

Friends Of Newchurch School Committee

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2024 – 2025 Newsletter



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Hello! We are the Friends Of Newchurch School Committee and we are a friendly bunch who enjoy thinking up and organising new ways of raising funds for our lovely school, St Mary's CE Primary Academy.

We would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' for all your generous donations and help that parents, grandparents, carers and the local villagers give us in our efforts. Your support is invaluable.

Here are all the amazing things you have helped to achieve over the last twelve months....

July 2024

We said goodbye to some of our St Marys family and FONS funds were able to provide a special gift in the form of leavers hoodies. Ice cream was provided to all on the last day of term.



September 2024

This year, for the first time, we have supplied the new year 6's with special prefect hoodies to wear during their final year at St Mary's, they look so grown up!

October 2024



We held our annual EQ & FONS Fashion Show at The Barley Village Hall and it was another huge success. We had 'pop-up' shops from EQ, Temple Spa and Wardrobe By Simone. We had our lovely FONS ladies manning the bar and despite almost running out of wine, the night made a fabulous £2074.

November 2024

FONS chair, Laura, helped source various items for Mrs Taylors 'opal' area and FONS funds were used to purchase an all ages mud kitchen.



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December 2024



Coach costs to see the pantomime in Blackburn were funded, along with a brilliant party lunch, visit from Father Christmas himself and some extra special artists sets for each child.

FONS provided all with festive headwear for a sponsored elf run and it looked like the children, although a little cold, had a great time. The sponsored run along with the floppy dog and chocolate hamper raffle raised just over £500! FONS chair, Laura, kindly gifted each child with a goodie bag including key ring and chocolate.

January 2025

FONS funds were used to purchase some much needed books to help bridge some gaps in the junior learning.

March 2025



A sponsored readathon was arranged through school and all sponsor money went into the FONS account to help towards the block of books purchased in January. Everyone was so generous and this helped raise £808.



We arranged a 'design a mug' competition and the winner from both the infants and the juniors classroom won their design printed on to a mug. Local resident Sue Mayor had a tough job picking the winners!

April 2025



Mrs Bell had Lego blocks on her wish list so FONS funds were used to purchase a bulk order for the infants classroom. Waterproof training jackets for the children to use during after school sports were also purchased.

Our boat race this year was kindly sponsored by 'Alannah Jade Counselling'. The event was well attended and we raised a whopping £792. We managed to fish all of the boats out of the river and they are dry and ready for next year.



May 2025

Friends of Newchurch School was officially registered as a charity. Our registered charity number is 1212841.

June 2025

Mindfulness journals for the juniors were purchased along with a collection of wellness books for the infants classroom.

July 2025

Mrs Bell had story-time hats and outdoor art easels on her wish list which were purchased using FONS funds and Mrs Stephenson required a new drawer cupboard. Coach costs were also funded for the infants trip to Clitheroe Castle and the year 6 trip to Chill Factore.

Ancient Egypt workshop funded for the juniors.

Take-away cakes and tombola fundraiser held after school.

It's always with a little sadness when the end of the school year comes around and we say goodbye to the year 6 pupils and families. We wish them all the best of luck for their future! Leavers gifts have been kindly donated by Laura Marshall.

We also say goodbye to our lovely Laura Standring. An amazing chair for FONS since November 2021. One in a million, I'm sure we can all agree she will be hard to replace!

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for supporting our lovely little school with each fundraiser we organise. Nothing would be possible if we didn't have your support. I have been part of FONS for 18 years and it's been a joy and a pleasure to be involved in such an amazing school and its family. Unfortunately my time at St Mary's has come to an end, which means I will no longer be Chair of FONS. I know you will all continue to support this fantastic school for many more years to come.

Thank you once again, Laura Standring"

Please come along to our next meeting and meet the team, see what we get up to, help plan events, throw about ideas for new ones, or just pop along for a biscuit! They don't last long and are usually held in the hall after school or in The Pendle Inn. Please check the 'Friends Of Newchurch School' Facebook page for notifications of the next meet.

Upcoming Events in 2025:

September - Prefect hoodies presented to the new Year 6's

October – Fashion Show with Wardrobe by Simone