



Friends AGM
Minutes
Wednesday 24th September 2025

Attendees Sarah Draisey, Debbie Fisher, Becca Howes, Corinne, Emma Price, Nic Newman, Laura Cruden

Apologies Leah Hemmings, Acacia, Elea, Holly Duerden, Mady, Rachael Phillips, Robyn Chambers, Sally Dodd, Johanna

Chairperson Report

Sarah welcomed everyone to the AGM and briefly ran through agenda. It was another successful year which reflects the amount of money we've raised and how much we have contributed towards the school.

Our discos are as ever popular, the next disco is October 17th and a volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent out and tickets are on sale at school during the week of disco. Leah Hemmings is leading.

The Christmas Market raised a good amount of money but is hard work! We will discuss what we will do for Christmas this year later in the meeting. The Christmas event is paying for Panto (Jan 26).

Break the rules day - easy win, being new this year and raised a good amount with a small amount of input.

Action run again this year and have a prize for the class who break the most rules.

Globe trot - Emma did a fantastic job again this year. Her last year as race director and we need to think about how we move this forward in 2027.

Mother's Day and Father's Day sales - Mother's Day lots of preparation but lovely for children.

Action - do the same this year for both Mother's Day and father day - volunteers needed

Sports day refreshment stall selling ice creams, hot and cold drinks and cakes huge success - used up summer fete stock.

Summer fete good attendance shame re inflatables but this was out of our control.

Frozen Fridays - new this year and a welcome treat for children after school during the summer months

Thank you to everyone for your help last year, after I picked up the role in October from Leah

and Izzy. Special thank you to Nic Newman who has been amazing taking over role from Helen Tuckett (treasurer)

Treasurer report/summary - Nic Newman

Please find attached financial summary

Total profit 24/25 £11,710

Emily Talbot to sign off accounts again this year

Head teachers Report

Mrs Fisher expressed her thanks to all involved and reiterated how important the extra funds raised by The Friends are to school, budgets are squeezed. Laptops have been a fantastic addition to the school which have to be funded by The Friends.

Wish list for 25/26

Phonics resources - £500

Musical instruments - £1000

IT coding robot bugs - £1000

Playpod

Action - Mrs Fisher to provide an Amazon Wish List which can be communicated to parents again this year

Action - Rachael/Becca to gather more information regarding the PlayPod and feedback

Action - Sarah to arrange separate meeting/ voting link on requests

Action - Sarah to look into the possibility of setting up a team of volunteers to come into school over a weekend and tidy up areas/paint building etc

Election of Committee Members 2025/26 Academic Year

Appoint main committee roles and year group reps - either committee with a role ie grants/event lead etc or year group rep - comms and POC and lead a section of an event eg stall at Christmas market/summer fete

Chair - Sarah Draisey

Secretary - Becca Howes

Treasurer - Nic Newman

Committee member - Mady Silcock

Committee member - Leah Hemmings

Volunteer - Corrine, Emma Price Laura Cruden

*other volunteers who were unable to attend the meeting to confirm to Sarah - Acacia, Elea, Holly, Rachael, Robyn, Sally, Johanna

AOB

Action Wish list to be discussed at separate meeting with the aim to plan funding

Panto Committed to Panto, funds to be raised through Christmas event.

Laptops also committed to. (£5k July 26)

Action Nic Newman to look into possibility of having a card for bank account

Action - Corrine - grant applications

Globe trot - meeting on 17th October 7.30 the globe.

Looking to recruit a race director who co-ordinates the globe trot, attends meetings, completing paperwork, there on the day from 8am, help set up back room, responsible for runners, 2027 will be 10th anniversary.

Action - Laura Cruden friends Facebook page

Action - Emma to speak to Holly regarding posters for globe trot role

Events for academic year 25/6

Communicated early with diary entry clicks for reminders and updates - streamline

Action Sarah

Funding requests for the year allocated to events

Action Sarah

Xmas event - paying for Panto

Santa dash- sponsorship form, PE lead to run on the day/week of, in school time. Hire snow machine purchase Santa hats. PE lead to run. Friends collect sponsorship forms. Incorporate into daily Mile.

Plus straight from school at 3.15pm, hot choc tea and coffee, sweets, cookies and snacks, Christmas music, tombola in the hall and games in the school hall- small market

Action Sarah

Hot chocolate Fridays throughout December

Action Sarah

Christmas cards booked- Helen dash ?

Action Leah

New ideas from parents/children

Action Sarah

Plan for 25/26 year of events - who is leading etc -

October disco - Leah

December Christmas events- Sarah

Globe trot - Emma

Mother's Day

May disco

Father's Day
Summer fete
Break the rules
Sports day
Circus 26 - Becca

Grant applications and lottery - someone to take the lead to also include easy fundraising -
Action Laura

System overhaul - sum up (Helen key) drop box (HHB) globe trot Facebook page, friends
Facebook page - someone to take the lead?
Action Sarah