

## **Friends Of st Barts (FOBS) Annual General Meeting (AGM) - 13/1/2026**

### **Attendees**

Emma Marsh (EM)  
Andrew Martin (AM)  
Jacqui Stammers (JST)  
Matthew Coles (MC)  
Adam Fearn (AF)  
Mary Lawrence (ML)  
Kate John (KJ)  
Jade Sanders (JS)  
Emily Gunnell (EG)  
KT Keevil Whitehead (KKW)  
Jemma Oakes (JO)

### **Apologises**

Michelle Miller (MM)  
Nikki Carr (NC)  
Laura Patterson (LP)  
Rachel Evans (RE)

EM welcomed those attending the meeting.

### **1) Trustee's Report**

Trustee's report shared as below:-

### **Trustee's Report – Friends of St Bartholomew's Primary Academy Annual General Meeting 2025/2026**

Welcome to the FOBS 2025/2026 AGM and thank you to everyone who has attended this evening.

This is our one formal meeting of the year. Throughout the rest of the year, our meetings are held in a much more relaxed setting, usually at The Angel Hotel, about once a month, making it easier for everyone to join us, share ideas and plan events. We hope this approach, continues to encourage involvement from as many people as possible, but we are also willing to adjust this format in the future if this better suits our members.

Fob's objectives remain to organise fundraising activities that are enjoyable for the pupils and members of our school community and to raise funds to be used to enrich the children's experiences of attending St Bartholomew's Primary Academy.

As parents, carers, grandparents, teachers and TA's of the children at the school, we are all automatically members of Fobs. Anyone can volunteer to help, no matter how big or small the task, and there are no restrictions on how much time you can offer.

We would like to introduce the current Trustees. These are, Emma as the Secretary, Jade as the Treasurer and Matt as the Vice Treasurer. As has been mentioned, in our recent communication we have been without a Chair since January 2025. We wish to highlight this as we think it makes it all the more amazing how much we have been able to raise in the past

year. None of which would be possible without the core committee members and Fob volunteers.

We have an amazing team of individuals, which have pulled together and gone the extra mile in achieving what we have this year. I would like to thank Mary, who has been the driving force behind the Summer Fete, as well as many of the other events we have organised. Adam, Emily and Kam, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure we had a Summer fete with amazing stalls, decorations and raffle prizes. Also Kt, which has been involved in all our events and ensures we have the best posters and graphics possible, to promote our activities. Again, thank you to Abi, who until recently managed all our social media and Andy who always goes the extra mile to ensure we have access to necessary equipment and school facilities for each event.

There are also many others that give up a lot of their free time to attend meetings and volunteer to help at events and we would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting Fobs.

Special thank yous are needed to go to Jacqui, our teacher liaison, for her on-going support. Your enthusiasm and willingness to volunteer your time alongside your day-to-day commitments are deeply appreciated. Also, to the school reception staff, who cope with nearly daily questions from ourselves, for access to the Fobs cupboard and to put up posters and send out emails.

To highlight some of the events we have run over the previous year:-

- **Movie Night** – This event was moved to the December term this year which enabled us to give it a Christmas theme and this was also a good option to run in the wintery months.
- **Discos** – We currently run two Disco's per academic year. We try to space these out so in 2024/25 we had one in October and then one at the end of the year in July so this gives children another way to celebrate the end of their school year.
- **Mother's Day Shop** – This event proves to be very popular with the children and it is lovely to see how carefully children look to choose the perfect gift for their loved ones. In particular the donations of gift bags has certainly speeded up the wrapping process.
- **Colouring Competitions** – Again we run two events, one with a firework theme in the autumn term and one in the spring term with an Easter theme. At Easter, the older children also have the option to decorate an egg instead and the level of skill shown is quite extraordinary and makes it very difficult for our lovely Judge, Mr Godwin, the previous caretaker.
- **Christmas Light Stall & Raffle** – This is a great opportunity to reach out outside of our usual school community and show everyone how great our Fobs team and school is. It never fails to amaze how generous the school community are with their donations and this year we were able to maximise the amount we were able to raise from these by also running a separate raffle. This allowed us to raise nearly £250 more this year from this event than in the previous year and we have also grown that again in 2025/2026.
- **Preloved Christmas Jumper & World Book Day Costume pop up shops** – We have now run these events for a few years and while not major fund raisers they still

contribute to the money we have been able to make and are a great way to support the school community in being able to recycle and reuse clothing that their children have grown out of.

- **Summer fete** – This is our biggest event of the year and also the largest fund raiser. This year the pupils voted for a Wild West theme and the Fobs team thoroughly enjoyed customising the stalls and event to this theme. We were again very lucky with the weather and the Fobs team worked incredible hard to ensure everyone had a great time. In particular Adam's Tin Can Alley Stall was incredible busy with queues throughout the whole day.

This year Fobs has continued to support the school by:-

- Booking and paying for the Year 6 Silent Disco
- Providing every year 6 student with a leavers hoodie
- Organising and funding the Christmas hats, jokes and stickers for the Christmas lunch
- Purchasing and wrapping the Father Christmas gifts for all pupils
- Assisting on School Sports Day with marshalling and awarding placement stickers
- Purchasing sweets and drinks and manning the refreshment stall at the Year 6 Performances.

We have also continued to promote the initiative of Easyfundraising. This is an app that anyone can sign up to and link this to our School and then if you spend online through one of their partner companies Fobs will receive a small cashback incentive. These can add up and in 2024/2025 this raised £92 for the school without any effort from us. We strongly urge everyone to sign up to this App, as it is a no brainer in terms of effortlessly raising money for the school.

In Autumn 24, we also had the opportunity to sign up to be a benefactor of the Asda Reward Scheme, which our school community completely embraced, and this raised an incredible £532.64.

In the same term we were also able to work on the No Cold Child scheme.

Finally, in 2025 Fobs applied and was successful in receiving a donation of £350 from the Wickes Community scheme to assist with storage solutions. This has been used to purchase a Fobs shed and this is due to be put up this spring within the school grounds. It is hoped that this will enable Fobs to store and access their resources more easily and enable the reuse of larger items such as the decorations and props from the Summer fetes.

### **In Summary**

It has been another productive and busy year. We have built on past successes and raised substantial funds. We very much hope that at this AGM, we are able to secure a Chair and new Trustees so we can provide a substantial handover period and can continue to thrive and achieve even more in the coming year.

Thank you all once again for your support and contribution.

Kind regards

The Fobs Trustees, Emma Marsh, Matthew Coles & Jade Sanders

## 2) Treasurer Report

The Treasurer's report was then shared as included below:-

### **FoBS Treasurer report for Financial Year September 2024 to end of August 2025**

Compiled by Matt Coles Assistant Treasurer 2025

Opening Bank balance 01/09/2024 = **£4,312.06**

Closing Bank balance 31/08/2025 = **£9,040.42**

Variance = **£4,728.36**

#### **Direct donations made to the school totalling: £1,700**

November 2024, £1,500 Contribution to refresh KS2 Books

April 2025, £200 towards Year 1 Trip to SS Great Britain in Bristol

We have an Agenda item for the meeting to confirm the donation of at least £7,500 to the school to be split between iPad pens for years 5 and 6 and for what we are currently calling the "SEN Den" or "Burrow" although a more formal name is required.

#### **Indirect donations made to the school totalling: £1590** (figures rounded to closest £10)

No Cold Child – contributions to Coats £180

Christmas lunch gifts and sundries £460

Year 6 Hoodies and Silent Disco £790

PTA ParentKind Insurance £160

#### **Main Fundraisers during the year** (some figures may differ to FoBS poster numbers with further transactions identified and reallocated and rounding)

Summer Fete raised £2,860

Discos x 2 raised £1,605

Christmas Movie Night raised £805

Mother's Day Gift shop raised £840

Christmas Lights stall raised £690

#### Other Fundraisers

Colouring Competitions £210, Christmas Jumper sale 2024 £75, World Book Day £50

Catering contributions £150, Christmas Raffle £160.

FoBS also benefited from the Asda PTA Cash pot scheme £532, The Benevity Funding scheme £150 and Easyfundraising £92.

We were also able to apply for and successfully receive a grant from Wickes DIY (£350) to acquire a storage shed at no direct cost to FoBS.

It was also decided to purchase a FoBS Gazebo utilizing a donation from a parent.

Overall a successful fundraising year with some support provided to the school, a great deal of effort spread throughout the year. Well done all involved.

#### **Position for September 2025 to January 2026 so far.**

Opening Bank balance 01/09/2023 = **£9,040.42**

Current Bank balance 10/01/2026 = **£11,790.75**

Cash balance held in school = £17 from Christmas Raffle

Variance = **£2767.33** inc Cash balance

### **Planned Donations to be made to the school totalling: £7,500**

£1,000 for iPad Pens for years 5 and 6

£6,500 for “SEN Den”/”Burrow”

Both figures will need ratification at the AGM on 13/01/2026\*

\*figures were agreed and a transfer to school will be made on 15/01/2026

### **Main Fundraisers during the year so far: £2,730**

FoBS Christmas Movie night raised £790

Christmas lights stall raised £660

Autumn Disco raised £660

Christmas raffle raised £620

#### Other Fundraisers

Autumn colouring (£130), refund for Yr6 Silent Disco (£100), Christmas Jumper sale £50

### **Other costs in addition to direct School donations**

Christmas lunch & Father Christmas gifts 2025 £585

Insurance £170

Recognised commitment for Yr 6 Hoodie support to cost FOBS ~£600, anticipated costs for Year 6 Silent Disco ~£200 net of deposit return

This will leave around £3,000 in the bank account assuming no further fundraising activities or costs are planned or scheduled.

### **3) Voting on Funding Options**

Back in September 2025 the Fobs committee reviewed the accounts and it was agreed that it was in a position to donate £7500 to school projects. Funding options were discussed with the school Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and it has been requested for Fobs to make a contribution to the year 5 and 6 ipad pens and towards a new structure, “Hobbit House” for the year 3 and 4 playground. Options were discussed and it was agreed unanimously by vote, by those attending, to contribute £1000 towards the ipad pens and £6500 towards the “Hobbit House.”

### **4) Election of New Trustees (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer & Secretary)**

It was confirmed that the current Trustees are needing to stand down from the core roles as listed above. This is mainly due to their children now being in Year 6 and so it is felt that it will now be timely for new Trustees to stand forward that can continue the roles into the future and there will still be the opportunity for a full handover and support to be given up to the end of the academic year by the outgoing Trustees.

The roles were discussed and it was highlighted that all of these can be shared between two people to help reduce the workload.

After a full & frank discussion by all those attending, no individuals volunteered for the core roles or to be Trustees.

It was agreed that a recruitment process will be started and an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) will need to be called for about a months' time to see if new Trustees can be elected in order for Fobs to continue.

Actions agreed, were to review the core role descriptions and make them less intimidating (JO & KJ), request for Mr Oakes to send out an email to update the school community of the situation and help highlight what Fobs contributes to the school (JST), and to organise a Fobs coffee morning (EM/ML).

*(Postscript, EGM confirmed as Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm in school. A Fobs Coffee morning has been arranged for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February between 8.50 and 10am in school. An email update to be sent out to the school community wk commencing 26/1/26)*

Meeting closed.