote if they are active members of FOBS, as defined in our constitution

Nobody opted out. Attendees to be listed in the minutes



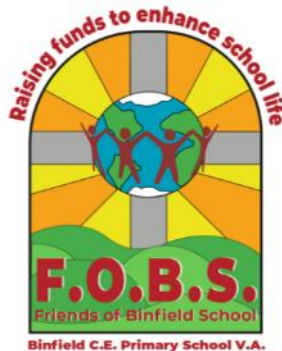
AOB

Monthly meetings moving forwards (all remote):

- 21st October
- 25th November
- 16th December

Then on the 4th Tuesday of the month from the new year.

Don't forget to add your email details to the sign in sheet before leaving so we can stay in touch.

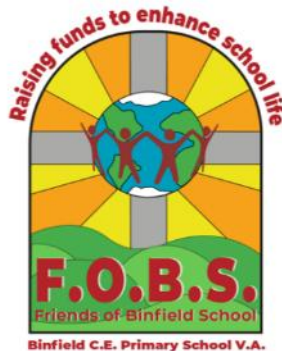


Christmas

- All FOBS events need a lead organiser and support team
- We are looking for an event leader to run our Christmas Bazaar (or alternative seasonal event) on December 6th - could it be YOU?
- There are many hands, tools and event guides to help you so you will not be alone!

**Without an organising team to pull us all together,
this event will not run.**

- This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and a really special moment and tradition for the school community
- Please raise your hand or contact one of the core team if you are able to help



Stay in touch!

- For information on activities and events, please speak to a member of the committee or visit our website: www.pta-events.co.uk/fobs
- We're also on Facebook and have a WhatsApp group with various channels to support different activities
- We're also looking into running an Instagram channel if anyone would like to run.
- Or drop us a line directly please bear with us on the reply times: secretary@fob-s.co.uk
- All meeting minutes will be shared on the website each month

For any uniform requirements outside of half-termly sales, please email the above address to arrange a pick-up time with Ali (most Tuesday mornings)

