



Welcome to FoBS!

How do we fundraise?

We organise various events throughout the year to raise funds for the school:

- Cake Bakes - regular sales organised by class reps, selling cakes to the school at Friday pick-up.
- Fireworks Night - a community event for local people to enjoy this annual celebration.
- Quiz Nights - get together with friends to enjoy a fish & chip dinner and test your brain power.
- Christmas Fair - a family event with Christmas crafts and games, Santa's grotto, and loads of other fun stalls.
- Christmas Cards - our children create the artwork in class and parents can order Christmas cards of their child's design.
- Tea towels - created from our children's artwork and sold as Christmas presents.
- Beauty & Bling - pamper and shopping evening.
- Spring Ball - a themed dinner and dance evening for the parents of Burhill School.
- Second-hand Uniform Sales.
- Ice Cream sales - regular sales in the Summer Term, selling ice lollies at Friday pick-up.
- Summer Fair - a themed family event with bouncy castles and games for the children, a BBQ, Bar, tombolas, and loads more.
- Employer fundraising schemes.
- We also raise money for other charities.
- And we're always open to new ideas!

Who are we?

Friends of Burhill School (FoBS) is an organisation of Burhill parents and staff. Its role is to encourage closer links between home and school. We are best known for our fundraising work, but we organise socials too. Our events provide an opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get together.

The people who run FoBS are parents at the school who volunteer their time to help the school give the best possible educational experience to our children.



We have just purchased a shiny new Clavinova piano - we can't wait to see it in action!

What else do we do?

We do lots of things to support the school, such as speaking to new parents, serving tea and coffee at meetings and providing refreshments to the children during school events. We have provided:

- Juice and biscuits for Stories by Candlelight
- Fruit snack & drinks for the Sports Relief Mile
- Ice Lollies at Sports Day
- Easter Eggs and Christmas Crackers
- A gift from Santa for every class
- Visit from Santa's Reindeer
- Children's Discos
- Second-hand books for book sales
- Refreshments during Parent Consultations
- Christmas Decorations
- And many other things...

How do we spend the money raised?

At every meeting there are requests from teachers and the school for equipment that will enhance the learning of our children. We take a vote and decide whether to accept the request. Recently FoBS have purchased:

- Clavinova Piano on castors
- Shade Sails for the playground
- Reading Den for the quiet garden
- EYFS Market stall and wooden water wall
- Netball hoodies and skorts
- Dance T-shirts
- Hockey Sticks
- Gardening equipment, including new raised beds and plants
- Plants, shrubs and items to refurbish the Burhill Bee Garden
- Chickens
- VTech cameras
- 12 class sets of reading books
- And much more...



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But being in a Parent Association isn't really my thing...

If your child or grandchild is a pupil at Burhill, you are already part of our family! We really value our families and could not achieve what we do without their help. There are lots of ways you can support your child through FoBS. For example:

- Offering to help with events; either joining in to organise an event or just 30 minutes on the day—the children love to help out at events too!
- 'Admin' tasks such as updating social media, sending emails, putting together a rota, managing a project etc. Just a couple of hours a month can really help.
- Volunteering to be a Class Rep or Committee Member; positions of Co-Chair and Vice Co-Chair will soon be vacant.
- Coming to our friendly monthly meetings to share your ideas and opinions - everyone is welcome.
- Do you have any contacts or skills we could use? Everything is potentially valuable to us.
- We are always extremely grateful to receive donations for our fundraising events.

Every child in the school benefits from the money we raise. Keep an eye out for our helpful weekly emails to keep you updated and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions!

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