



Friends of Barrowby School

Chairperson Report

2024/2025

Charity No: 508516

Dear Mr Batey, Parents/Carers, Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Admin support and Caretakers

Laura and I would like to express our appreciation yet again to all the Committee members and helpers who have given their time and support to Friends of Barrowby School this academic year. We have had another amazing year of successful fund-raising activities; this has been our 4th year leading the committee and, in that time, we have raised just over £22,000 to support events and development of the school facilities. This is amazing something me and the committee are really proud of.

We also want to extend our thanks to Mr Batey, the staff and support staff and acknowledge their continued support and participation during the many events we have run this year – it really is valued.

The Friend of Barrowby Schools objectives are a). to help advance the education and wellbeing of the pupils of the school through a series of fundraising activities and b). to develop extended relationships between the staff of the school and parents of the pupils. Donations from the monies raised are to fund specific items or projects which benefit as many pupils as possible and that contribute to the wellbeing of the school community today and in the future.

The joint efforts of this team have led to some incredible fund raising and some fantastic school events. The big parent/teacher fundraisers this year were the Summer Fair which saw an amazing turn out again due to a lovely sunny day, frozen Fridays and of course the movie nights.

It has been an amazing team effort raising a fantastic **£11959.48**, with expenditure of **£1,610.16**, making a profit of **£9,449.32**. Again, a sincere thank you to all of you in what has been a record year of fundraising.

Some of the facilities the children get to benefit from in the school grounds like the craft shack and pond are a legacy for the current committee members and we are hoping this year to support with an all-weather track around the school field, we are now in a great position to think about making this a reality. I am sure we will also continue to support other smaller projects throughout the school year.

Special thanks also go to the many parents/carers of the school for the valuable time given to attend and engage with the various events, generous donations of raffles prizes etc! Without their continued assistance this would not have been possible, and their generosity has been above and beyond this year and it really does make the difference.

This Year FOBS supported the following events:

- Family games night
- KS1 Christmas gifts
- Christmas crackers
- Christmas class parties
- Christmas and spring term pantomimes
- Y1 & Y2 Christmas nativity performance
- Reception Christmas performance
- Summer fair
- Spring book fair
- Y3 & Y4 Easter Performances
- School Movie Nights for all year groups
- Year 6 BBQ
- Refreshments on Sports Day
- Frozen Fridays
- End of term donut Fridays

The accompanying Treasurers Reports has a more accurate breakdown of monies raised.

The committee continued to maintain the full schedule of events throughout the academic year supported by the school but we always welcome new ideas and any feedback from parents. Particularly regarding activities that are not too resource intensive and have worked well in other primary schools. We really are keen to ensure there are lots of exciting things organised for the school family to enjoy!

I do just want to call out the Summer fair, what an absolutely amazing event it was. I want to say a special thanks to the parents and local businesses who generously supported the event providing raffle prize donations. The classes supported by their teachers and TA's also did a great job producing some great things to help raise money at the event, the fruit kebabs were my personal favourite. Both things were a contributing factor to what we were able to achieve on the day.

Again, our thanks go to EVERYONE that helped, supported any of the events and contributed to making them such a success and that goes beyond the committee members. There are a couple of the members we would however like to mention; Annelise Dykes for providing us with minutes in her role as secretary. Kate Banos in her role as Treasurer, keeping the finances up to date, collecting/banking monies, providing floats and chasing/paying invoices and receipts has helped it all run smoothly and Claire Thomas who managed to encourage one of the local builders to fund a brand new gas BBQ for the school.

It goes without saying, that without all the FOBS helpers, who generously man stalls, lend equipment, sponsor, donate and contribute, there would be no FOBS events. I hope this coming year that FOBS will continue to gain more support and build upon what we have achieved together. In fact, this year we were lucky enough to have a number of new members join the committee and they just got stuck in, helping at events and bringing some new energy and ideas which was great.

We welcome any parent\carer with a keen interest in enriching our children's education at Barrowby Primary School to speak to any of the FOBS members or the school office about joining the committee. It doesn't matter how much or little time you can spare or what skills you can bring, there is never any pressure. We are completely flexible, and your support can be adjusted to fit in with your family commitments and time constraints.

Finally, I personally want to thank each one of you who have helped and supported myself and FOBS throughout 2024/2025. I appreciate that sometimes we have been stretched with juggling work and childcare commitments, but I know everyone has contributed as much as they can and more. You have all been amazing and we thank you all for everything.

Nicola Buttigieg and Laura Freestone