

Friends Of Newchurch School Committee

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2025 – 2026 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 2025

The end of the last school year we said goodbye to some of our St Marys family and FONS funds were able to provide them all with a special leavers gift to help them in their secondary school studies. A special message was also printed on to their hoodies. Ice cream was provided to all on the last day of term and things got a little messy with the powdered paint!



September 2025

We supplied the new year 6's with special prefect hoodies to wear during their final year at St Mary's. Alannah & Rebecca CC were voted in as joint-chair. A new rug for the infant's classroom was purchased.



October 2025

We held our annual FONS Fashion Show at The Barley Village Hall and it was another huge success. This year we showcased clothes from the amazing Wardrobe by Simone. We also had pop-up shops & supper. The lovely FONS ladies worked the bar and this year we didn't run out of wine but we ran out of milk?! The night made a fabulous £1780.



December 2025



A visit from Father Christmas himself and some extra special gifts were funded for each child on Christmas party day. Moo-Moo the highland cow was raffled off to a worthy winner and a sought after P Louise advent calendar was kindly donated by P Louise and Carl Ryder which helped us raise a further £244.

February 2026

We arranged a valentine's picture competition and local villager, Mrs Mayor, had such a difficult job of picking a winner that we had 4 winners instead! We provided the winners and their 'valentine' with a goodie bag.



School were in deperate need of two new laptops for the teachers and these were funded for both the junior and infants classroom.

March 2026



A wooden den for the outdoor EYFS area was requested and voted for and we are looking forward to seeing this in situ very soon. Bean bags and brainy games were agreed for the juniors classroom. School requested some funds for a sensory area and £1000 was agreed to kit this out. The valuable area will be available for the use of all pupils.

April 2026

The weather was certainly on our side for this year's boat race. The sun was shining, the ice creams were flowing and the children enjoyed splashing about in the river whilst collecting all the boats at the end of the race. The winners were Laura Lowcock, Rebecca Cullen & Emma Holden. You all helped raise £693, thank you! Also, a big thank you to our sponsor 'Little Buttercups of Trawden day nursery.



May 2026

Fon's meeting held where we agreed to supply indoor and outdoor numicons and to update some books for KS1 and a worship book for KS2. Rebecca CC is to swap from co-chair to treasurer when Pia steps down next year.

June 2026

Coach costs for the year 6 leavers trip to Howe Stein Gorge funded. Ice pops supplied to all children during the heatwave.

July 2026

The coach for an infant's trip to the zoo at Ribby hall funded along with coach costs for a trip to fundaland for the juniors. Take-away cakes and tombola fundraiser to be held after school. An extra special treat of Ice creams supplied to all children on the last day of term, kindly donated by the Nutter family.

It's always with a little sadness when the end of the school year comes around and we will say goodbye to the year 6 pupils and families. We wish them all the best of luck for their future! Special messages were printed on the reverse of their hoodies and leavers gifts have been purchased by FONS including a donation by local villagers Marylin & Roger.

"Thank you so much for taking the time to read our newsletter. We have some wonderful, creative fundraisers in the works, and we would absolutely love for you to be a part of them. Our school community is so special, and it is your support that makes everything we do possible." - Alannah Parkinson, FONS Chair

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 2026:

September - Prefect hoodies presented to the new Year 6's
16th October 2026 – Fashion Show with Wardrobe by Simone
Read-a-thon to promote our upcoming 'book swap' initiative



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Why being a part of Friends of Newchurch School really matters:

1. For the kids.
Being active in the PTFA not only improves your child's school but makes you an excellent role model. Research confirmed when children see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.
2. It builds trust.
Becoming part of it is a great way to get to know other parents & teachers while gaining an insight into the workings of the school. With parents & teachers striving towards the same goals, the parent group helps make a real difference.
3. It raises welcome funds.
Whether it's providing items for an outdoor classroom space, stocking the sensory area or making arrangements for coach trips, the funds raised from your activities impact massively on the opportunities & experiences of all the children at school.
4. It forges connections beyond the school gates.
PTFA's are brilliant for building relationships with the local community, from events, sponsorships from local businesses, and mentions in local press.
5. It's good for you.
Every parent has plenty to offer a PTFA, and whether it's being on the committee, helping out at events or organising meetings, your talents will be put to good use. As well as being enjoyable and satisfying, you can build your confidence & learn new skills too.
6. Virtual Medical Care.
We are able to offer access to Parentkind's 24-hour GP access through AIG virtual medical care to committed members of our 'Friends of Newchurch School' committee.