

Friends of Witchampton CofE First School - AGM Meeting

7th September 2026 - 7pm

Present

Sarah Edwards (Treasurer), Sophie Pollock (Secretary), Sarah Graham (co-chair), Luke Graham, Sofie Garwood

In Attendance

Mrs Jenkinson, Mrs Fairman

Apologies

Laura Collie

Approval of AGM Minutes 2025

Approved

Treasurer's Report

This year has been exceptionally good for fundraising, including some very generous donations from the local community. This has enabled us to provide some wonderful experiences and equipment for the children.

Opening balance: 15th September 2026 - £4763.91 (£4551.36 in bank and £212.55 petit cash)

Money In - £5960.14

Donations - £2721.02

- £125 Sponsor for Christmas raffle
- £1000 Wine tasting evening
- £396.02 fundraising by Michael Pollock
- £200 Soup lunch
- £1000 Open gardens

Astra Recycling - **£58.50**

Easy Fundraising - **£150.25**

Ink Cartridge Recycling - **£10.00**

Excess Petit Cash paid in (now only have £50 in cash as have the square card machine) - **£188.05**

Christmas Craft Fair - **£386.27**

Christmas Raffle - **£940** (after £400 donated to Little Owls)

October Movie Night - **£83.20** (after expenses)
Cauliflower Cards - **£28.50**
Yoga/Wreath Making - **£472.60** (after expenses)
Uniform Sales - **£151.20** (including money still remaining from previous years)
Valentines Craft and Bake Sale - **£141.85**
Open Gardens Fairy Door & Ice Pop Sales - **£72.66**
Gilchrist Concert Bar - **£377.06** (after expenses)
Cricket Bake Sales total - **£178.98**

Money out - £4335.84

Parentkind - **£121.00**
Pebble Crafts and Paint - **£54.47**
Raffle Tickets and Lottery Registration- **£72.00** (covered by donation)
Christmas Fair Craft and Pocket money stall stock - **£373.49**
Boom Box for school - **£30.82**
Hall Hire for Christmas fair - **£30**
Nativity Star Costumes - **£115.90**
Mince Pies for Nativity - **£12.50**
Class Christmas Presents - **£382.54**
Whole School rip to 'The Enormous Crocodile' inc. Coach - **£1082.00**
Easter Eggs - **£43.00**
Coronation Bookmarks - **£117.00**
Fairy Doors, Ice Pops & Prizes for Open Gardens - **£98.39**
Leavers Disco total - **£271.22**
Leavers Bookmarks - **£19.00**
Leavers Books - **£110.00**
Class Budgets - **£1402.51**
Hedgehogs - £164.53
Badgers - £628.35
Foxes - £609.63

Notes-

- A loss was made on the Christmas fair due to high restocking costs. However the stock can be used this year.
- A loss was also made on the fairy doors for open gardens, but again there are still some left over for future.
- We are owed £30 by the village hall.
- We may need to consider payments through Arbor.... The commission taken is very high.
- Where possible, it is better for us to order items through school. They can claim VAT back, so we just pay them back the amount minus VAT, saving us a considerable amount and therefore giving the school more to spend.

Closing balance 7th September 2026 - £6195.69 (£6195.69 in the bank & £50 petit cash)

Election/Resignation of Committee Members

Bryony Butcher resigned as Co- Chair.

Sarah Edwards resigned as treasurer.

Co-Chair – Sarah Graham to stay on

Proposed – Luke Graham

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The Charity Trustees remain:

Sophie Pollock, Sarah Graham

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Luke Graham, Laura Collie

Sofie Garwood is to take on updating social media (facebook) and promoting materials.

Class allocated budgets

This year as classes vary in size we have decided to allocate class budgets on £30 per child.

Hedgehogs - £360

Year 1 - £390

Year 2 - £300

Year 3 - £270

Year 4 - £150

Christmas presents budget

Hedgehogs - £100

Badgers - £100

Foxes - £100

We want to fund another whole school trip - possibly late spring next year.

Requests from Teachers

New reading books - Mrs Fairman to source and send over cost & invoices.

New Boat structure in Hedgehog outside area. Mrs Jenkinson to send over cost & invoices.

Parent Tour Dates for Sept 25/26 starters

- Monday 5th October - 1:30pm - 2:30pm
- Wednesday 7th October - 9:30am - 10:30am
- Monday 12th October - 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Fundraising - Autumn Term

- **Cheese and Wine Evening** - Friday 16th October (Village Hall)

Sophie Pollock & Laura Collie to help out.

We need to recruit 3 more volunteers.

- **Christmas Project Designs return date** (Cauliflower cards) - Wednesday 4th November

Sarah Graham has them ordered and delivered - need to go out in book bags for October half term.

- **Christmas Fair with Raffle Draw** - Friday 4th December (Village Hall)

We are join up with Little Owls again this year for our Raffle and they are going to host two craft tables and the Christmas Fair.

We need to source prizes. Emails to be sent out and spreadsheet to be updated.

Luke Graham to find a company to sponsor it this year.

Tickets to be printed and go out in book bags for October half term.

- **Christmas Parade in Wimborne** - Saturday 12th December

We are going to join up with Little Owls this year to promote the school and nursery

We need to source a float. Sofie to ask on the Village group for anyone with a tractor/trailer.

We need lots of sweets for the children the grow out to the crowd.

- **Santa & Snickers Reindeer** - Date to be confirmed

Book Snickers the reindeer, find Santa.

- **TESCO / WAITROSE funding scheme**

Sarah G has the forms and information. Need to be filled in and submitted.

Potential project is to transform the old 'spiritual garden' into a nice calm sensory space.

Community Gardens in Wimborne to possibly help with this project.

Fundraising - Spring Term and Beyond

- Love & Friendship bake sale
- World book day
- Movie night
- Easter Eggs
- Cake sales
- Summer fete

Other Fundraising

- Clothes bank
- Easy fundraising
- Second hand uniform

AOB

The welcome event in the summer holidays for the new hedgehog starters went down a storm. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you Sofie Garwood for the fantastic idea and for organising the event.

Date of next meeting

Thinking of holding another meeting within the next few weeks for anyone new keen to get involved