

FRIENDS OF PITTON SCHOOL (FOPS)



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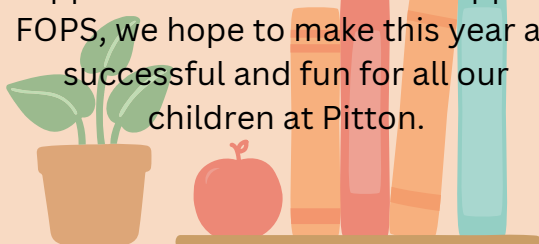
Introduction

Hello Pitton Primary.

This is the first newsletter from the new committee of Friends of Pitton School (FOPS). Firstly we would like to extend a massive thank you to Emma Lewy, Immy O'Keefe and Lucy Johnson for their hard work and dedication over the past year (and beyond!). They have raised an incredible amount in 2024-2025 which has funded £1500 classroom budgets, subsidised school trips and coaches, and funded the fabulous tranquility space in the field. We are extremely grateful for all that you have done for Pitton School and the enrichment of the pupils. Now it is over to the new team and we have big shoes to fill.

Meet the new team: Co-Chairs Hannah Gilby, Emily Pipe, Treasurer Charlotte Donnelly and Secretary Donna Austin.

Thank you to all of you who have supported and continue to support FOPS, we hope to make this year as successful and fun for all our children at Pitton.



What is FOPS?

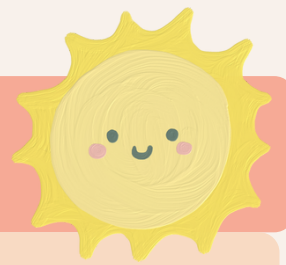
Friends of Pitton School or FOPS is a group of volunteers who work together to support the school and enrich the experiences of our children. FOPS raises money to pay for items that the school budget cannot pay for and puts on events to enrich the experiences of children at Pitton School and the wider community.

FOPS has two objectives:

1. Fundraising: FOPS provides £1500 to the school per year as classroom budgets to support the purchase of additional resources, or to subsidise class/school trips.
2. Enrichment: We run fun events to enrich the children's experience and bring the school community together.

FOPS is entirely volunteer led and we are grateful for all of your help, no matter how big or small. In order to continue the success of these events, we need your help! There are a list of volunteer opportunities in this newsletter overleaf. However if you want to organise an event or get involved in anyway that is not listed, please send us an email on friendsofpittonschool@gmail.com.





Meet the Team



Treasurer

Charlotte Donnelly



Chairs

Hannah Gilby and Emily Pipe



Secretary

Donna Austin



Preloved Team

Sharon Nash and Donna Austin



Wrens Class Rep

Vacant



Hawks Class Rep

Megs Cooper



Kites Class Rep

Polly Williams



Hygge Hub

FOPS kindly funded this wonderful Hygge Hub which is a tranquility space for the children to use. A large portion of the money for this unique space was donated by Emma Lewy's Aunty Mary. A plaque is currently being chosen to put up on the Hygge Hub as a thank you to Mary, Emma Lewy and their family.

20 trees and additional hedges have been funded by Wiltshire Council and will need to be planted alongside The Hygge Hub. Keep your eyes peeled for our Ground Force Day. We will need volunteers to grab a spade and help with the planting mission.



Upcoming Events

Preloved Sale	Wednesday 26th March 8.45-9.30	Sharon Nash and Donna Austin
World Book Day Bedtime Stories	Thursday 6th March 6-7pm	Amy Toms, Kirsty Knight, Jess Smith Brainstorming/social session for parents in hall whilst the event is on - All parents welcome to join and share fundraising ideas please! There will be time for tea/coffee and a chat too!
FOPS Meeting - open to all parents	Tuesday 18th March 8pm online	All welcome to attend, just to listen or to discuss upcoming events or ideas. Please give us any items for the agenda by 17th March. Link will be sent via WhatsApp class groups.
Mothers' Day Afterschool Bake and Home Produce Sale	Friday 28th March 3.25pm	Emily Pipe, Ben O'Connor Help Needed: Cakes/home produce to be delivered to school office in morning of 28th March please
Easter Egg Hunt	Friday 4th April 3.25pm	Hannah Gilby and Charlotte Donnelly- 2 additional volunteers needed
Sponsored Walk	Friday 23rd May	Hannah Gilby and Kim McKillop - 2 additional volunteers needed. Plus volunteers to walk with the classes on the day. Plus cakes to be donated on the day for the children when they come back from the walk.
Fathers' Day Afterschool Bake and Home Produce Sale	Friday 13th June	Donna Austin 1 additional volunteer needed. Plus cakes/home produce to be delivered to school office in morning of 13th June please
Ground Force Day	Date TBC	Help needed to dig and plant the new orchard and plant the hedge rows. Grab a spade and join in. All willing volunteers welcome!
Sports Day	Date TBC	2 Volunteers needed to provide tea/coffee/cold drinks for parents
Pitch up Pitton	12th July- 13th July	Emily Pipe and Donna Austin 4 Additional volunteers needed to help organise



Totalometer

Mr Pearce (Miss Pearce's Dad) has kindly made a totalometer for Friends of Pitton School. It is displayed outside the school office. The totalometer will be used to see how close to our fundraising target we are in the year. It's doing well so far! Hannah Gilby's Dad is kindly making a sign for it so that everyone knows our target! Thank you Mr Pearce and Mr Emden (Hannah's Dad).



2025/2026 Fundraising Targets

Our current target for this year is £1500 for the classroom budgets which goes towards subsidising school trips and coach costs, additional resources for enrichment such as ingredients for cooking, additional arts and crafts materials, support with musical equipment and sports equipment.

It is likely that other items will be requested by the school to aid the enrichment of our children, so we aim to exceed the £1500 required. Please help us support Pitton School in this mission.

Preloved

The next Preloved Uniform Sale is on Wednesday 26th March at school drop off at the uniform shed.

We plan to have one sale per month.

You can purchase any items of uniform with a school logo for £2, unbranded items £1 and preloved hoodies £5. There are brand new hoodies available in the shed and you can also order brand new hoodies via the preloved team. The Preloved shed is located by the playground.

Please look on <https://oldschooluniform.co.uk> or send a message via the website if there is an item that you need. Alternatively, please catch Sharon Nash or Donna Austin in the playground and we will be able to open the shed for your needs!

If you have any unused school uniform at home, please donate it to FOPS by putting it in the FOPS bin by the preloved shed. All donations welcome!



What can you do to help?

- Come and grab a cuppa and brainstorm ideas with us on World Book Day Bedtime Stories
- Support an event by coming along with your family
- Volunteer to help at any event
- Bake for any/all of the bake sales
- Grab a spade and support us on ground force day

If you want to volunteer or you have any ideas of suggestions for future fundraising please grab any of the committee or send a message to friendsofpittonschool@gmail.com