



Annual Report

Friends of St Mary Abbots

School

Year ending Aug 31st 2024

Report and Financial Statements (Unaudited)



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Charity Registration No. 10309555

Welcome from FOSMAS

We hope you find this report informative and that it gives you a clear picture of what we've achieved together. This past year has been a remarkably successful year for our school community. We were thrilled to see so many wonderful events come to life — from the Christmas and Summer Fairs, uniform sales, and coffee mornings. In addition, we ran two especially successful fundraising campaigns: the **Read-a-Thon**, which raised a record amount, and the **Fun Run**, which capped off the year with incredible enthusiasm and support.

Much of this success is thanks to **you**, our generous parent community. Your donations and participation make everything we do possible. We are also deeply grateful for the leadership of **Mr. Primrose**, the support of the **Governors, Mother Emma, Father Tim and Father Evan**, and the tireless dedication of the **teachers and staff** at SMAS.

Throughout the year, FOSMAS worked not only to provide tangible resources but also to support the school and children in more personal, community-driven ways. Events like the Christmas Fair in the church and the joyful Summer Fair brought families together and created lasting memories for the children.

We also hosted the **Parents' Quiz Night**, launched the **Read-a-Thon**, supported with **Sports Day** and introduced new opportunities for families to connect and support one another. It has truly been a team effort, and we are so grateful for every volunteer, every donor, and every helping hand.

A huge thank you to all who have contributed — and continue to do so. None of this would be possible without your support. In the **Financials** section of this report, you'll see exactly how much we raised and how those funds are being put to work in the school.

That said, there is always more to do. If you are already a regular donor, we thank you. If you're not yet, we warmly encourage you to consider becoming one. Remember, FOSMAS is a **registered charity**, and **100% of donations go directly back into the school**. Through **Gift Aid**, your donation can be increased by 25%, and there may be personal tax benefits as well.

As this report is published, we are handing the baton to a **new team of enthusiastic, capable parents**. We are confident that FOSMAS will continue to thrive under their leadership, and we believe the future looks bright for our school community. We hope you find this report both uplifting and informative.

The FOSMAS Committee
2023–2024

Charity Information

Background and Objectives

The Friends of St Mary Abbots School (FOSMAS) is a registered UK charity formally constituted in January 1994. It is governed by its Constitution, as amended, and adopted on 28th February 2022.

The main objective of this charity is to advance the education of pupils in St Mary Abbots School (SMAS) by:

1. Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school.
2. Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.
3. Support the Governing Body in the most efficient way and in accordance with the process set in our Constitution document.

The charity relies on a formally constituted Committee to pursue this objective. FOSMAS Committee administers the charity and meets at least quarterly with further meetings as required. All members of the Committee are trustees of the charity and have control of its property and funds.

FOSMAS' trustees bring a variety of skills to the board including financial, communications, administration, and events and charity management. All Trustees are encouraged to keep up to date with the role and responsibility of a trustee. Nominations for election to the Committee may be made by any charity member with the consent of the nominee. The formal election process takes place at the AGM where decisions are taken by simple majority.

Trustees

The Trustees presented their annual report and unaudited accounts for the year ending 31st August 2024 at the AGM held on 19th March 2024. FOSMAS elected its committee members as listed below:

FOSMAS Committee (elected in Mar 2024)

Erin Smart (co-C)	Patrick Flynn (co-C)*	Disha Bhatt (co-C)*
Laura-Ann Hanson (S)*	Ruzena Karlubik (T)	Rocio Alvarez Vigil*
Angela Crossman*	Raquel Alegre*	Farook Khan*
Mary Masha Novikova		
Ioana Bozan (Co)	Tom Wegelius (Co)	Sandra Vasquez (Co)

Note: C - Chair, T - Treasurer, S - Secretary, Co - Co-opted member.

*These members resigned 14 weeks after the AGM

Activities

As the school's dedicated charity and Parents Teachers Association (PTA), FOSMAS plays a crucial role in organising activities and events to foster relations between the school's staff, parents, pupils and Governors. A key part of FOSMAS' role is to raise funds for educational materials and equipment for our children to have the best education and learning environment where to thrive. To achieve this, FOSMAS organises several events and activities throughout the year.

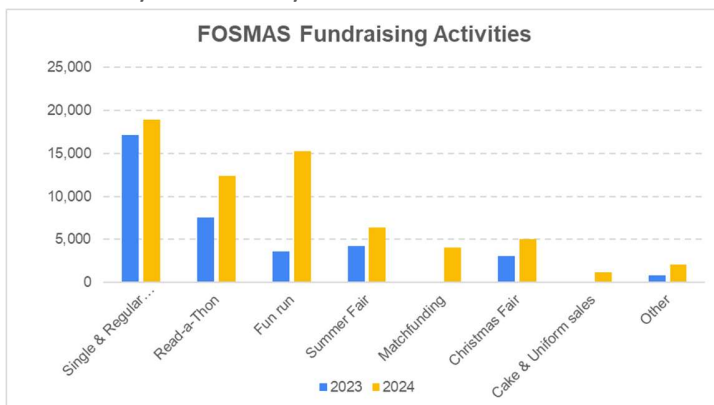
- **October 2023** - FOSMAS Parents Drinks,
- **December 2023** - FOSMAS Christmas Fair,
- **March 2024** – FOSMAS AGM, Quiz Night, and Read-A-Thon,
- **May 2024** - FOSMAS Spring Soiree,
- **June 2024** – FOSMAS Fun Run,
- **July 2024** – FOSMAS Summer Fair



Annual Review

This school year we have continued to work closely with the **Class Reps** to pass on FOSMAS news to all parents, with WhatsApp and emails to parents acting as additional reminders.

2023/24 was a challenging year for many families at the school with sustained years of inflation affecting families and school budgets. However, the effort, resilience, and love for our school and community made this year a real success in terms of fundraising. Thanks must go to **Mr Primrose** for



leading our school through these challenging times and supporting the children, parents, and staff.

Overall, FOSMAS raised c. £60K (net of costs) which represented an **increase of over 92% versus the previous school year.**

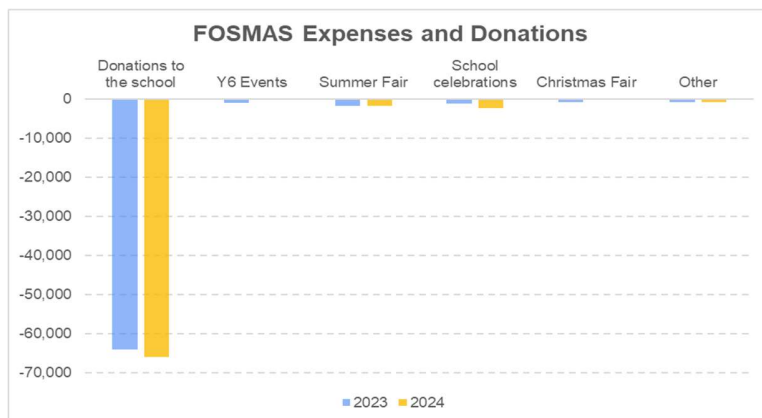
This is mostly explained by an increased fundraising from **events like the Read a Thon and the Fun Run** which were able to attract more attention.

As in previous years, Single & Regular Givers

represented the biggest source of income (29%). This highlights how crucial **your donations** are to FOSMAS and, ultimately, the school as they are the **most reliable funding source.**

Thank you so much to all the families who made this possible. However,

only 23 parents in our school community were providing regular donations as of Aug 24. This represents only 13.2% out of 174 children attending the school. This is not sustainable given the increase costs the school faces. Towards the end of the last school year, we had to witness what years of economic challenges have done to school



budgets with some of our loved activities and curriculum enhancements being cut. This decision taken by the School Governors was needed despite FOSMAS raising the money it had committed to the school. However, the £66,000 annual target FOSMAS raises for the school is essential to provide extra support, but it's not enough when significant fixed costs like wages and pension face upward pressure. However, continuous support from the parent community is essential to help the school. FOSMAS' donation to the school represented 93% of the total expenses and included our subscriptions to Read, Write Inc phonics resources and Singapore Maths.

However, given the increasing budget constraints faced by schools, our donations to the school are now a vital source of funding which is being used to pay for more than just curriculum upgrades.

Thank You and Farewells

The end of the summer term saw a number of families leave the school. They have been major supporters of FOSMAS, and we thank them for their huge contribution to the school over the years.

We would like to thank all the **parents** and **school staff** who worked tirelessly this year promoting fundraising and donating generously to FOSMAS. Thank you to our **fund-matching champions** (including **Mircea, Ioana, and Cuan**) and our beloved **FOSMAS team**, these groups of parents have been especially involved and have consistently supported the school. A very special thank you goes to our **Class Reps, and Gergana Panderova**, a school mother who kindly assisted in the auditing of our annual accounts.

Thank you to **all our volunteers** who provided endless support and made sure that everything ran smoothly at the events. Finally, we would like to thank **Mr Primrose, the School Governors, Mother Emma**, and the **PCC of St Mary Abbots Church** for all their help and support throughout the past year.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of St Mary Abbots School	1030955
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2023	To	31/08/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising Fosmas	42,284	-	-	42,284	19,376
Donations	6,356	-	-	6,356	17,107
Monthly donations	12,545	-	-	12,545	-
Interest	436	-	-	436	446
Fundraising events other	4,035	-	-	4,035	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	65,656	-	-	65,656	36,929
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	65,656	-	-	65,656	36,929
A3 Payments					
Fosmas Event expenses	2,651	-	-	2,651	2,880
School donations	67,430	-	-	67,430	65,440
General expenses	511	-	-	511	493
Charges and fees	144	-	-	144	234
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	70,736	-	-	70,736	69,047
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	70,736	-	-	70,736	69,047
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 5,080	-	-	- 5,080	- 32,118
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	75,920	-	-	75,920	108,038
Cash funds this year end	70,840	-	-	70,840	75,920

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Total Cash in Bank	70,840	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	70,840	-	-
	OK	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	[+ / - selection in formulas]	Actual			
	Total	Lloyds - cash	NatWest - cash	NatWest - reserve	PayPal
Balance					
Carried forward start of year		75,920.60	22,726.16	43,806.35	4,076.78
	Balance Sheet				
Income - Donations					
INC: Donation		6,356.05	6,230.05	0.00	126.00
INC: Monthly donation		12,545.00	12,545.00	0.00	0.00
	Income				
Income - Activities / fundraising					
INC: Event - Summer Fair - 2024		6,400.93	5,831.03	0.00	0.00
INC: Event - Fun Run		15,260.08	12,351.65	0.00	2,908.43
INC: Event - Christmas Fair		5,046.91	5,046.91	0.00	0.00
INC: Event - Quiz Night		1,205.20	1,205.20	0.00	0.00
INC: Event - Read-a-thon		12,343.05	12,343.05	0.00	0.00
INC: Event - Cake, uniform and book sales		1,160.33	1,160.33	0.00	0.00
INC: Event - New Parents' Drinks		867.43	867.43	0.00	0.00
	Income				
Income - other sources					
INC: Matchfunding		4,035.00	4,035.00	0.00	0.00
INC: Bank - Interest and Fees		436.06	0.00	436.06	0.00
	Income				
Expenses - Donations					
EXP: to SMAS - Christmas Parties		(345.80)	(345.80)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - New Parents Drinks		(689.29)	(689.29)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Coffee Morning		(109.94)	(109.94)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Easter Eggs		(116.80)	(116.80)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Teachers' Wish List		(66,000.00)	(66,000.00)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Sports day		(50.40)	(50.40)	0.00	0.00
EXP: to SMAS - Y6 leaving party		(117.60)	(117.60)	0.00	0.00
	Expense				
Expenses - Activities / Fundraising					
EXP: Event - Summer Fair - 2024		(1,486.02)	(935.12)	0.00	0.00
EXP: Event - Summer Fair - 2023		(211.80)	(211.80)	0.00	0.00
EXP: Event - Quiz Night		(175.17)	(175.17)	0.00	0.00
EXP: Event - Read-a-thon		(577.70)	(577.70)	0.00	0.00
EXP: Event - Fun Run		(200.00)	(200.00)	0.00	0.00
	Expense				
Expenses - Other					
EXP: SG&A		(511.50)	(511.50)	0.00	0.00
EXP: Bank - Interest and Fees		(144.00)	(144.00)	0.00	0.00
	Expense				
Cash movements - should net to zero					
Incoming transfer PayPal --> NatWest Bank		6,854.96	6,854.96	0.00	0.00
Incoming transfer NatWest Reserve Account --> NatWest Bank		29,000.00	29,000.00	0.00	0.00
Outgoing transfer PayPal --> NatWest Bank		(6,854.96)	0.00	0.00	(6,854.96)
Outgoing transfer NatWest Reserve Account --> NatWest Bank		(29,000.00)	0.00	(29,000.00)	0.00
	Income				
	Expense				
Balance					
Carried forward end of year (sum above)		70,840.62	50,011.65	15,242.41	256.25
Carried forward end of year ('as.is')		70,840.62	50,011.65	15,242.41	256.25
	Balance Sheet				
	Balance Sheet				



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Friends of St Mary Abbots School

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/08/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1030955

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

30/06/2025

Name:

K Ivanov

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

**Chartered Marketer/Accountant
MCIM/ACIM**

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A