



THE FOWPS FLASH

**SPRING
TERM 2026**

The Friends of Whitchurch Primary School (FOWPS) is your Parent Teacher Association

Our committee is composed of dedicated volunteer parents and school staff working together to raise funds for the school through donations and events held throughout the year.

PTA funds are allocated to support activities that enrich life at Whitchurch Primary School, including enhanced PE lessons, Forest School activities, and theatre trips, among others.

FOWPS is a registered charity and is fully inclusive. Every parent and staff member at Whitchurch Primary School is a member of FOWPS and is invited to the AGM, held in the autumn.

As parents ourselves, we understand how busy life can be, but we welcome and encourage the participation of all parents to volunteer in various ways with different levels of commitment, share ideas, and support the Whitchurch Primary School community.

One of the easiest ways to find further information is on our [website](#), where you can find links to tickets for events, as well as more details on volunteering and donating.

We communicate upcoming dates every week in School Matters. You can also find us on Facebook and our new Whatsapp Channel



School Disco - Thursday 12th Feb

Uniform Sale - Friday 27th Feb



KS1/2 Tea Towels
Now Online!



FOWPS Whitchurch, Hampshire



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WhatsApp Community



FOWPS Website



**Emails going
to junk?**

**Missing Facebook
notifications?**

**To stay in the loop, follow the
FOWPS WhatsApp Channel..**

Meet your PTA...



**Sarah
McDermott -
Chair**



**Leigh Hanby -
Secretary**



**Nic Grimshaw -
Treasurer**

Committee Members:

Ali Burt

Annie Griffin

Cordelia Williams

Colette Storer-Court

Emma Preston

Esther Privett-Main

Ginny Smith

Jamie Oliver

Jen Beard

Louise Evans

Rachel Breach

Stuart Butchers

Toni Hillyard

Vicki Brown

**And many more volunteers on our
FOWPS volunteer group - please
join if you feel able to!**

**WORK IN
PROGRESS**

- *Buying sweets and glow-sticks for the Disco*
- *Tidying up the Allotment ready for Spring*
- *Early stage planning for Whitchurch 5k (May)*
- *School Tea Towels on order*
- *Visit from a BBC sports star secured for Feb 2027*
- *Updating our Website*

A look back on last term...

During the **Autumn** term, we generate significant funds through the **Christmas cards** and **Christmas fair**. This helps boost the overall amount available for spending during the spring and summer months when we typically hold fewer events. We fund KS1's participation in **Forest School** during the Autumn term and continue to fully finance the **pantomime** that visits the school for KS2.

Raised
over
£6,000

Xmas Fair
Over
£3,000!



Christmas
Cards and
Gifts £650

Uniform
£200



Disco
£1,900



Donations
Over £500

Forest School
(Yr2) ~£2,000



KS2 Panto
"Snow White"
£1,100



Donated
to School
over
£5,000

Enhanced PE (all
years) ~£2,000



The Christmas Fair...

Our much loved afternoon of festive fun was back in December and we're thrilled to announce this year's fair raised over **£3,000!** Santa's grotto was a hit, and the new "Pocket Money Market" let Year 6 students earn a timely top up of holiday funds. Huge thanks to everyone who joined in, bought tickets, and embraced the festive spirit, not least our volunteers at such a busy time of year!

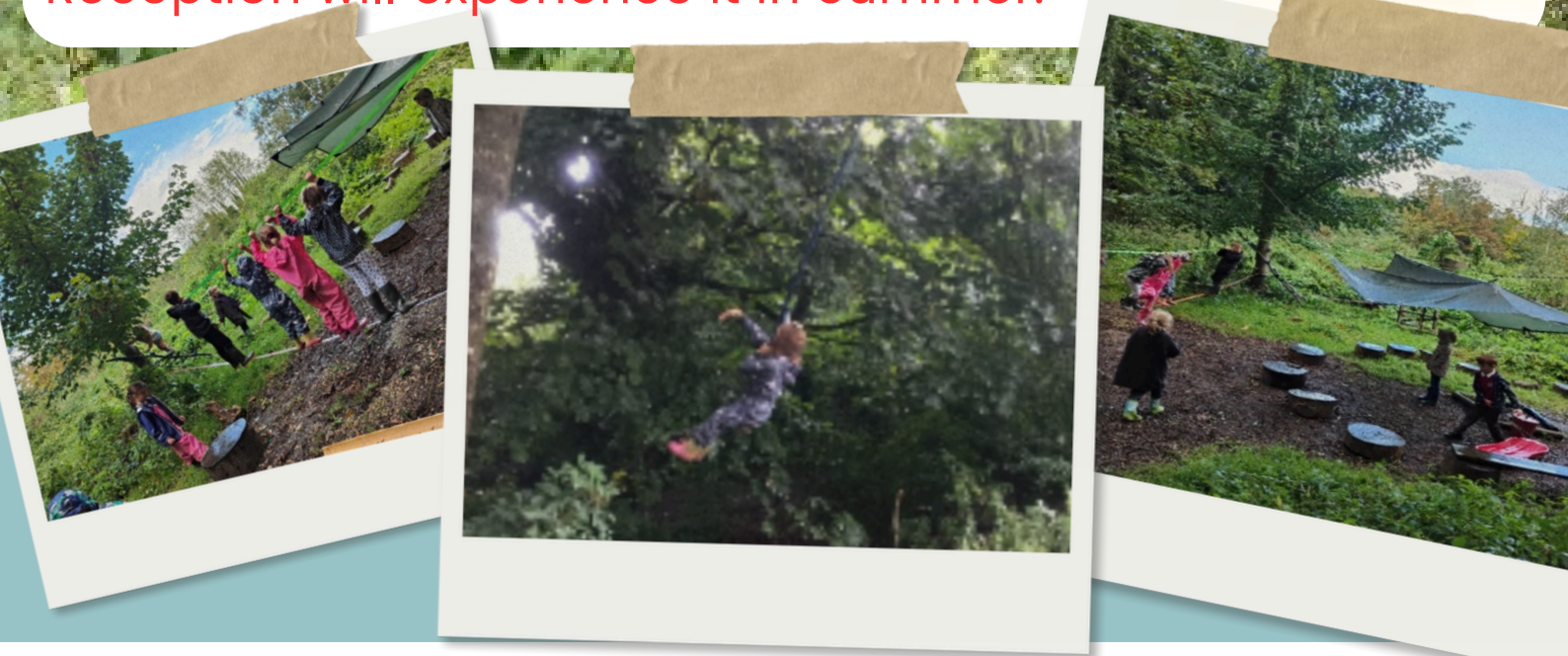


Spotlight on...

Forest School, supported by Muddy Puddle Club, enhances children's connection with nature.

FOWPS invests approximately **£6,000** annually for all lower school (KSI) year groups to participate in forest school sessions.

Year 2 visited in the Autumn term, Year 1 in Spring, and Reception will experience it in Summer.



The School Allotment



Heading to **Waitrose Andover** soon?

Please collect a green token at the till and drop it in our box to support the school allotment.

Every token helps—we could **generate up to £1,500 this way**.

We plan to use the funds to purchase equipment, seeds, and bulbs for planting this year. We hope to continue with the farmers' market and there has been talk of Pumpkins..



Who still has one of these treasured items from their primary school days?



NEW

Spring's almost here, and we've got the perfect gifts for Mothers' Day and Easter! Treat yourself or surprise your family and grandparents to either a **KS1 or KS2 Tea Towel** — they'll love them!

These treasures are available now and all year long, online and at uniform sales.

Pricing

1 tea towel: £10

Buy 2 for: £18 (save 10%)

Buy 3 for: £24 (save 20%)

Buy 4 for: £30 (save 25%)

[Click here](#)
[to buy.](#)



Make your support go further!

DID YOU KNOW?

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO SCHOOL LIFE THIS TERM:

1

REGULAR DONATIONS

Even small, regular contributions help fund projects, events, and resources for the children. You can donate quickly and easily through our website.

2

GIVE AS YOU EARN (GAYE)

Donate straight from your salary before tax (win!). Your gift goes further, and many employers match contributions too (double win!).

3

PAID VOLUNTEER HOURS

Some companies offer paid time off to volunteer. Use these hours to support FOWPS or other charities while still being paid. One parent offered their time for the Xmas Fair and FOWPS got a £250 donation aswell!

4

MATCH FUNDING

Many employers will match the donations their staff make—effectively doubling the support that reaches FOWPS. Great for larger events.

TOP TIPS



Ask your HR, payroll, or corporate responsibility team about these schemes. **A simple conversation could make your generosity go much further.**

For more details on ways to donate please email admin@fowpswhitchurch.co.uk.