

FOWSA Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 6th October 2026

8.15am @Wistow School

Attending: Sue Sampson, Emma Brearley, Lynda Adams, Lauren Mehr, Rachel Wilson, Victoria Bailey-Horne, Carla Cox.



Apologies Sally McLachlan and James Rotchell

1. Welcome and thank you for coming.
2. Discussion of chair. Sue happy to take on role as chair for another year, Emma B to support and shadow her. Lynda happy to continue in role of treasurer and all other members agreed and in support of the positions.
3. FOWSA Fair – discussion round planning and preparation for the fair. All the team offered to help Sue and said if we can create a list at the next meeting, the jobs and prep can be shared between everyone. All happy to help.
4. Finance update – Lynda let the FOWSA members through the current income and outcome for the last year. Spent a lot and payments have been spent for school, laptops etc which is amazing and shows how the FOWSA committee is supporting school. Started with £13,969.59 and spent with £7968 and ended the year with £4446.40 remaining. See additional funding spend document.
Discussion around that there was more to come out of this to support school and planning apps, e.g. Language Angels and also mentioned Faye sent a letter to committee to support PE requesting swap for support in paying this platform, replacing Handwriting and Rockstars. Discussion led from Carla around reasons for making this change. Carla then also spoke about school losing PE funding which supported forest schools, competitions, buses to and from and platforms to enhance PE for all children. This will impact upon the school budget and some opportunities that school can provide. It was explained that the Government are putting the funding into sports activities and support which the school will have to opt in.
5. Discussion around panto – agreed after last year that we could potentially do a school panto and save the money spent on something more useful. It was enjoyed by the children but think that at this time we have other projects to save for.
6. Agreed all classes to receive £100 for class budgets
7. Coach money, no one used last year but good to have the support if needed. Last year the coach to Eureka was just over £1000 for three classes.
8. 2nd November – Sue talked about blue bag collection –which we did get money but the percentage has reduced and it is not worth it. Decided to do that Air Ambulance collection – will take anything and everything, toys, bedding and they are coming to school on the 2nd Nov. Head teacher to include in newsletter.
9. Rachel talked about the Preloved Uniform Shop – for the work, not really making money on it. Going to wind it up. Also the discussion around changing the logo may have impacted sales. HT advised this won't be this year as it takes time. Agreed to get in one afternoon and allow parents in early for preloved uniform stall. Then will do at the Christmas Fair. HT to include bit in newsletter on this.

10. Gifts for All – Lauren taken this on and already has 400 gifts. Discussion around the price of £2 – all agreed to move to £3 per gift. Discussion around letter, HT said that she writes this and just needs dates of when it goes out and she will print ready to distribute. Rachel offered to help Lauren. Also will ask other parents for help.
11. Q cards done – this will bring in some funding.
12. Tea Towel – Sue spoke about the 2026 – 2027 tea towel – explained the process and hopefully will raise funds.
13. Biscuits for Father and Mother's Day - Emma rethinking the biscuits as they made a profit, but very time consuming and a lot of organising. Watch this space.
14. Music in the night hotdogs – agreed to do this if there is a Music in the night this year.
15. Disco – The school organised a disco last year, this has not been organised but FOWSA talked of doing the sweets if this is the case.
16. Volunteers for the fair – try to get before the event so people know what is happening. Victoria people will be ok to help on a weekend and allocate rooms, so they know where things go and it is not down to Sue. All agreed this was a good idea. Carla said that children do help but also this is taken away from their time in school, so if we can all help prep, it will be less stressful for Sue in the run up and everyone will know what is happening on the day.

Thanked everyone for coming and meeting closed 8.48am