



THE FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPHS' SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The mission of The Friends of St Josephs' School since its inception 25 years ago has been to enrich our children's school life. The Friends are a small, dedicated team of school parents who are supported by parents from across all year groups to bring to life a variety of fun, fundraising events to supplement the needs of the school.

So first and foremost, a huge THANK YOU to ALL the volunteers who have supported our fundraising activities this academic year with time, energy and enthusiasm and THANK YOU to ALL who have donated, bought tickets and supported our varied calendar of events.

TOGETHER we have raised a fantastic £25,302 this year!

Here we share a little reminder of our year of events and some news on where our fundraising has been and will be allocated at school.

If you have any suggestions for future events or projects we could fundraise for, please let us know so that we can get planning! Or if you would like to get more involved in any way we would of course love to hear from you ♥

Wishing you all a restful summer break - and see you all back in September!

THANK YOU!



The St Joseph's Summer Ball takes place once every two years - alternating with Camp Night - and on Saturday 6th July we welcomed 100 guests in their finery to one of the biggest fundraisers for The Friends of St Joseph's to help the school buy much needed equipment and updates to continue to enrich our children's lives at school.



This year the rain finally stopped and Las Vegas came to St Joseph's with a red carpet leading from the diamond raffle to the England match and from the dance floor to the casino tables! A delicious three course dinner was served thanks to Chef Paul and his excellent team with fine chocolates by Handmade in Chiltern and our host supreme Rich Perez led the prize giving a Live Auction before the band started to play!

Thank you to all who came, danced and donated and remember what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas except for news of our fundraising;



Summer Ball : £4,500

Summer Silent Auction : £3,165

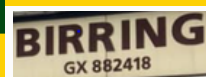
Summer Raffle : £627

Total raised from Summer Ball :£ 8,292

Hope to see you for the next ball in July 2026!



Thank you to Arthur Grace Residential - our school sponsor, Sonal & Amit at KUMON Gerrards Cross, Mr David Bentley and Mrs Maria Morris, Tesco GX, Waitrose GX, M&S Chalfont St Peter and Birrings the Grocer, Mr Fritz Schwarz, Mr & Mrs Coyle and Mr & Mrs Barrett for all of your generous sponsorship, support and donations.



2023/24 EVENTS



Bingo Night:
£805.65 + £900 match
funding from The Blacha
Family

What a year 2023/24 has been - from Family Bingo night, the Christmas Bazaar, Bake Sales, Mother's and Father's day sales, Movie Night, Mufti Days, Ice Cream Sales, Valentines Discos and Summer Parties, Raffles, Auctions and lastly The Summer Ball Las Vegas Casino Royale!

Here are some of the memorable moments we captured, again BIG thanks to all that took part!



Christmas Bazaar
£5515.90



Ice Cream Sales
£767



Cake Sales
£844





Smarties Challenge
£622



Mother's Day Sale
£886



Green Clothing Bin
£641



Father's Day Sale
£708



LEGOLAND WINDSOR RESORT
May
£500

Mufti Day Totals:
£751



Summer Party
£1,230



Save the Date 16th NOVEMBER
AUTUMN FESTIVAL
with musical laser light show

Each and every year FOSJS puts each and every £1 raised to work for our school and continues to commit to fund vital learning programs such as PiXL, Accelerated Reader and collateral for ReadWriteInc plus funding for the ICT lease plan and assisting in upgrading laptops and computer trolleys. We were pleased to renew the KS1 Playground painting, upgrade Reception garden toys and complete work on KS1 climbing frame/castle. FOSJS fund an additional Forest School Leader so that each class receives two courses per school year. We are also proud to provide stationary to all classes, fantastic new floor rugs for KS1 and inspirational wall art for KS2. We are currently looking to install shading sails on KS1 and KS2 playgrounds to protect our children whilst outdoors and work with the Senior Leadership Team and FOSJS Trust to meet the needs of the school and enrich our children's school lives - this is a large project so your support is truly vital in order to make this a reality. Your input and suggestions on what we could add to the school is always welcome!



GET INVOLVED

Uniform Shop £772 -
please do continue to
donate!

includes pre-school

FOSJS UNIFORM SHOP

WILL BE OPEN ON
SAT 24 AUG & SAT 7 SEPT
9AM-11:00AM
WED 4, THU 5 SEPT
AROUND 3PM-3:45PM

TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR
COME AND BUY WHAT YOU NEED!
LOTS OF NEW AND NEARLY NEW ITEMS IN STOCK.
DONATIONS MOST WELCOME TOO!



Did you know you could shop AND
raise funds for FOSJS?

Sign up today at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>
and nominate Friends of St Josephs
school - NO COST TO YOU!

Friday 31st August

Purchase tickets online:

<https://fosjs.sumupstore.com>



NAME TAGS

Don't forget to support FOSJS if ordering from these suppliers:

www.mynametags.com (24% from each order goes to FOSJS). Enter
school ID at check out 36567



www.stamptastic.co.uk (15% from each order goes to FOSJS + £4.99
discount for deluxe bundle)

Enter PTA code at check out: SL98SB

How can you support us and get involved?

1. Financially – You can do this by going straight to <https://fosjs.sumupstore.com> and donating an amount of your choice, gift aiding your donation or indeed by buying tickets for events as they are announced and donating to the Building Fund on your Parent Pay account which funds general school facilities - and please sign up for Gift Aid and EasyFundraising!
2. Match Funding - Many UK businesses offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. This means that if £500 is raised by the school, a company can match fund the £500, making a total of £1000. Please do ask your company finance team and we can do the paperwork for you!
3. Providing resources – we are hoping to improve our outside grounds and require materials in order to do so. You may know of a company willing to donate some materials in order to aid us with this. Please contact the school office at office@stjosephschalfont.school if you are able to support us in this way.
4. Giving time – 3 minutes to share a message or 30 minutes to help at a sale, ad hoc or full time - we want and need you - please don't be shy - speak to your Class Parent or Victoria, Joanna, Andrea or Sophie via Classlist DM!

Any questions, comments, suggestions: fosjs.chair@gmail.com or 07894225178