

**Friends of Witchampton C of E First School
AGM Meeting
Monday 15th September 2025 – 7.45pm**

Agenda

1. Present and Apologies
2. Approval of AGM minutes 24/9/2024
3. Chairman's Report (LA) – see appendix
4. Treasurer's Report (SE)
5. Election / Resignations of Committee Members / Financial Mandate / Trustees
6. Any other business
7. Date of next AGM

Appendix
Chairman's Report (Louisa Ambrose)

Hi all,

FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS....

As usual we spent the first term of the academic year focusing on Christmas events.

- Our Christmas raffle was a huge success, being our main fundraiser of the year. Thank you to everyone who gets involved in getting those prizes in and selling tickets!

A special thank you to Mandy Steele and Bryony Butcher who always go the extra mile with this event.

- The Christmas Cake and Craft sale is always a jolly, festive event enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who bakes cakes, plans crafts, runs a stall and gets involved in the general organisation.

- Another popular Christmas fundraiser is our pocket money sale. The children love the opportunity to purchase little gifts.

This is organised by Millie Wilkie Stanley who spends the year keeping an eye out for bargains we can sell and takes the time to wrap gifts individually as "surprise gifts" for children to buy for their parents...thank you Millie.

Many thanks to Laura Collie for organising the Cauliflower Cards again last year.

- Thank you to Steph Jevons for running a Christmas Wreath making workshop. This event is enjoyed by parents over a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

- In February we had our annual "love and friendship " themed bake sale...thank you all you bakers for your contributions and those that work the stall.

- Many thanks to Mr Tim Read , a local gentleman who donated money to our school for a music specific cause, requested by Mrs Jenkinson.

- We're so grateful for the local community and their involvement in raising funds for our school and including us in local events.

We received a donation from a Soup Lunch event in the village and some of our parents donated prizes they could use in their raffle.

We were also involved in the Gilchrist Concert. Some of our children love to sing or play their instruments along with other local talent in this very special fund raising evening.

We were also welcomed at the Witchampton Fete again this year for the third year running.

It's great to be involved with the community in this way.

A big thank you to Marc and Suzi Hayter who are always a big part in making these connections happen and to all the parents who helped.

The heat made it an exceptionally challenging day but our volunteers stayed positive and worked so hard.

-Thanks to Sophie Pollock who actively encouraged the Asda Scheme,a very simple and effortless way to raise money.

- Our textile recycling bin continues to fill up,raising money for the school with no effort required..please continue to use this.

FUNDS SPENT...

Thanks to fundraising efforts and kind donations we were able to enrich our children's educational experience.

Every year each class receives a Christmas budget.This is generally spent on resources for the class room/toys/books.

The whole school also benefited from a new mobile music sound system, used for the maypole dance at the fete and the village also made use of this for raffle announcements. It was lovely to be able to share this!

The PTA also helped with the makeover of the school nest - thank you to Hayley Fazey for your creative expertise and time.

Storage shelves were also provided to put around the school to support inclusion for all pupils.

Each year group has enjoyed the benefits of various trips and visits throughout the year as they do each year with contributions from the PTA.

Thank you to everyone for all your time and hard work that helps to make these things possible.

Many thanks

Louisa Ambrose (Chair)

Election / Resignation of Committee Members

Resignations

Joint Chairperson – Louisa Ambrose

Resignation submitted to the committee via email:

Dear Friends Of Witchampton First School.

I am writing this email to officially resign from my position as Chair of The Friends Of Witchampton First School (PTA).

I have decided to resign due to my son moving on to Middle School in September.

I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve the school as Chair of the PTA .It has been a very rewarding experience and a great learning curve for me,something I never thought I'd want to do.However with an enthusiastic, pro active team we achieved a lot together and had some really enjoyable times along the way.

I am especially grateful for Millie's shared wisdom and experience.

Thank you to all the parents that invested their time and efforts into fundraising for our school over the years.

Wishing all the best to those that will now be leading the team.

Many thanks
Louisa Ambrose.

Joint Chairperson – Margareta Wilkie-Stanley

Resignation to be submitted

Election of Committee Members / Trustess

Co-Chair – Sarah Graham

Proposed –

Seconded –

Co-Chair – Bryony Butcher

Proposed –

Seconded –

Secretary – Sophie Pollock – to be re-elected

Proposed –

Seconded –

Treasurer – Sarah Edwards – to be re-elected

Proposed –

Seconded –

Charity Trustees

Sarah Edwards, Sophie Pollock

Financial Mandate – Simone Cohen & Jason Cohen – to continue

Another signatory is needed.

Any other business

Date of next AGM

14th September 2026