



Annual Report Friends of St Mary Abbots School

Year ending Aug 31st 2023

Report and Financial Statements (Unaudited)



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FOSMAS Chair

Welcome to the Friends of St Mary Abbots School (FOSMAS) 2022-2023 Annual Report. We hope you find everything included herein to be informative and you can see what has been accomplished over the past year. Although it has been a challenging year in many ways, at the same time it was remarkably successful.

We saw some amazing events take place with the Xmas and Summer Fairs and we had two very successful campaigns: we raised more than ever in the annual Read-a-Thon and had an amazing fundraiser in the Fun Run right at the end of the school year. Much of this has been the result of YOU, the parents, who generously donate to FOSMAS in support of all these endeavours; but also, the leadership of Mr. Primrose, the support of the Governors and Mother Emma, and of course the wonderful execution by all the teachers and staff at SMAS.

At FOSMAS we tried to find ways to support our school and the children throughout this period in non-tangible ways in addition to tangible ways. The summer fair was a lot of fun and although the weather wasn't great, the children had a wonderful time. The Christmas Fair was hosted in the church, and once again it was a huge success. We also held other events, including Read-A-Thon, parents Quiz Night, and of course the Summer Fair for this school year.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who have contributed already and continue to do so. None of this would be possible without your generous support. You will see in the financials section of this report how much we raised for the school. However, there is more to do (as always) so please continue your support if you are already a regular donor and if you are not, please consider becoming a regular donor if you can. Remember that FOSMAS is a registered charity, with 100% of funds raised going back into the school. As a charity we also benefit from Gift-Aid, which increases the value of donations by 25% (plus, there are individual personal tax benefits from individual donations).

At the time of publishing this report, we will have handed the baton to a new team of enthusiastic, driven and very capable parents. We believe the future looks bright for the school with the new team well in place. We hope you find this report uplifting and interesting, and that you will join us in wishing all the staff at SMAS and all families good health and best wishes in the year(s) ahead.

Maarten Ooms
FOSMAS Co-Chair

Patrick Flynn
FOSMAS Co-Chair

Charity Information

Background and Objectives

The Friends of St Mary Abbots School (FOSMAS) is a registered UK charity formally constituted in January 1994. It is governed by its Constitution, as amended, and adopted on 28th February 2022.

The main objective of this charity is to advance the education of pupils in St Mary Abbots School (SMAS) by:

1. Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school.
2. Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.
3. Support the Governing Body in the most efficient way and in accordance with the process set in our Constitution document.

The charity relies on a formally constituted Committee to pursue this objective. FOSMAS Committee administers the charity and meets at least quarterly with further meetings as required. All members of the Committee are trustees of the charity and have control of its property and funds.

FOSMAS' trustees bring a variety of skills to the board including financial, communications, administration, and events and charity management. All Trustees are encouraged to keep up to date with the role and responsibility of a trustee. Nominations for election to the Committee may be made by any charity member with the consent of the nominee. The formal election process takes place at the AGM where decisions are taken by simple majority.

Trustees

The Trustees presented their annual report and unaudited accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021 at the AGM held on 28th February 2022. FOSMAS elected its committee members as listed below:

FOSMAS Committee (elected in Mar 2023)

Maarten Ooms (co C)*	Tom Wegelius (co T)	Erin Smart (co S)
Patrick Flynn (co C)	Ruzena Karlubik (co T)	Angela Crossman
Wouter Van Aken (co T)	Sandra Vasquez (co S)	Cecilia Caldevilla*
		Julia Augustii

Note: C - Chair, T - Treasurer, S - Secretary, Co - Co-opted member, * no longer FOSMAS member.

Activities

As the school's dedicated charity and Parents Teachers Association (PTA), FOSMAS plays a crucial role in organising activities and events to foster relations between the school's staff, parents, pupils and Governors. A key part of FOSMAS' role is to raise funds for educational materials and equipment for our children to have the best education and learning environment where to thrive. To achieve this, FOSMAS organises several events and activities throughout the year.

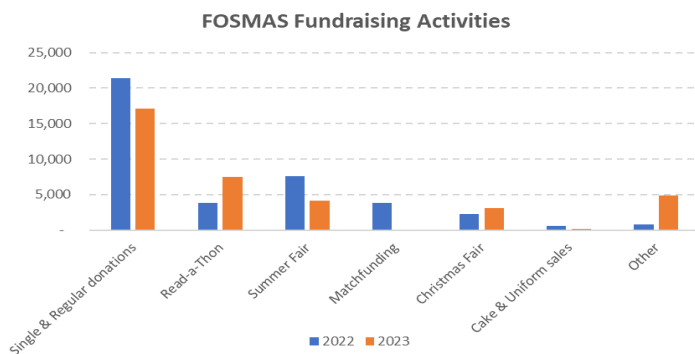
- **November 2022** - FOSMAS New Parents Welcome Drinks,
- **December 2022** - FOSMAS Christmas Fair,
- **March 2023** – FOSMAS AGM, Quiz Night, and Read-A-Thon,
- **June 2023** – FOSMAS Parents Drinks and FOSMAS Fun Run,
- **July 2023** – FOSMAS Summer Fair



Annual Review

This school year we have continued to work closely with the **Class Reps** to pass on FOSMAS news to all parents, and “School Comms” email to parents act as additional reminders.

2022/23 was an extremely challenging year for everyone at the school with the world facing Russia’s military action in Ukraine early, the subsequent spike in inflation, and the cost-of-living crisis affecting school budgets as well as the school community in general. Thanks must go to **Mr Primrose** for leading our school through this unprecedented time and supporting the children, parents, and staff.



Overall, FOSMAS raised c. £32K (net of costs) which represented an **increase of 3.6% from the previous school year**. This is mostly explained by an increase in **events like the Read a Thon and Fun Run** which were able to attract more attention. As in previous years, Single & Regular Givers represented the biggest source of income (46.3%). This highlights how crucial **your donations** are to FOSMAS and, ultimately,

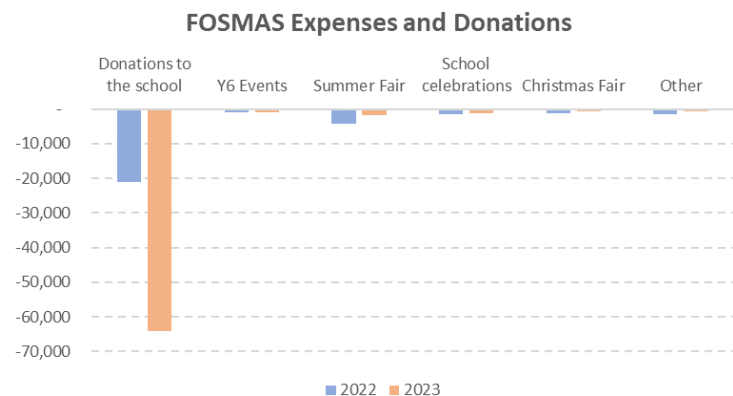
the school as they are the **most reliable funding source**.

Thank you so much to all the families who made this possible. However, **only 15 parents in our school community were providing regular donations as of Aug 23**. This represents only 8.6% out of 174 children attending the school. We believe that by encouraging open communication among the school community, setting clear fundraising targets, and delivering tangible results, we can do so much better.

Regular donations are particularly important as they provide a more stable source of income which allows the school to plan future investments.

This year’s donation to the school represented 93% of the total expenses and included our usual subscriptions, as well as the curriculum upgrades recurring expenses like Read, Write Inc phonics resources, Singapore Maths, Forest School, Chess for KS2, verbal and non-verbal for Y5, French lessons from Reception to Y6, our author-in-residence, among others.

However, given the increasing budget constraints faced by schools, our donations to the school have increased by over 200% and are now a vital source of funding which is being used to pay for more than just curriculum upgrades.



Thank You and Farewells

The end of the summer term saw a number of families leave the school. They have been major supporters of FOSMAS and we thank them for their huge contribution to the school over the years.

We would like to thank all the **parents** and **school staff** who worked tirelessly this year promoting fundraising and donating generously to FOSMAS. Thank you to our **fund-matching champions** (including **Mircea** and **Ioana**) and our beloved **FOSMAS team**, these groups of parents have been especially involved and have consistently supported the school. A very special thank you goes to our **Class Reps, and Gergana Panderova**, a school mother who kindly assisted in the auditing of our annual accounts.

Thank you to **all our volunteers** who provided endless support and made sure that everything ran smoothly at the events. Finally, we would like to thank **Mr Primrose**, the **School Governors**, **Mother Emma**, and the **PCC of St Mary Abbots Church** for all their help and support throughout the past year.

Appendix 1

		Actual				
[+ / - selection in formulas]		Total	Lloyds - ca	NatWest - c	NatWest - r	PayPal
Balance						
Carried forward start of year	Balance Sheet	108,038.94	3,586.31	46,092.14	58,360.49	0.00
Income - Donations						
INC: Donation	Income	8,731.32	0.00	8,240.14	0.00	491.78
INC: Monthly donation	Income	8,375.00	0.00	8,375.00	0.00	0.00
Income - Activities / fundraising						
INC: Event - Summer Fair - 2023	Income	4,192.36	0.00	4,192.36	0.00	0.00
INC: Event - Christmas Fair	Income	3,076.21	1,725.00	1,351.21	0.00	0.00
INC: Event - Fun Run	Income	3,585.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,585.00
INC: Event - Quiz Night	Income	528.96	0.00	528.96	0.00	0.00
INC: Event - Read-a-thon	Income	7,538.00	0.00	7,538.00	0.00	0.00
INC: Event - Cake, uniform and book sales	Income	155.35	0.00	155.35	0.00	0.00
INC: Event - Parents' Drinks	Income	299.89	0.00	299.89	0.00	0.00
Income - other sources						
INC: Bank - Interest and Fees	Income	445.86	0.00	0.00	445.86	0.00
Expenses - Donations						
EXP: to SMAS - New Parents Drinks	Expense	(473.21)	0.00	(473.21)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - End of Year party	Expense	(74.98)	0.00	(74.98)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Leaver's Hoodies	Expense	(52.20)	0.00	(52.20)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Teachers' Wish List	Expense	(64,000.00)	0.00	(64,000.00)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Sports day	Expense	(39.40)	0.00	(39.40)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Y6 leaving party	Expense	(800.00)	0.00	(800.00)	0.00	0.00
Expenses - Activities / Fundraising						
EXP: Event - Summer Fair - 2023	Expense	(1,686.74)	0.00	(1,686.74)	0.00	0.00
EXP: Event - Christmas Fair	Expense	(632.00)	0.00	(632.00)	0.00	0.00
EXP: Event - Quiz Night	Expense	(104.38)	0.00	(104.38)	0.00	0.00
EXP: Event - Read-a-thon	Expense	(396.88)	0.00	(396.88)	0.00	0.00
Expenses - Other						
EXP: SG&A	Expense	(493.10)	0.00	(493.10)	0.00	0.00
EXP: Bank - Interest and Fees	Expense	(234.00)	0.00	(234.00)	0.00	0.00
Cash movements - should net to zero						
Incoming transfer NatWest Reserve Account --> NatWest Bank	Income	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
Outgoing transfer NatWest Reserve Account --> NatWest Bank	Expense	(15,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(15,000.00)	0.00
Balance						
Carried forward end of year (sum above)	Balance Sheet	75,920.60	5,311.31	22,726.16	43,806.35	4,076.78
Carried forward end of year ('as is')	Balance Sheet	75,920.60	5,311.31	22,726.16	43,806.35	4,076.78
	Difference	ok	ok	ok	ok	ok

